

Communication and Language

This includes all aspects of how children learn to communicate and acquire language. It has three strands– Listening and Attention, Understanding and Speaking.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area is about how children develop skills and attitudes for learning, learn to work socially with others and develop strong and trusting relationships.

Physical Development

This looks at aspects of how a child develops physical skills, from learning to crawl or walk to the fine motor skills needed for handwriting. It also includes health and self-care– personal hygiene and making healthy choices.

EYFS

Early Years

Foundation Stage

There are 7 areas of learning in the early Years Foundation Stage:

3 Prime and 4 Specific.

The prime areas run through and support learning in all other areas. They are:

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

The specific areas include essential knowledge and skills. They provide the contexts in which to learn and practice new skills. They are:

Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design

Understanding the World

Through this children learn about the world around them, different people, cultures and communities. This also have opportunities to experience different types of technology and what they can use it for.

Literacy

Including early reading skills such as sharing stories and rhymes, hearing the sounds words start with and giving meaning to their mark making.

Mathematics

Focussing on early numbers skills such as recognising numbers, beginning to count, noticing when the number of items they have changes. This also includes learning about shapes, making patterns and simple measuring

Expressive Arts and Design

This area is all about how children use their imagination and creativity to explore different materials and media. It also includes role play, performing, dancing and other expressive arts.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

These aspects of the EYFS reflect the different ways in which children learn and give practitioners guidance on supporting these.

Playing and Exploring

This is about how children engage with a range of experiences. It includes finding out and exploring, playing with things they already know and having a go at new experiences

Active Learning

This focusses on children's motivation to learn. It looks at how they are willing to get involved, concentrate and keep on trying to master new things. It also includes their sense of pride and enjoyment in their learning.

Creating and Thinking

Critically

This aspect is about the child's own thinking. It covers how make links in their learning, choose their own way to do things and have their own ideas. All skills vital for problem solving.