

Curriculum Overview for Foundation Stage

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of learning and development is about how your child

- Is confident and self-assured
- Manages their feelings and behaviour
- Makes friends
- Shares and takes turns
- Forms relationships with peers and adults
- Carries out daily routines independently

Mathematics

This area of learning and development is about how your child:

- Learns about counting, ordering and recognising numbers
- Explores ideas of more and less
- Begins to add and subtract numbers
- Explores measures, capacity, space, shapes, opposites etc. during play
- Recognises the passing of time

Communication and language

This area of learning and development is about how your child:

- Listen and pays attention
- Understands what is being said
- Communicates with others
- Develops vocabulary and speech
- Asks and answers questions

Literacy

This area of learning and development is about how your child:

- Enjoys reading books
- Likes making marks
- Learns to write using phonics
- Learns to read using phonics
- Learns to recognise tricky words e.g. the, she, he

Physical Development

This area of learning and development is about how your child:

- Moves and uses gross motor skills
- Develops fine motor skills by engaging in activities such as play-dough and threading.
- Holds their pencil using the three finger grip and begins to form recognisable letters
- Learns about healthy living
- Manages self-care independently

Expressive Art and design

This area of learning and development is about how your child:

- Enjoys being creative
- Sings, dances and makes music
- Plays imaginatively e.g. in the role play or small world areas
- Uses colour to express themselves

Understanding the world

This area of learning and development is about how your child:

- Finds out about nature and the world around them
- Talks about people and their local community e.g. how the emergency services help us
- Learns about similarities and differences between each other and different cultures e.g. Chinese New Year
- Learns to use ICT equipment confidently

