

Parent's Guide to The Early Years Foundation Stage

**The Early Years Foundation Stage
(EYFS) is the time in your
Child's life between
birth and age 5**

**This leaflet explains how and what
your child will be learning to
Support their healthy
development**



What is the EYFS Framework?

Your child will be learning new skills, acquiring knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through:

7 areas of learning and development

Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first. These are:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

As a child grows, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas. These are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the world
- Expressive arts and design

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The setting will also look at how your child learns and approaches new situations. These elements are referred to as the 3 characteristics of effective learning.

How can I find out about how my child is getting on?

In the setting your child will have a 'Key person'

This is the person who:

- Is your main point of contact in the setting
- Helps your child to become settled, happy and safe
- Is responsible for your child's care, development and learning
- Takes careful note of your child's progress, sharing this with you and giving you ideas as to how to help your child at home

You will be able to get information about your child's development at any time.

There are two main development checks (at age 2, and again at age 5) when the professionals caring for your child must give you written information about how he or she is doing.

2 year Old Progress Check

At some point after your child turns 2, the professionals working with your child (Health Visitor or your child's key person) must give you a written summary of how your child is against the 3 prime areas of language:

- Communication and language
- Physical development and
- Personal, social and emotional development

It should also have some ideas of how you can support your child's development at home.

It will be useful to share this with other professionals such as your child's health visitor who can use it as part of the health and development review.

Loan Schemes Available

- Story Sacks (various)
- Reading bag
- Writing Bag
- Numeracy Bag
- Room Bears

The nursery also has handouts to support the following:

- EYFS
- Information on dummies
- Top tips for communicating with our child
- Transitions
- Biting
- Toilet Training
- Every Child a Talker

Please take time to visit our website for more information on:

- How we support British Values in the setting
- To see our 4 different healthy menus and snacks that are on offer for the children
- How we support Special Education Needs and what our offer is

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EYFS Profile

At the end of the EYFS—in the summer term of the reception year in school—teachers complete an assessment which is known as the EYFS Profile.

The EYFS Profile summarises and describes your child's attainment at the end of the EYFS. It is based on ongoing observations and assessments in the 3 prime areas, 4 specific areas and 3 learning characteristics.

The school will give you a report of your child's progress, including information from his or her profile.