

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum Statement

The Early Years Foundation Stage is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of reception year. The curriculum is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

This is a very important stage as it helps your child get ready for main school as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. From when your child is born up until the age of 5, their early years' experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs.

The principles that underpin our EYFS approach at Herrick Primary are:

Every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

Children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**.

Children learn and develop well in **enabling environments**, in which there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents.

Children **learn and develop** in different ways and at different rates.

Herrick nursery and reception classes follow the curriculum as outlined in the 2021 Statutory Framework for the EYFS. This framework includes 7 areas of learning and development that are equally important and all inter-connected:

The EYFS sets the standards that schools must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good progress through school and life.

The children are given opportunities to play and explore, to investigate and experience things and to 'have a go'. They are active and develop their own ideas. They are all unique and will have different interests and abilities. The areas of development have been divided into two groups:

Three Prime areas:

- Communication and Language

- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in four specific areas:

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

These seven areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities whilst also being designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's needs and interests.

At the end of Reception the children will be assessed against the 17 Early Learning Goals and their progress shared with parents.

Areas of Learning and Development			
Prime Areas			
Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	
Listening, Attention and Understanding Speaking	Self-Regulation Managing Self Building Relationships	Gross Motor Skills Fine Motor Skills	
Specific Areas			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive art and Design
Comprehension Word Reading Writing	Number Numerical Patterns	Past and Present People culture and Communities The Natural World	Creating with materials Being Imaginative and Expressive