

Areas and Aspects of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Statutory Guidance

Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (September 2021)

There are seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Three prime areas and four specific areas. The prime areas begin to develop quickly in response to relationships and experiences, and run through and support learning in all other areas. The specific areas include essential skills and knowledge. They grow out of the prime areas and provide important contexts for learning. The characteristics of effective learning - playing and exploring, active learning and thinking critically support children's learning across all areas.

Each area includes several aspects of learning.

Prime Areas

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Self Regulation

Managing Self

Building relationships

2. Communication and Language

Listening Attention and Understanding

Speaking

3. Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills

Fine Motor Skills

Specific Areas

4. Literacy

Comprehension

Reading

Writing

5. Mathematics

Number

Numerical Patterns

6. Understanding the World

Past and Present

People, culture and Communities

The Natural World

7. Expressive arts and Design

Creating with Materials

Being imaginative and Expressive