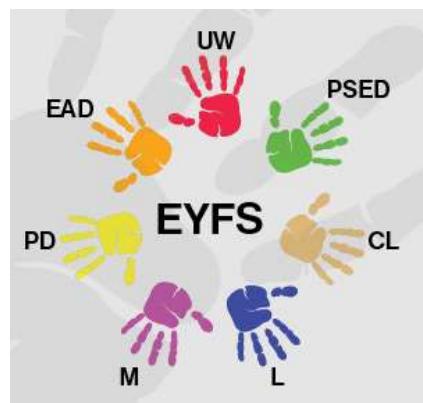


The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Your child will be continuing their journey through the **Early Years Foundation Stage**, a framework set out by the Department for Education. This is a very important stage as it helps your child get ready for school as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. From when your child is born up until the age of 5, their early years' experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs.



The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

In Nursery, children should mostly develop the **3 Prime areas** first:

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

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 Specific Areas**:

- Literacy;
 - Mathematics;
 - Understanding the World &
 - Expressive Arts and Design.

The seven areas provide a framework, but this does not mean that all of young children's learning is divided up into areas. One experience may provide a child with opportunities to develop a number of competences, skills and concepts across several areas. For example, children building with blocks may cooperate in carrying the heavy and large blocks, negotiate the best place to put them, compare the weight and dimensions of different blocks and act out an imaginary scene. Therefore, they may be developing language, Mathematics, physical, personal and social competences through this one activity. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

We firmly believe that a quality curriculum is dependent on staff and parents/carers working together. You, as parents/carers, are the child's first educators and we value the learning that goes on at home.