



Learning in the Early Years at Heath

EYFS Curriculum

In our EYFS (from the 2's through to Reception) we place an emphasis on children learning through play and exploration. The Foundation Stage curriculum is made up of seven areas of learning. These are divided into three Prime areas and four specific areas;

The **prime** areas are

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

The **specific** areas of development are

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

The children enjoy many new and wonderful experiences from day to day and they learn and explore these different areas of development in their stimulating and educational environments. Each half term there is a central topic, which forms the basis for learning activities and experiences. Throughout the year children will also learn about different celebrations from around the world.

How Will I Know How My Child Is Doing?

Our Early Years' Team will use their professional knowledge to understand your child's level of development. If we have any concerns about your child's progress, we will discuss these with you.

Three formal assessments take place during the EYFS:

Two-Year Progress Check (this will happen between the ages of 24 to 36 months)

Reception Baseline Assessment (at the start of the Reception year)

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (at the end of the EYFS)

Discussions at Parents' Evenings will inform you on how your child is progressing. At the end of the year, a report will be given to you to inform you of your child's progress and, if they are in Reception, whether they have met or are continuing to work towards their early learning goals (ELGs), these goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. There are 17 ELGs your child is expected to achieve by the end of the EYFS.

We have included a link to the free download "What to expect in the early years foundation stage: a guide for parents". This document explains how parents can support their children's learning during their time in the EYFS.

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>