

Early Years

The Early Years is one of the most important school years of your child's life. It equips them with the skills they will need for the rest of their school life, builds their confidence and develops them into enthusiastic learners.

We provide a secure, happy, attractive and caring environment in which children, staff and parents work supportively together.

The Early Years Curriculum

The foundation stage curriculum is made up of 7 areas of learning.

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Communication and Language

The 3 areas of communication and language are: Listening and Attention, Understanding and Speaking. Children will learn to:

- share ideas and feelings through talking and listening
- Share and enjoy stories, rhymes, poetry and songs
- develop an awareness of sounds and words
- develop listening and attention skills
- use their imagination
- develop skills to be an effective speaker and member of the class

Physical Development

The 2 areas of Physical Development are: Moving and Handling and Health and Self-Care. Your child will learn to:

- become confident and independent in physical tasks
- develop control of small and large movements
- be active and healthy
- find out about how bodies work
- explore and develop understanding how to be healthy
- develop personal care skills

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

3 Areas of PSED:

- Self-confidence and self-awareness
- Managing feelings and behaviour
- Making relationships. develop self confidence and self esteem

Through this we hope to:

- develop independence skills
- form positive relationships with adults and friends
- encourage and support others
- develop concentration and stamina to complete activities.

Literacy

In literacy your child will learn how to read and write. They will learn:

- letters and their sounds through the Read,
 Write, Inc. program
- correct letter formation and writing words
- how to use their knowledge phonics to read words
- to enjoy an increasing range of fiction, non fiction and poetry books
- strategies to apply their understanding of letters and their sounds when reading and writing.

Mathematics

Within mathematics your child will learn about numbers, shapes and measurement. They will learn:

- to explore maths through practical tasks
- numbers and how to write them
- how to use numbers to solve simple calculations
- 2D and 3D shapes
- money, time, weight, capacity, length & size
- problem solving skills

Understanding the World

3 Areas of Understanding the World are:

- People and communities
- The world
- Technology.

Your child will:

- explore and investigate the world around us
- learn about different cultures, beliefs and festivals
- explore the roles of people within their community
- learn about animals and mini-beasts
- find out about growth and change over time
- explore technology including; laptops, digital cameras and floor robots and learn about E-Safety

Expressive Arts and Design

2 Areas of Expressive Arts and Design are:

- Exploring and Using Media
- Materials and Being Imaginative.

Children will:

- express ideas in different creative ways
- explore colour, textures and sounds
- explore materials and create their own pieces of work
- use all their senses
- create their own music and dance
- participate in role play helping to develop imagination

What topics will my child cover?

Some of the topics we will cover this year:

- Traditional Tales
- Pirates
- Mini beasts
- People Who Help Us
- Animals

These will be some of our main topics but we will also cover mini topics according to children's interests. These will be determined throughout the year.

Homework

Your child will bring their homework book each week on a Wednesday with a task you can complete along with your child.

The tasks will vary between the different areas of the curriculum and are designed so that they can be completed by your child with a support from you as parents.

We ask that you child returns their homework completed on the date set in the book, this is usually on a Tuesday.



Home Reading

- Your child will come home with a Communication Book (This will have a monkey on the cover)
- Reading Book this is suitable to their reading level.
- Please remind your child to place both books into the Reading Basket every day.
- When you have read the book, please write a comment.
- If you do not write a comment we will not change the book.
- Books will be changed every Monday and Thursday.

Your Child's Learning Journey

Working together in partnership to help your child's development is essential. We would really welcome your input by completing our 'Proud Clouds' with milestones your child has achieved at home. You can also send in photographs of your child too.

Blank Proud Clouds will be sent home regularly but if you ever want more please ask a member of the EYFS team. We will add them to our Proud Cloud board in the cloakroom and we aim to fill it with lots of clouds by the

end of the year.