

## Early Years Foundation Stage Information for Parents

Now that your child is attending Nursery or Reception, the activities that they enjoy whilst there are planned from the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework.

This covers six areas of learning:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional:**

Children learn to form relationships; to work together; develop good attitudes to their work and play and gain a sense of themselves and their community.

- **Communication, Language and Literacy:**

Children acquire language and later learn to communicate their ideas through early reading, writing and role play. They develop their listening, talking and thinking skills.

- **Problem Solving Reasoning and Numeracy:**

Children have opportunities to solve simple problems, use numbers and counting as they play. They begin to develop the language of shape, space and measures and early calculating skills.

- **Knowledge and Understanding of the World:**

Children are encouraged to find out about and explore the world around them often through their senses, to make models, use technology and begin to understand about their own past.

- **Physical Development:**

Children develop the skills to use their bodies in a safe and healthy way, as they move in large and small spaces. They begin to use both small tools and apparatus with more control.

- **Creative Development:**

Children have the opportunities to express their ideas in a variety of ways and with a variety of materials. They use their imaginations through singing, dancing and pretend play; as well as painting, collage and model making.

### The Ages and Stages

'All children are different and to reflect this age/stage ranges have been overlapped in the Early Years Foundation Stage to create broad developmental phases. This emphasises that each child's progress is individual to them and that different children develop at different rates. A child does not suddenly move from one phase to another, and they do not make progress in all areas at the same time. However, there are some important 'steps' for each child to take along their own developmental pathway.

There are six broad developmental phases:

- Birth-11 months
- 8-20months
- 16-22months
- 22-36months
- 30-50months
- 40-60months

'It is important to note that children will not necessarily progress sequentially through the stages since these do not represent age-related goals. Some elements may appear to have been achieved very quickly, others will take much longer. As children move from one element to another, they take with them what they have already achieved and continue to practice, refine and build on their previous development and learning'

Quotes taken from the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

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