

## Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Learning in the foundation stage is active and in the moment. We promote a love of learning by encouraging children to be inquisitive and independent as well as developing their own self confidence. This year is the foundation of all further learning where we can develop children's attitude to learning, helping them to enjoy challenges and persevere to overcome problems.

Lots of our learning is done outside as this is where children often choose to be. A pair of wellies is essential and outdoor learning is not always clean and dry!

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework developing much of the children's learning through their own interests and developmental needs. Core learning is delivered through short interactive learning sessions as a whole class or group.

Phonic play an important part in the teaching of reading and phonic sessions are delivered daily following Letters and Sounds. Skills are then applied and developed throughout the day by adults involving themselves in child initiated play. Children read and share books individually each week.

## Early Year Foundation Stage Framework

### Characteristics of Learning

**playing and exploring** - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'

**active learning** - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements

**creating and thinking critically** - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

### Areas of Learning

#### **Prime**

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

#### **Specific**

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the world

Expressive arts and design