

The 7 areas of learning and development – a guide for parents


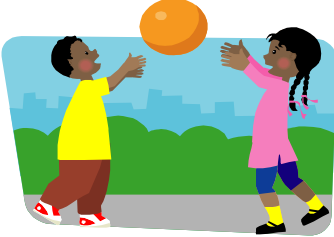

The Early years foundation stage (EYFS) areas of learning and development have been produced by the government and early year's professionals for use by all early year providers.

We refer to the 7 areas of learning and development when we are observing assessing and planning for your child's individual needs. These areas of learning guide us so that we are able to set your child achievable challenges in order to help them develop and succeed.

The 7 areas are split up into 2 parts:

1. **The 3 prime areas** – Which are for all children and will always be the main focus of our planning and activities for babies and children under 3
2. **The 4 specific areas** – Which are mostly used for the over 3s but are still relevant for younger children.

The 3 prime areas are:

<p>Personal, social and emotional development</p> 	<p>This area of learning is about how your child...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Is confident and self-assured✚ Manages their feelings and behaviour✚ Makes friends✚ Shares and takes turns
<p>Physical Development</p>  <p>Physical</p>	<p>This area of learning is about how your child...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Moves and uses gross motor skills✚ Develops fine motor skills✚ Learns about healthy lifestyles✚ Manages self-care independently
<p>Communication and Language</p> 	<p>This area of learning is about how your child...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Listens and pays attention✚ Understands what is being said✚ Communicates with others✚ Develops vocabulary and speech

The four specific areas

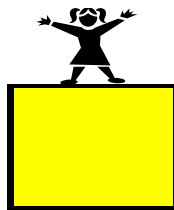
Literacy



This area of learning is about how your child...

- ✚ Enjoys Books
- ✚ Likes making marks
- ✚ Learns to write
- ✚ Starts to explore phonics and letter sounds

Mathematics



This area of learning is about how your child...

- ✚ Learns about numbers and counting
- ✚ Explores shapes, space, measures, capacity, opposites etc.
- ✚ Recognises the passing of time

Understanding the Worlds



This area of learning is about how your child...

- ✚ Finds out about nature and the world around them
- ✚ Talks about people and their community, learning about similarities and differences
- ✚ Learns to confidently use ICT equipment

Art and Design



This area of learning is about how your child...

- ✚ Enjoys being creative
- ✚ Plays imaginatively
- ✚ Sings, makes music, dances and explores musical instruments
- ✚ Uses colour to express themselves

If you have any questions about the EYFS, please do not hesitate to ask

