

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 and understanding
	Speaking
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self regulation
	Managing self
	Building relationships
Physical Development	Gross motor
	Fine motor
Specific Areas	
Literacy	Comprehension
	Word reading
	Writing
Mathematics	Number
	Numerical patterns
Understanding the World	Past and present
	People, culture and communities
	The natural world
Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with materials
	Being imaginative and expressive

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)

Each week the staff in 2s, Nursery and Reception send home a brief description of what we are covering in class to keep families informed and so we can share and celebrate experiences and achievements from home.

Each For more information about EYFS see:

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>