

Development check

We will be providing you with a report of your child's development at the age of 24-36 months old. This will be a summary, covering the 3 prime areas of his/her development.

We want to celebrate each child's achievements and to identify any areas where extra support at the earliest opportunity can help your child. It will be useful for you to share this information with health visitors who can use it as part of the health and development review.



More Information

The **Early Years Foundation Stage** is available from the foundation years website -

www.foundationyears.org.uk

You will also find a range of resources and contacts here.

The 7 development areas

Personal, Social and Emotional

As children become aware of themselves and others, they learn self control, how to share, to be kind and to join in activities at their own pace. They are given opportunities to build their self esteem and security within boundaries.

Physical

Children develop gross and fine motor skills both indoors and out — running, balancing, catching, threading, cutting out, etc.

Communication and Language

Talking, music and singing, rhythm and rhymes, all fill our day. Children hear and learn new words, are listened to and given time to respond to questions.

Literacy

Our book corner provides a quiet area to snuggle up for a story but books and stories are not just limited to the book corner. Words and letters are on display on posters, labels and signs.

Mathematics

Children explore size, shapes, numbers, measuring and counting. Objects to measure with are at hand and on display.

Expressive Arts and Design

Imagination is developed and ideas expressed through role play, drawing, painting and crafts. Children can listen and move to different kinds of music.

Understanding the world

We explore the local environment, talk about our families and lives at home. We celebrate our cultures and learn about other places and the customs of other people.

The Early Years Foundation Stage



A Guide for parents and carers of children aged 0—5 years

The **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**, is how the Government and early years professionals describe the time in your child's life between birth and age 5.

This is a very important stage as it helps your child get ready for school as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. From when your child is born up until the age of 5, their early years experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs.

Nurseries, pre-schools, reception classes and childminders registered to deliver the EYFS must follow a legal document called the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework.

What is the EYFS?

The Early Years Foundation Stage is a curriculum framework for all adults working with young children aged 0-5 years. It provides a consistent guide to ensure children develop to their fullest potential across all main areas, whether they attend a Day Nursery, Pre-School, Child Minder, or during the first year of school.

Why do we have a framework?

The EYFS Framework exists to support all professionals working in the EYFS to help your child, and was developed with a number of early years experts and parents.

In 2012 the framework was revised to make it clearer and easier to use, with more focus on the things that matter most. This new framework also has a greater emphasis on your role as parents / carers, in helping your child develop.

How my child will be learning

The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first.

Areas of Learning

The 3 Prime Areas

- those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

- Personal, Social, and Emotional development
- Physical development
- Communication, and Language



The 4 Specific Areas

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

How will we deliver this?

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

These 7 areas of learning are used to plan your child's learning and activities. We ensure that our activities are suited to your child's unique needs. We adapt our planning to follow your child's unique needs and interests.

We will continue to have a strong partnership with parents, because you know your child best!

As a parent, how can I help with my child's learning?

All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development, and have a really long lasting effect on your child's learning as they progress through school. Even when your child is very young and is not yet able to talk, talking to them helps them to learn and understand new words.

