

Early Years Foundation Stage Overview

At St Mildreds we follow the curriculum guidelines set out in the revised Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which was implemented in September 2012 and updated in September 2014.

The main principles on which the EYFS is based are grouped into four main themes-

A Unique Child, Positive Relationships, Enabling Environments and Learning & Development

A Unique Child – every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self assured.

Positive Relationships – Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.

Enabling Environments – Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners, parents and carers.

Learning & Development – Children develop and learn in different ways. The framework covers the education and care of all children in early years provision including children with special educational needs and disabilities.

There are three prime areas and four specific areas of Learning & Development:

Prime Areas:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Communication & Language and Physical Development

Personal, Social & Emotional Development – Our programme supports children to develop relationships, to develop their self confidence and self awareness and to manage their feelings and behaviour.

Communication & Language – We support children in their listening and attention skills, in their understanding and in their speaking.

Physical Development – We support children to grow more confident in moving and handling, and to develop their awareness of health and self-care.

Specific Areas:

Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts & Design

Literacy – We support children in their early reading and writing.

Maths – We support children's learning in the fields of numbers, shape, space and measure.

Understanding the World – We support children's learning about people and communities, the world and technology.

Expressive Arts & Design – We support children’s learning by exploring and using media and materials and by being imaginative.

For more information, please see the following website:

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>