

Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

Information for Parents and Carers

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework is a government document, that Ofsted Registered Early Years Providers in England are required to follow.

The framework sets out the standards for children's learning and development from birth to 5 years old.

The standards ensure that your child will not only learn and develop to their full potential, it also ensures children are kept healthy and safe.

What Will My Child Be Learning?

The EYFS outlines seven areas of learning and development and educational programmes.

There are three PRIME areas of learning, which are particularly important for your child's development and future learning.

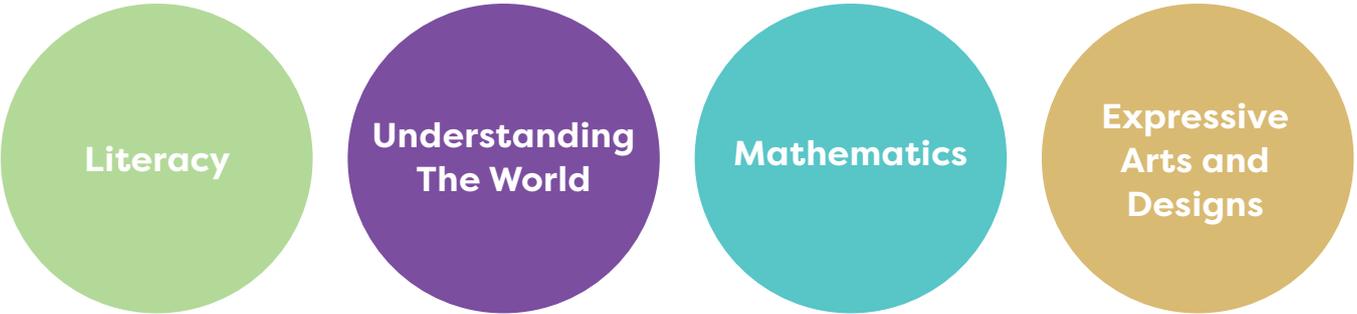


**Communication
and Language**

**Personal,
Social and Emotional
Development**

**Physical
Development**

There are also four SPECIFIC areas of learning, through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied:



Literacy

**Understanding
The World**

Mathematics

**Expressive
Arts and
Designs**

Early years practitioners also use your child's needs and interests to plan challenging and enjoyable activities as well as offering a wide range of learning experiences and opportunities.

How Will My Child Be Learning?

The EYFS framework identifies the essential role of play in your child's development. It is through both child-led play and guided-play from practitioners that your child will develop confidence and relationships with others. Early years practitioners will also help your child to extend their vocabulary and develop communication skills.

The framework identifies three characteristics of effective teaching and learning:

Playing and
Exploring



Active
Learning



Creating
and Thinking
Critically



How Will I Know How My Child Is Doing?

It is important that both childcare professionals and parents work together, sharing information about the child, what they have done at home and in the childcare setting. There are various assessment steps throughout the EYFS but practitioners will continually be assessing, observing and building on your child's skills.

When a child turns 2, the child care practitioners working with your child, will write a summary of how your child is progressing against the 3 prime areas of learning (Two Year Check):

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

How Can I Help As A Parent?

All of the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting your child's learning and development. Even when your child is very young and not yet able to talk, talking to them helps them to learn and understand new words and ideas.

If you are looking for new ideas for things to do you could find out what is on offer at your local children's centre, visit our social media platforms or there is also a wealth of activity ideas on the Internet (Pinterest is always a go to website for us!). Please always check our parent notice boards and newsletters, for more information, ideas and events!



Our Ethos

Motivate

Practitioners motivate children to learn and encourage children to be curious and follow their interests.

Play

We believe that children thrive and learn best through play, staff use their interests to tune into children and plan activities to ignite their learning.

Explore

We want children to be confident learners and explore activities and their environment with curiosity.