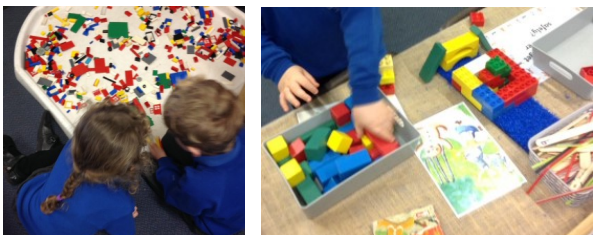


The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old.

There are 4 guiding principles in the EYFS

1. That every child is unique.
2. That every child can learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.
3. That children learn and develop best in enabling environments.
4. That children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates.



The Early Years Curriculum



There are seven areas of learning in the EYFS curriculum



Supporting your child at home

There are so many things you can do at home with your child but here are a few suggestions:

Mark making during messy play sessions.

Sing and tell nursery rhymes.

When you are going for a walk, talk about what you can see and hear.

Cook and bake together.

Plant seeds or bulbs in a pot in the garden.

Make shadows using your body or toys.

Make music using your body or things around the house.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

These characteristics are how children learn through what they are doing and how they manage themselves whilst playing and participating in activities. We observe children through play and look out for these characteristics.

Playing and Exploring—Engagement

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go'.

Active Learning—Motivation

- Being involved and concentrating
- Keeping trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and Thinking Critically

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things.

