

Early Years Foundation Stage

The early years foundation stage (EYFS) sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old.

Early years learning concentrates on 7 areas split between prime and specific areas of learning and development.

The *prime* areas of learning are:

- communication and language
- physical development
- personal, social and emotional development

The *specific* areas of learning are:

- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design

Teaching is often done through play, where the child learns about subjects and other people through games.

Assessments

There is continual assessment of each child throughout the year, based on EYFS practitioners' observations. Information from these assessments is used for parents, practitioners and teachers to support children's learning and development.

Children who have not yet met all of their EYFS goals will continue receiving support to achieve these in Year 1.