

At Farnborough Primary School our Reception class follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. There are seven areas of developmental learning integrated into the lesson plans for this class, the PRIME areas are: Communication and language, Physical development, Personal and social and Emotional development. These prime areas are strengthened through the application of four SPECIFIC areas which are: Literacy, Maths, Expressive arts and design and Understanding the world.

Each area plays an important part in a child's learning; we strive to use of these areas to create an enthusiasm for learning, help children to form relationships and thrive in their Reception environment.

Here is a more detailed view of what each of these key aspects of learning entails.

Communication and language development involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Expressive arts and design involves enabling children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology.

Literacy development involves encouraging children to link sounds and letter and to begin to read and write. Children are given access to a wide range of reading materials to ignite their interest and are encouraged to talk about what they have read.

Mathematics involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems and to describe shapes and patterns, as well as looking at measures such as length, capacity, time and money.

Personal, social and emotional development involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.

Physical development involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. Children must also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out more about people, places technology and the environment.

At Farnborough Primary School we follow the Letters and Sounds phonics scheme; we also supplement this with Jolly Phonics.

During the 2015/2016 academic year our Reception class will cover the following topics:

<u>Autumn Term 1</u>	<u>Spring Term 1</u>	<u>Summer Term 1</u>
Ourselves	Space	Growing Minibeasts
<u>Autumn Term 2</u>	<u>Spring Term 2</u>	<u>Summer Term 2</u>
People who Help us Celebrations	Traditional Tales	Pirates Travel