

The Foundation Stage starts in nursery and continues through Reception.

We help the children learn through playing, exploring and being active.

#### We follow the EYFS Framework which explains what your child should be learning.

## We adapt learning to meet children's needs and interests.

#### The children's learning is split into 7 areas:

- Communication and Literacy
  Language
  Maths
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

- Understanding the world
- Expressive Arts and Design

#### **Continuous Provision**

We set up different areas in the classroom to enable the children to explore these areas of learning...

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We sometimes call this our 'independent learning' or our 'challenge areas'.

We teach and model to the children how to use these activities and areas. Then we complete observations to assess pupil's knowledge, understanding and skills of these areas of learning and tasks.

Here are some examples of continuous provision, 'independent learning' and 'challenge areas':

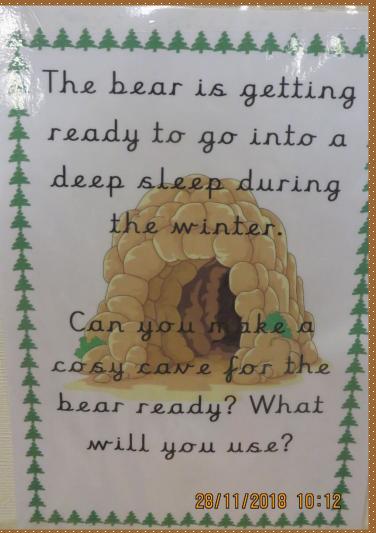
#### Owl Babies Construction Area Challenge



#### Owl Babies 'Finger Gym' Challenge



#### Bear Hunt Construction Challenge





#### Maths Challenge



How many pairs are there?

#### Literacy Challenge



Links with Communication & Language – developing speaking skills



#### Reading & Writing Challenge



Pick your favourite name for our fish from the list. Record it on a slip of paper and post it in the letterbox

#### Links with Democracy

#### **Creative Challenge**





### Links with developing fine motor skills

#### Maths Challenge

Can you give the bear some friends? Add the correct number of bears to each cave.



Number recognition and careful counting

Children also complete structured, adult led activities - particularly in Phonics, Literacy and Maths.

This is also important as we teach, model, guide, support, scaffold and challenge your child in their learning.

What children learn in the adult led activities that week, are then reflected in the continuous provision. A typical day in Reception would be as follows: A.M Maths Phonics Literacy P.M Other areas of learning Forest School / ICT / PE / Cookery **Continuous provision** 

Children are assessed all of the time in their learning but formal assessments are recorded by staff, short termly. This tells us how your child is progressing and what we need to teach them next.

If there are any gaps in a child's learning, we work with children individually or in small groups.

At the end of the year we assess each child and it is sent to the Local Authority. This has not bee actioned in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid Pandemic.

This is reported to you in end of year school reports.

### What you can do to support your child with their learning...

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### Use language of thinking and learning "What if you try...?" "How could you...?" "Can you explain ...?" " What about if you...?"

#### Encourage your child to **have a go** – learning from their mistakes is an important part of learning!

Encourage your child describe problems they encounter and to suggest ways to solve the problem

"What do you think you could do about...?"

#### Model being a critical thinker showing that you don't always know

#### "I wonder if..." "I've changed my mind about.... because..."

We celebrate children's achievements at school by:

Moving up our Captain Positive Chart
 Celebration Assembly on Friday
 Star of the Day certificates

Lots of verbal praise for effort

#### Reception is a very important year in your child's development.

## We hope your child enjoys their time with us!

# We can't wait for them to be a member of our class!