

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The Early Years foundation stage curriculum consists of seven areas of learning.

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

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - PSED

- Building Relationships
- Self-regulation
- Managing self

Helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.



Communication and Language

- Listening, attention and understanding
- Speaking

This involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.



Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills
Fine Motor Skills

Providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive.
To develop their co-ordination, control and movement in both large
and small movements.



Literacy

- Word reading
- Writing
- Comprehension

Encouraging children to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children must be given access to a wide range of reading materials (books, poems, and other written materials) to ignite their interest.



Mathematics

- Number
- Numerical patterns

Providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces, and measures



Understanding the world

- People, Culture and Communities
- The Natural World
- Past and Present

Helping children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.



Expressive arts and design

- Creating with Materials
- Being Imaginative and Expressive

Enabling children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role play, and design and technology.

