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OUR CURRICULUM

Our play-based curriculum ensures children are well prepared to transition to primary school. We link their learning experiences to the 7 areas of learning and development, as laid out in the EYFS. The 3 prime areas are those which the children usually develop first, and are considered most essential for healthy development and future learning.

THE PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Personal, social & emotional development (PSED)

Helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves, to build relationships and respect for others, to be able to understand and manage their feelings and emotions. We support their growing independence and confidence as they play alongside their friends, in small groups of independently. Our children learn to take turns and share.

Communication & language (CL)

Giving children opportunities to experience a language-rich environment, and to help them to listen carefully, understand and process what they hear and see. Our children are always encouraged to share their thinking with us, and to speak confidently in a range of play-based experiences with their friends and the adults around them.

Physical Development (PD)

Providing opportunities for children to be active and interactive, and to develop their coordination, control and movement. Children are encouraged to take risks in order to develop confidence and resilience. We help children understand the importance of physical activity and place a heavy focus on how to make healthy choices in relation to food and self-care routines.



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The prime areas are the roots of a child's development and future learning. As children grow and make progress in the prime areas, this will help them to naturally develop skills within the 4 specific areas:

THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Literacy (LIT)

Helping your child to become aware of letters and the sounds they make, and to encourage mark making in preparation for early writing. Our children are exposed to lots of stories; in the Book Corner and through shared stories linked to learning across the curriculum. We promote reading and work hard to develop your child's love of stories, firmly believing that as this is key to their future success.

Mathematics (MA)

Helping your child to develop an interest in numbers, shapes and measures around them. Our children have lots of opportunities to learn about maths through play. We help develop an understanding of counting, understanding and using numbers, as well as simple addition and subtraction problems. All this is delivered through games, songs, rhymes and targeted teaching.

Understanding the world (UW)

Helping your child to make sense of the world in which they live, including people, communities, cultures, nature, the way we live and the technology we use. We encourage children to explore the world around them, both indoors and outdoors. We share experiences and festivals and celebrate our differences. We use a range of electronic devices in play to develop ICT skills.

Expressive arts and design (EAD)

Enabling your child to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities for sharing thoughts, ideas and feelings through a wide variety of activities (art, music, dance, role play, singing, painting, printing, cutting, sticking, etc). We give our children so many ways to express their feelings in different ways - and they love it!