

Early Years Foundation Stage

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), the children follow the Development Matters Curriculum. In the first term, this mainly focuses on the children's Physical Development and Health and Self Care, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication and Language skills. We observe the children throughout their interactions with others and the environment and identify their levels of well-being through the use of Leuven Scales. We then use this to support each child throughout the year in their development in all areas.

The EYFS classes use a Planning in the Moment approach to ensure each child is engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. We use their interests to teach a variety of subjects including Literacy and Maths. This means that planning is tailored to each child and each child becomes involved in identifying next steps for future learning and development. The children explore and learn through play. Each week there will be 6 focus children per class and when it is your child's turn you will receive a form asking for information about their interests and upcoming events. Observations will be shared on Tapestry and you are also encouraged to upload photos and videos of your child. We will also share work we are currently doing in school, such as stories we are learning and maths concepts, so you can support your child at home.

Religious Education is a key focus of the EYFS curriculum and the children learn about Gospel Values and develop a relationship with God and Jesus. The children learn a variety of stories centred around the teachings of the Bible and are given many opportunities to explore this further through role play, discussion, art, etc.

HOW CHILDREN DEVELOP SKILLS THROUGH PLAY

