

How will my child be learning?

The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their overall development. Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development. Children should mostly develop the 3 Prime areas first.

These are:

- Communication and Language;
- Physical Development; and
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

These Prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas.

These are:

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

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The professionals teaching and supporting your child will make sure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs. This is a little bit like a curriculum in primary and secondary schools, but it's suitable for very young children, and it's designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

Our Curriculum at Eastway

Our Early Years curriculum is child centred and follows the children's interests and needs. Your child will receive a mixture of teaching sessions- some whole class teaching, small group work, 1-1 activities and adults supporting and guiding them through their play. Activities throughout the day will take place indoors and outdoors. The children will also engage in whole school activities such as assemblies when appropriate.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which is how the Government and Early Years professionals describe the time in your child's life between birth and age 5. Nurseries, pre-schools, reception classes and childminders registered to deliver the EYFS must follow a legal document called the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework.

How will my child be assessed and how will I know how well they are doing?

What is the EYFS Framework and why do we have one?

The EYFS Framework exists to support all professionals working in the EYFS to help your child, and was developed with a number of Early Years experts and parents. The framework was revised to make it clearer and easier to use, with more focus on the things that matter most. This new framework also has a greater emphasis on your role in helping your child develop. The framework has been revised again with changes to the statutory guidance that came in to effect in September 2021. It sets out:

- The legal welfare requirements that everyone registered to look after children must follow to keep your child safe and promote their welfare.
- The 7 areas of learning and development which guide professionals' engagement with your child's play and activities as they learn new skills and knowledge
- Assessments that will tell you about your child's progress through the EYFS
- Expected levels that your child should reach at age 5, usually the end of the reception year; these expectations are called the "Early Learning Goals (ELGs)" There is also guidance for the professionals supporting your child on planning the learning activities, and observing and assessing what and how your child is learning and developing.

How you can help your child at home

All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development, and have a really long lasting effect on your child's learning as they progress through school. Even when your child is very young and is not yet able to talk, talking to them helps them to learn and understand new words and ideas. If you make the time every day to do some of the following things with your child it will make a real difference to your child's confidence as a young learner.



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Year Group Information Foundation Stage

This booklet provides information for parents and carers on the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum that we cover and key information on how we assess children at this important phase of early education.

It also contains information about how you can support your child at home to ensure that they are meeting their end of year expectations and preparing them for Key Stage 1 and raised expectations of the new National Curriculum