

Introduction of the New EYFS Reforms 2021

The purpose of this information is :

- To help you to understand the curriculum we teach in our setting
- To understand the different ways in which we teach and your child will learn
- To identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in Preschool

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning
- It is the same curriculum in pre-reception settings as it is in the reception class in school
- It is changing from September 2021

There are seven areas of learning and development:

Prime areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal Social and Emotional development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

There are 17 Early Learning Goals against which each child is assessed at the end of the reception year

There are also three characteristics of effective teaching and learning

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically

These tell us about *how* each child learns not *what* they are learning

Children learn best through play

Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, relate to others, set their own goals and solve problems. Children learn by leading their own play, and by taking part in play which is guided by adults.

The new curriculum

- The new curriculum gives us the opportunity to spend more time interacting and playing with the children
- We will be introducing new Learning Journals, instead of the folders. They will look a bit different and won't have as many written observations but will still follow your child's learning journey whilst at preschool.
- These new reforms should allow us to get to know your child even better than we did before.

Developing children's language and vocabulary

There is a new focus on **early language and extending** vocabulary. We will do this by:

- Having quality learning conversations and interactions with the children
- Reading a range of stories, poems, rhymes and non-fiction texts
- Teaching new words and vocabulary
- Sharing what we are doing with you

What can you do to help your child?

- Chat, play and read to and with them
- Encourage them to be independent
- Play board games with them
- Healthy eating quiz or fun with baking
- Number games and activities
- Songs and rhymes
- Exploring shapes (indoors or outdoors)
- Encourage their curiosity

But

- Don't over do it ... learning needs to be fun!!

Questions

- *If you have any further questions about the new reforms, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's Keyworker or the Preschool Leader.*