

# Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

## Information for Parents and Carers

### What is the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework?

The EYFS is in place to ensure your children get the best start to life. When your child first starts their journey with their childcare provider, your provider must make the following information available to you as a parent/carer:

- how the EYFS will be delivered in the setting
- how parents and/or carers can access more information about the EYFS
- the range and type of activities and experiences provided for children, the daily routines of the setting, and how parents and carers can share learning at home
- how the setting supports children with special educational needs and disabilities
- food and drinks provided for children
- details of policies and procedures staffing in the setting; the name of their child's key person and their role; and a telephone number for parents and/or carers to contact in an emergency

### What Will My Child Be Learning?

The EYFS framework outlines seven areas of learning and development and educational programmes. There are three **prime** areas of learning, which are particularly important for your child's development and future learning:

Communication and Language

Personal, Social and emotional development

Physical development

There are four **specific** areas of learning, through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied:

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Early years practitioners also use your child's needs and interests to plan challenging and enjoyable activities and experiences.

### How Will My Child Be Learning?

The EYFS framework identifies the essential role of play in your child's development. It is through both child-led play and play guided by an adult that your child will develop confidence and relationships with others. Through play, EYFS practitioners will help your child to extend their vocabulary and develop their communication skills.

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The EYFS framework identifies three characteristics of effective teaching and learning:

Playing and exploring

Active learning

Creating and thinking critically



## How Will I Know How My Child Is Doing?

Each child in the EYFS has a key person who will work in partnership with you, sharing information about your child. EYFS settings may also use observations to share your child's key achievements.

EYFS practitioners use their professional knowledge to understand your child's level of development. If they have any concerns about your child's progress, they will discuss these with you.

Three formal assessments take place during the EYFS:

- Two-Year Progress Check (this will happen between the ages of 24 to 36 months)
- Reception Baseline Assessment (at the start of the reception year)
- Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (at the end of the EYFS)

## How could you help learning and development at home to support the new EYFS reforms?

- Read stories daily to your child and use them as an opportunity to talk about the characters and events in the story. You could also discuss some of the details children have spotted in the pictures, such as the character's facial expressions.
- Have lots of conversations with your child throughout the day. Try and increase their vocabulary by using a wide range of vocabulary.
- Practise counting with your child and looking at small groups of items. Explore what happens to numbers when you put these small groups of items together, or split a larger group into two smaller groups.
- Support your child's early reading by practising phonic skills, such as recognising letter sounds and blending them together to read words. Also, support your child with their writing by checking they are forming their letters in the correct way and holding a pencil properly.
- Encourage your child to make healthy food and drink choices, especially related to sugar content and how this can affect teeth. Also, support your child to properly brush their teeth at least twice a day at home.
- Plan activities that allow your child to be active and develop their strength through large body movements as well as smaller, more precise movements.

**If you want more information the following link will take you to: What to Expect When, which is a guide for parents to support their child's development**

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

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