

# Curriculum Overview for Reception

In Reception, we place an emphasis on children learning through play. We have a balance of teacher directed tasks and child initiated activities, which allow children to develop to their full potential.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage, which is the statutory guidance. The Foundation Stage Curriculum is made up of seven areas of learning and development. These are divided into three prime areas and four specific areas.

The three prime areas are:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Physical development

Development in the prime areas enables children to go on and master the skills within the specific areas.

The specific areas are:

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

All of the areas of learning and development are interconnected to the characteristics of effective learning, which are 'playing and exploring', 'active learning' and 'creating and critical thinking'.

Each term there is a central topic which links together their activities and experiences.

## Current Topic Overview for Reception

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|-------------|------------------------|
| Autumn Term | All about Me           |
| Spring Term | Once Upon a Time       |
| Summer Term | Stillness and Movement |