

# EYFS Development Matters

## Communication and Language

- Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.
- Learn new vocabulary.
- Use new vocabulary through the day.
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
- Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.
- Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.
- Describe events in some detail.
- Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities explain how things work and why they might happen.
- Develop social phrases.
- Engage in story times.
- Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.
- Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.
- Use new vocabulary in different contexts.
- Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.
- Learn rhymes, poems and songs.
- Engage in non-fiction books.
- Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- See themselves as a valuable individual.
- Build constructive and respectful relationships.
- Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.
- Show resilience and perseverance in the face of difficulties.
- Identify and moderate their own feelings and behaviours.
- Think about the perspectives of others.
- Manage their own needs.
  - Personal hygiene
- Know and talk about the different factors that affect health and wellbeing:
  - regular physical activity
  - healthy eating
  - toothbrushing
  - sensible amounts of 'screen time'
  - having a good sleep routine
  - being a safe pedestrian

## Physical Development

- Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills already acquired:
  - rolling
  - crawling
  - walking
  - jumping
  - running
  - hopping
  - skipping
  - climbing
- Progress towards a more fluent style of movement with control and grace.
- Develop the overall body strength, coordination and balance needed to engage successfully with physical education sessions and other physical disciplines such as sport and swimming.
- Develop their small motor skills so that they can use tools competently, safely and confidently.
  - drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors
- Use their core muscle strength to achieve a stable posture when standing at a table or sitting on the floor.



# Years Reception - Prime Areas

## Emotional Development

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## Physical Development

- Combine different movements with ease and fluency.
- Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group.
- Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility.
- Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming.
- Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.
- Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.
- Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully:
  - lining up and queuing
  - mealtimes

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es, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.

to achieve a good posture when sitting



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## Literacy

- Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.
- Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences.
- Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.
- Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme.
- Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.
- Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.
- Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.
- Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.
- Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.
- Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.

## Mathematics

- Count objects, actions and sounds.
- Subitise.
- Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value.
- Count beyond ten.
- Compare numbers.
- Understand the 'one more than/one less than' between consecutive numbers.
- Explore the composition of numbers to 10.
- Automatically recall number bonds for numbers to 10.
- Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop reasoning skills.
- Compose and decompose shapes so that one shape can have other shapes *within* it, just as a large square can have four smaller squares within it.
- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.
- Compare length, weight and capacity.



# s Reception - Specific Areas

## Understanding the World

- Talk about members of their immediate family and community.
- Name and describe people who are familiar to them.
- Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.
- Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.
- Draw information from a simple map.
- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- Explore the natural world around them.
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.
- Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
- Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.
- Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.
- Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.
- Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.
- Develop storylines in their pretend play.
- Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.

