

In Early Years Foundation Stage our children learn and develop across all areas by engaging with other people and their environment through playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically.

We cover the prime and specific areas.

The prime areas are fundamental throughout EYFS and the specific areas include essential skills and knowledge.

Characteristics of Effective Learning
Playing and Exploring Finding out and exploring Using what they know in their play Being willing to have a go
Active Learning Being involved and concentrating Keeping on trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do
Creating and thinking critically Having their own ideas Using what they already know to learn new things Choosing ways to do things and finding new ways

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
Prime Areas	
Communication and Language	Listening & attention
	Understanding
	Speaking
Physical Development	Moving & handling
	Health & self-care
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self-confidence & awareness
	Managing feelings & behaviour
	Making relationships
Specific Areas	
Literacy	Reading
	Writing
Mathematics	Numbers
	Shape, space & measure
Understanding the World	People & communities
	The world
	Technology
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring & using media & materials
	Being imaginative

Each term we have a broad theme although this is developed and expanded as staff respond to children's individual interests as they arise.

Autumn 1	Spring 1	Summer 1
Ourselves Autumn	Traditional stories Winter	People who help us Summer Growth
Autumn 2	Spring 2	Summer 2
Transport Christmas	Traditional stories Spring Easter	Growth N – Seaside (seaside visit) R – Animals (farm visit)