

EYFS Framework

The three prime areas ignite children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning and build their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive:

- Personal, social and emotional development (making friends/relationships, feeling confident, managing feelings and behaviour)
- Communication and language (listening, understanding, speaking)
- Physical development (moving, handling equipment, knowing how to keep healthy and follow a healthy lifestyle).

Through the four specific areas, the prime areas are strengthened and applied:

- Literacy (developing the knowledge, skills and understanding that will lead to becoming confident and capable readers and writers)
- Maths (learning number skills and an understanding of shape, space and measure that can be applied in practical situations...everywhere!)
- Understanding the world (finding out about people and communities at home, in the local community and in the wider world; finding out about nature and learning about technology)
- Expressive arts and design (learning about the properties and possibilities of different resources and developing an imagination to make learning and thinking ever more exciting).

For further information, see the useful guide [What to Expect When.](#)