

## Foundation Stage

Early Years learning challenges children and encourages them to develop into independent, motivated learners and thinkers, full of curiosity about the world around them within a fun, happy and secure environment.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is based on seven areas of learning:

All areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected.

Three areas are particularly crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive.

These three areas, the prime areas, are:

- communication and language;
- physical development; and
- personal, social and emotional development

The four specific areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied, are:

- literacy;
- mathematics;
- understanding the world; and
- expressive arts and design.

These skills and competencies will enable them to cope with the demands of later schooling and, life generally.

Children are encouraged to explore, enquire and to take risks in an interactive hand-on environment. This includes the use of interactive whiteboards and computers, as well as dedicated high quality outdoor learning areas.