

Specific area – Understanding the World
People and communities

- Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.
- They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this.
- They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.



The world

- Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.
- They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.
- They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.



Technology

- Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools.
- They select and use technology for particular purposes.



Specific area – Expressive Arts and Design
Exploring and using media and materials

- Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them.
- They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

Being imaginative

- Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes.
- They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.



Characteristics of effective teaching and learning

The characteristics of effective teaching and learning are the learning attitudes that children should demonstrate when learning in Reception. These characteristics are part of our school values. Our school values help to develop a pupil's character and learning habits and enable them to grow into well-rounded individuals and successful learners. They are deeply embedded within all areas of school life, including our curriculum and behaviour for learning. You can find more information about our school values on our school website and in your child's home learning record.

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
- Keep on trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically - thinking

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

End of Year Expectations for Reception



The following leaflet outlines the early learning goals (end of year expectations) for children in Reception by the end of the academic year for the three prime areas and the four specific areas. The early learning goals are from the Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage. Click [here](#) to find out more information about the Early years Framework.

More detailed information on all seven areas of learning can be found [here](#).



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Prime area - Communication and Language

Attention and listening

- Children listen attentively in a range of situations.
- They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions.
- They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.

Understanding

- Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.
- They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

Speaking

- Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. They know not to interrupt when someone else is speaking.
- They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.
- They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events. They speak in complete sentences to explain or describe things.



Prime area - Physical Development

Moving and handling

- Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements.
- They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space.
- They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.

Health and self-care

- Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe.
- They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.

Prime area - Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-confidence and self-awareness

- Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others.
- They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities.
- They say when they do or don't need help.

Managing feelings and behaviour

- Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable.
- They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules.
- They adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride.

Making relationships

- Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others.
- They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity.
- They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.



Specific area - Literacy

Reading

- Children read and understand simple sentences.
- They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately.
- They know the difference between a capital letter and a lowercase letter.
- They also read some common irregular words.
- They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.



Writing

- Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds.
- They also write some irregular common words.
- They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and phonetically plausible. They are beginning to use capital letters and punctuation.



Specific area - Mathematics

Numbers

- Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number.
- Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer.
- They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

Shape, space and measure

- Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.
- They recognise, create and describe patterns.
- They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.