

EYFS OVERVIEW

Nursery and Reception follow the Early Years Foundation Stage document:

Learning in EYFS is split into 7 areas. RE is taught as a separate subject and we follow the Come and See scheme of work.



Prime Areas:

- 1) Communication & Language
- 2) Physical Development
- 3) Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific Areas:

- 1) Literacy
- 2) Maths
- 3) Understanding of the world
- 4) Expressive arts and design

Child Initiated and Adult Led:

Children learn best when they are having fun, fully engaged and being hands on and practical. In EYFS our daily time table consists of a mixture of adult led and child initiated activities. Both provide children with opportunities to learn new skills, practise and consolidate them and gain independence and responsibility.

Themes and Children's Interests:

Every few weeks we focus on a different theme. These themes are umbrella themes rather than rigid themes as we believe it is important to plan towards our Children's interests. If a particular interest does not fall easily within a particular umbrella theme we are flexible enough that we can plan this into our year. E.G If Dinosaurs or trains were of particular interest in one class, then that teacher could plan in a week or two in the spring or summer term dedicated to those themes.

Some of our umbrella themes include:

- Ourselves (we always start with this in the autumn term)
- Authors
- Hot and Cold lands
- People who help us
- Minibeasts
- Fairy Tales

We also have themes that cover the seasons or events throughout the year including religious events:

- Harvest
- Christmas
- Chinese New Year
- Easter
- The Jubilee or Coronation

Home Learning:

Must Read books – each year group has a set of half termly ‘Must Read Books’. These are books we read regularly in school and would like the children to become familiar with to help the development of their understanding, recall and vocabulary. Parents do not have to buy these books but if they would like to they are easily available online or in the library.

Phonics – We follow the Read, Write Inc Phonics scheme of work in school. In Nursery, in the spring term children begin to receive phonics home learning which consists of short videos to watch and Fred games to play online. In Reception, when ready children take home phonics books each week and also receive videos to watch to consolidate the sounds and words they have learnt that week.

Library books – each week both Nursery and Reception children get to take a book home from our Libraries. These are not necessarily books they can read themselves, but are instead books that they can enjoy with a family member.