

Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the statutory framework that sets the standards that all Early Years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children are ready for school and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

The revised framework for the EYFS has been mandatory since 1st September 2021. The framework explains how your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

The framework consists of three **Prime** areas which underpin all other areas of development. These are:

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

There are also four **specific** areas, through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied. The specific areas are:

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

There are Early Learning Goals (ELGs) within each area which children are assessed against at the end of their Reception year. ELG outcomes will be reported to parents within the end of year report. The framework also consists of the Characteristics of Effective Learning, which are also reported to parents.

The framework is used to form part of our school curriculum, alongside the guidance from Development Matters.