

The children in Reception will have the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of learning opportunities across the seven areas of learning. The grid below informs you what your child will learn about in each area of the **Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Develop good relationships with adults and other children within the setting.
- Develop their own independence and self-help skills.
- Develop their confidence so that they can attempt new activities.
- Talk to other children and communicate freely about home and community.
- Talk about their feelings and be sensitive to the needs, feelings and beliefs of others.
- Take part in assemblies - for special ladies in their lives and the celebration of Christmas.
- Visit the Bear Factory as a key group to make a mascot to take home and look after at the weekend.



Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Share a variety of texts including rhymes, stories from their own and other cultures and poetry.
- Develop an understanding of how a story works and the special language used in stories.
- Listen and respond to ideas expressed by others in conversations and discussions.
- Develop speaking and listening skills, enabling them to talk about their own experiences in small and large groups.
- Use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences.
- Use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.
- Develop understanding of 'why?' and 'how?'

Physical Development

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Move with confidence, co-ordination and control using a wide range of equipment.
- Move with imagination safely, travelling around, under, over and through equipment.
- Improve fine motor skills through threading, tracing, using scissors and mark making in sand, glitter and gloop.
- Develop letter formation using a wide range of media, forming some recognisable letters.
- Handle tools safely and with basic control and work with malleable materials such as sand, clay and plasticine.
- Recognise the importance of hygiene and keeping healthy.
- Explore what effects exercise has upon the body, observing changes to their bodies during exercise outdoors.



Literacy

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Enjoy an increasing range of books.
- Develop an understanding of how a story works and the special language used in stories.
- Practise writing their names, forming the letters correctly and using upper and lower case letters appropriately.
- Use pictures, symbols, actions and letters to communicate meaning.
- Learn and practise their letter sounds daily.
- 'Write' for lots of different purposes including letters, cards, recipes, instructions, news and lists.
- Attempt to write short sentences.
- Read words and simple sentences.



Specific Areas of Learning

Numeracy

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Sing number rhymes daily to reinforce saying number names in order.
- Work with numbers 0 - 20 through song, stories, games, rhymes, puppets and role play.
- Order numbers using a variety of objects with numerals displayed.
- Compare, sort, and count using everyday objects.
- Take part in practical activities, using vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.
- Take part in activities which promote using everyday words to describe position.
- Talk about shapes and pattern in their learning environment using mathematical language.



Understanding of the World

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Explore the environment in which they learn and local environment, taking part in nature walks to Wrens Nest Nature Reserve.
- Investigate places, objects, materials and living things using their senses, finding out about why things happen and how things work.
- Look closely at similarities and differences, pattern and change in their environment.
- Find out about growing - how to plant a bean, what makes them grow and how to care for them.
- Explore everyday technology and use ICT.
- Enjoying lots of different visits to exciting places - Lickey Woods, the Farm and Tamworth Snowdome.
- Celebrate special occasions together including Eid, Christmas, Divali, Hanukkah, Chinese New Year and Easter.
- Find out about different occupations and ways of life, enjoying visits from people who help us.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Learn a variety of new songs and experiment with sound using their voices and a variety of musical instruments.
- Re-create roles and experiences through role play, dance, music, story and song.
- Express their creativity through a wide range of painting techniques, collage, placing and arranging, dough and clay.
- Explore colour, texture, shape and space, both in 2D and 3D form, when constructing with a purpose in mind.
- Take part in a very special story telling session, exploring story using music, movement and dance with ribbons.
- Take part and enjoy weekly 'Music Tots' session, with specialist music teacher - learning all about beat, rhythm, song and musical instruments.