

RECEPTION CLASS

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is divided into 3 Prime Areas of Learning and 4 Specific Areas of Learning. All areas are taught throughout the year using themes/topics which include special events such as Christmas, Easter, etc. Themes can change weekly according to children's needs and interests for example a new baby being born, a new pet, a visit to the circus etc. All teaching and learning in Reception Class adheres to the fellow EYFSD requirements.

PRIME AREAS

Communication and Language *development 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 *involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive and to develop their coordination, control and movement. Children must also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity and to make healthy choices in relation to food.*

Personal, Social and Emotional Development *involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others. To form positive relationships and develop respect for 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.*

SPECIFIC AREAS

Literacy *development involves 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 to ignite their interest.*

Mathematics *involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers. Calculating simple addition and subtraction problems, describing shape, space and measures.*

Understanding the World *involves guiding 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 *involves 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 for a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role play and design and technology.*