

EYFS Curriculum

Early Years is an essential time in preparing children for school, getting them ready for more formal learning.

Within the Foundation setting (Nursery and Reception) it is recognised that there are 3 Prime areas of learning which need to be achieved before other learning can be accelerated:

- **CL** - communication and language (speaking, listening and understanding)
- **PD** - physical development (moving and co-ordination, health and self-care)
- **PSED** - personal, social and emotional development (self confidence, managing feelings and behaviour, making relationships)

Other areas of learning include:

- **R** - reading
- **W** - writing
- **M** - mathematics (numbers, shape space and measure)
- **UW** - understanding the world (people and communities, the world, technology)
- **EAD** - expressive arts and design (exploring materials, being imaginative)

Any, or all, of these aspects of learning can take place within a given task, but to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum we have set out topics which guarantee children make good progress in their learning. Topic areas are differentiated between Nursery and Reception, ensuring progression within learning.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Ourselves	Light & dark	Growing	Changes	Minibeasts	Journeys

All learning takes into consideration the needs of the individual child, allowing them to become independent learners with the capacity for critical thinking, recognising these factors are essential to meaningful learning for the young child.