

# The Early Years Foundation Stage

Children in the Foundation Stage learn through play and activities based around the outcomes of the EYFS Framework. You can find out more information from [here](#).

A range of activities and age appropriate materials are provided to stimulate a child's physical, intellectual, social, emotional and creative development. New experiences are planned around the individual child so that they can gain in confidence and learn to interact with adults and peers.

Each child's learning is recorded in an electronic Learning Journey and observations are emailed home on a regular basis. We value contributions from home of children's achievements and experiences away from school which are then added to their Learning Journal.

The EYFS curriculum has seven areas of learning, 3 prime and 4 specific. Within each area are different strands (in brackets) leading to 17 Early Learning Goals.

## **3 Prime Areas**

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

#### **4 Specific Areas** Literacy Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design (16 exploring & using media & materials, 17 being imaginative)

#### **Each area is underpinned by three Characteristics of Effective Learning and Teaching:**

##### **1 Playing and exploring**

Finding out and exploring

Playing with what they know

Being willing to 'have a go'

##### **2 Active Learning**

Being involved and concentrating

Keeping trying

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

##### **3 Creating & Thinking Critically**

Having their own ideas

Making links

Choosing ways to do things

At the end of the year assessments are gathered to inform a summative assessment against the Early Learning Goals for each aspect of the EYFS (17 early learning goals). Parents will be informed whether a child is emerging (not yet achieving the ELG), expected (has achieved the ELG) or exceeding (above the ELG). When a child is assessed at exceeding they are working on the National Curriculum in that area. Children emerging continue to learn through the EYFS until they are ready to move onto the National Curriculum in Year 1.

At Hartford Manor we learn through topics that are based on seasons, celebrations and the children's interests. Please see the half termly Medium Term Plans for coverage of the EYFS Framework.