

Introduction

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is how the Government and early years professionals describe the time in your child's life between birth and age 5.

This is a very important stage as it helps your child get ready for school as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. From when your child is born up until the age of 5, their early years' experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs.

The EYFS sets the standards that schools must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good progress through school and life.

The children are given opportunities to play and explore, to investigate and experience things and to 'have a go'. They are active and develop their own ideas. They are all unique and will have different interests and abilities.

At Shinfield Infant and Nursery School, we use the Development Matters and Birth to Five guidance to support the learning and teaching that takes place within our Reception and Nursery classrooms. Within our setting, we plan activities within the seven areas of learning:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Art and Design



Introduction - Key Features of Effective Practice

The Development Matters guidance proposes seven key features of effective practice within Early Years:

1. The best for every child

- All children deserve to have an equal chance of success.
- High-quality early education is good for all children. It is especially important for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- When they start school, children from disadvantaged backgrounds are, on average, 4 months [footnote 1] behind their peers. We need to do more to narrow that gap.
- Children who have lived through difficult experiences can begin to grow stronger when they experience highquality early education and care.
- High-quality early education and care is inclusive. Children's special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are identified quickly. All children promptly receive any extra help they need, so they can progress well in their learning.

2. High-quality care

- The child's experience must always be central to the thinking of every practitioner.
- Babies, toddlers and young children thrive when they are loved and well cared for.
- High-quality care is consistent. Every practitioner needs to enjoy spending time with young children.
- Effective practitioners are responsive to children and babies.
 They notice when a baby looks towards them and gurgles and respond with pleasure.
- Practitioners understand that toddlers are learning to be independent, so they will sometimes get frustrated.
- Practitioners know that starting school, and all the other transitions in the early years, are big steps for small children.

3. The curriculum

- The curriculum is a toplevel plan of everything the early years setting wants the children to learn.
- Planning to help every child to develop their language is vital.
- The curriculum needs to be ambitious. Careful sequencing will help children to build their learning over time.
- Young children's learning is often driven by their interests. Plans need to be flexible.
- Babies and young children do not develop in a fixed way. Their development is like a spider's web with many strands, not a straight line.
- Depth in early learning is much more important than covering lots of things in a superficial way.

4. Pedagogy

- Children are powerful learners. Every child can make progress in their learning, with the right help.
- Effective pedagogy is a mix of different approaches. Children learn through play, by adults modelling, by observing each other, and through guided learning and direct teaching.
- Practitioners carefully organise enabling environments for highquality play. Sometimes, they make time and space available for children to invent their own play. Sometimes, they join in to sensitively support and extend children's learning.
- Children in the early years also learn through group work, when practitioners guide their learning.
- Older children need more of this guided learning.
- A well-planned learning environment, indoors and outside, is an important aspect of pedagogy.

5. Assessment

- Assessment is about noticing what children can do and what they know. It is not about lots of data and evidence.
- Effective assessment requires practitioners to understand child development.
 Practitioners also need to be clear about what they want children to know and be able to do.
- Accurate assessment can highlight whether a child has a special educational need and needs extra help.
- Before assessing children, it's a good idea to think about whether the assessments will be useful.
- Assessment should not take practitioners away from the children for long periods of time.

6. Self-Regulation

- Executive function includes the child's ability to:
- hold information in mind
- focus their attention
- think flexibly
- inhibit impulsive behaviour
- These abilities contribute to the child's growing ability to selfregulate:
- concentrate their thinking
- plan what to do next
- monitor what they are doing and adapt
- regulate strong feelings
- be patient for what they want
- bounce back when things get difficult.
- Language development is central to selfregulation: children use language to guide their actions and plans.
- Pretend play gives many opportunities for children to focus their thinking, persist and plan ahead.

7. Partnership with parents

- It is important for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership. This sets the scene for children to thrive in the early years.
- This includes listening regularly to parents and giving parents clear information about their children's progress.
- The help that parents give their children at home has a very significant impact on their learning.
- Some children get much less support for their learning at home than others. By knowing and understanding all the children and their families, settings can offer extra help to those who need it most.
- It is important to encourage all parents to chat, play and read with their children.

Introduction - Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

In planning and guiding what our children learn, we continually reflect on the different rates at which children are developing and adjust their practice appropriately. Throughout this monitoring, we continually refer to an plan opportunities for children to develop the three characteristics of effective teaching and learning:

- playing and exploring children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'
- active learning children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- creating and thinking critically children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

Playing and Exploring – we will support children with learning to:

- realise that their actions have an effect on the world, so they want to keep repeating them
- plan and think ahead about how they will explore or play with objects
- guide their own thinking and actions by referring to visual aids or by talking to themselves while playing, for example, a child doing a jigsaw might whisper under their breath: "Where does that one go? I need to find the big horse next."
- make independent choices
- bring their own interests and fascinations into our classroom- this helps them to develop their learning
- respond to new experiences that we offer them

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Active Learning— we will support children with learning to:

- participate in routines, such as taking the register or getting ready for home time
- begin to predict sequences because they know routines, for example, they may anticipate lunch when they see the table is set, or get their coat when the door to the outdoor area opens
- begin to correct their mistakes themselves, for example, instead of using increasing force to push a puzzle piece into the slot, they try another piece to see if it will fit
- keep on trying when things are difficult

Creating and Thinking Critically – we will support children with learning to:

- Take part in simple pretend play, for example, they might use an object like a brush to pretend to brush their hair, or 'drink' from a pretend cup
- sort materials, for example, at tidy-up time, children know how to put different construction materials in separate baskets
- use pretend play to think beyond the 'here and now' and to understand another perspective, for example, a child role-playing the Billy Goats Gruff might suggest that "Maybe the troll is lonely and hungry? That's why he is fierce."
- know more, so feel confident about coming up with their own ideas
- make more links between those ideas
- concentrate on achieving something that's important to them they are increasingly able to control their attention and ignore distractions

Introduction - EYFS Intent

At Shinfield Infant and Nursery School we offer a curriculum rich in wonder and memorable experiences. We work hard to provide a stimulating environment that provides exciting opportunities, promotes challenge, exploration, adventure and a real love of learning.

It is our intent that all children develop physically, verbally, cognitively and emotionally in an environment which values all cultures, communities and people. We aim for our children to be confident and independent, to believe in themselves and interact positively with others.

We understand that play is an integral part of learning and this is at the heart of our early years curriculum. We believe that the correct mix of adult directed and uninterrupted child-initiated play ensures the best outcomes for pupils.

Warm and positive relationships between staff and children, consistent routines and strong relationships with parents are key.

We recognise the crucial role that early year's education has to play in providing firm foundations upon which the rest of a child's education is successfully based.

Introduction - EYFS Implementation

At Shinfield Infant and Nursery School we meet the welfare requirements laid down in the Statutory Framework forthe Early Years Foundation Stage and actively safeguard and promote the welfare of all of our children.

We prioritise creating a 'language rich' environment through the use of songs, nursery rhymes, stories and providing time for quality interactions between adults and between peers. Trained staff ensure that interactions are positive and progressive, allowing children to flourish and gather words at pace in order to become confident communicators.

Children are encouraged to become early readers through enjoyment of books and the systematic teaching of phonics using the Little Wandle Scheme of Work. The children learn nursery rhymes and develop their mathematical thinking through direct teaching and exploration. We want our children to become confident mathematicians who can apply what they have learnt to real life experiences.

We have built our school environment to enable our children to strengthen their core muscles through physical play, children spend time outdoors in their natural environment in all weathers. They develop through wonderful, exploratory, sensory experiences in our mud kitchen, sandpit and taking part in Forest School sessions. Our learning environment is adaptable in order to reflect children's interests and progression. The children are supported to learn to work together, manage their feelings and ask questions through skilled adult facilitated play.

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The curriculum is taught through topics which are enriched with classroom enhancements, trips and visitors. Topics are supported by quality key texts and Writing through the Jane Considine Scheme of Work. We also have NELI trained staff to deliver the NELI intervention to those who require further help, alongside an in school Elklan trained professional. These approaches are chosen carefully to encourage children's speech, language and communication development. All planning however, is flexible and responsive to children's needs so plans can be changed and adapted dependent on children's interests.

We understand the importance of parental engagement and believe that our parents have a crucial role to play in their children's education. We work hard to create strong partnerships between home and school. Parents receive curriculum news each half term to inform them of what their child is learning each half term and to explain how they can support this at home. Parents enjoy using Tapestry to engage in their child's learning and share experience from home.

As part of the learning and teaching process, children are assessed in relation to their progress towards the Early Learning Goals. These judgements are made on the basis of accumulative observations and in depth knowledge of the children acquired through ongoing assessment and termly data points. These ongoing assessments are used to inform planning and next steps in teaching and learning for all children throughout the year.

EYFS Knowledge Progression - Literacy

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
-	To be able to mark make	To find and identify familiar	To begin to attempt writing	To be able to mark make	To identify the pictures	Lots of games focussing on
	and identify their marks.	letters, e.g. letters in their	familiar letters, e.g letters	and give meaning to their	linked to LW sound.	oral blending.
		names.	in their name.	marks.		
	To recognise familiar logos				Children will begin to	Children are able to
	and labels within the	To talk about and retell a	To find and identify familiar	To identify the pictures	identify some sounds	identify initial sounds and
	environment.	range of familiar stories.	letters, e.g. letters in their names.	linked to LW sound.	during oral blending games.	blend familiar CVC words.
Σ	Sound discrimination,	To clap syllables in name.		To begin to form some	To begin to make	
Nursery	start/stop games.		To talk about and retell a	letters correctly, e.g. letters	predictions about a story,	Make predictions about a
ž	Louder/quieter.	Start to hear alliteration.	range of familiar stories.	in their name.	sometimes supported by	story using the relevant
	Sound walks.				an adult with vocabulary.	vocabulary with
		Hold books correct way up,	To begin to explore initial	To talk about what might		independence.
	To be able to find own peg,	turning pages left to right	sounds in familiar words.	happen next in a story.	Use a story map to talk	
	name card and tray.				about the beginning,	To mark make for a
		To join in with repeated	To sequence familiar	Use questions in	middle and end of a story.	purpose and be able to talk
		refrains.	stories	discussions, give opinions.		about the marks.
	Read individual letters by	Listening to and hearing	To think of and write a	To think of and write a	To think of and write a	To think of and write a
	saying the sounds for them	sounds in CVC words.	short, simple sentence.	short, simple sentence.	short, simple sentence.	short, simple sentence.
	To identify sounds on a	To identify sounds on a	Listening to and hearing	Listening to and hearing	Listening to and hearing	Listening to and hearing
	grapheme mat	grapheme mat and to use	sounds in CVC and CVCC	sounds in CVC and CVCC	sounds in CVC and CVCC	sounds in CVC and CVCC
'n		this when writing.	words.	words.	words.	words.
ptic	Listen to stories and					
Reception	engage in discussions	Listens to familiar stories	Identifying sounds on a	Identifying sounds and	Identifying sounds and	Identifying sounds and
ž		and able to recall facts.	grapheme mat.	digraphs on a grapheme	digraphs on a grapheme	digraphs on a grapheme
				mat.	mat.	mat.
			Listens to stories and is			
			beginning to anticipate	Listens to stories and is	Listens to stories and is	Checking written work and
			what may happen next.	beginning to anticipate	beginning to anticipate	making any changes where
				what may happen	what may happen next	necessary.

EYFS Knowledge Progression - Maths

Maths

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		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
		To be able to give 1, 2 or 3 when asked	Use number names in sequence to five in play-	Count in sequence 1 – 10	Use 1-1 correspondence to ten.	Use language such as more than/less than. The same.	Use ordinal numbers.
		Use language such as	based	Match quantity to numeral	Use shape for purposeful	Calculate one more than five.	Understand the cardinal principle
		bigger and smaller	Join in with number rhymes.	Use language such as	Use positional languages Name triangle, circle,	Use the terms flat and solid	Use language such as
		Recognise a number of	,	round, straight, corners,	square, rectangle.	to describe 2D / 3D shape.	taller/shorter
		personal significance.	Know that anything can be counted, fingers, claps etc	sides.	To identify, describe and	Practical problem solving	Long / Longest
	>		To count out a group of up	To count out a group of up to 10 objects.	compare groups of objects.	with numbers up to 5.	Light / heavy Full/empty.
	Nursery		to 5	Subitise to three	To show an awareness of positional language such as	To develop fast recognition of numbers.	To use relevant
'	_		To show an understanding of 1:1 counting to 5.	Repeat an A-B-A repeating	under/behind/ next to/over/ on top of.	To begin to make sensible	mathematical vocabulary when talking about
				pattern.		comparisons between objects relating to size,	learning.
				To select and use shapes appropriately in play,		length, weight and capacity.	To begin to describe a sequence of events
				combining them to make		. ,	accurately.
				models		To begin to describe a sequence of events	
						accurately.	
		To count up to 5 objects	To be able to count to 10	To find the total of 2	To use objects to solve	To know that addition and	To know addition and
		with 1:1 correspondence	independently	groups of objects	addition and subtraction problems	subtraction problems can be solved by counting	subtraction problems can be solved by counting
		To match quantities to numeral	To order numbers to 10	To begin to explore number bonds to 5	To use non-standard units	forwards or backwards on a number line	forwards or backwards on a number line
	on		To identify 2D shapes and		to measure length, weight		
	Reception	To begin to recognise numbers automatically on	talk about their properties	To be able to count to 20 independently	and capacity	To use rulers to measure length, scales to measure	To use rulers to measure length, scales to measure
	Rec	a dice/card to 5	To count up to 10 objects	тиерепиенну	To share objects between a	weight and jugs/containers	weight and jugs/containers
		To show numbers up to 5	with 1:1 correspondence		group of people equally	to measure capacity	to measure capacity
		on fingers	To show numbers up to 10		To explore number bonds	To make observations of	To count beyond 20
			on fingers		to 5	and compare length, weight and capacity	

EYFS Knowledge Progression – Physical Development

Physical Development

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	To take care of toileting	To independently put on	To use scissors with one	To hold the pencil correctly	To run skilfully and be able	To be secure in holding the
	needs independently.	their coats, with some support for the zipper and	hand.	using a tripod grip.	to negotiate space.	pencil, using the tripod grip and forming letters and
	To begin to show a	buttons.	To mark make in sensory	To begin to form numbers	To copy some letters of	numbers mostly
	preference for a dominant hand.	To copy dance moves and	trays and also copy different patterns.	and familiar letters, e.g. letters in their name.	name independently	independently.
		to move to different kinds			To jump and land with two	To independently write
	To find own boots, coat, water bottle	of rhythms.	To mark make using a comfortable grip when	Using balancing apparatus.	feet together and knees bent.	their name.
_		To use mark making	using pencils and pens.	To mark make using a		To confidently use scissors
Nursery	To climb apparatus safely.	resources with increasing independence.	To move in different ways,	comfortable grip when using pencils and pens.	To show awareness of healthy food choices and	and other tools safely.
~	Use large muscle		e.g. climbing, running,		impact on our body.	Show awareness of good
	movement to wave	Use finger isolation in	jumping etc. in order to	Use alternate feet when		oral health
	streamers and flags	finger rhymes.	develop gross motor skills.	using stepping stones, or climbing steps.		
	To begin to show	To remember sequences of	To hold jugs and containers			
	awareness of moving	movement	confidently and pour from			
	equipment safely with		one container into another.			
	peers.	To steer ride ons around				
		the garden	Trace over letters of name			
	To draw circles and radials					
	To use a dominant hand.	To begin to use anticlockwise movement	To show good practice with regard to exercise, eating,	To handle tools, objects, construction and malleable	To use a pencil effectively to form recognisable	To show good control and co-ordination in large and
	To begin to form	and retrace vertical lines.	sleeping and hygiene.	materials safely and with	letters, most of which are	small movements
	recognisable letters which			increasing control.	formed correctly.	
٦	are formed mostly	To use climbing equipment	To be able to balance and			
Reception	correctly.	safely and competently.	coordinate safely.			
Re	To use climbing equipment	To negotiate space	To negotiate space			
	safely and competently.	effectively.	effectively.			
	To begin to negotiate space					
	effectively.					

EYFS Knowledge Progression – Communication and Language

Communication and Language

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	To sing rhymes and look at	Pay attention.	Understands two part	Enjoy listening to longer	Uses sentences of four to	Able to express an opinion.
	picture books.		instructions	stories and can remember	six words.	
	_ ,, , ,, ,,			much of what happens.		Uses talk to organise play-
	To talk about the different	To listen to, and follow	Can answer "why"		Can use the correct	based
	characters and what they	simple instructions.	questions	Uses a variety of questions	pronouns for he / she	Can use functional and
	are doing.	Use phrases such as "Stop	Use phrases to join play	Uses adult as a source of	Use a wider range of	expressive languages
		it. I don't like it"	Ose piliases to join play	knowledge.	vocabulary	expressive languages
	To talk about themselves	it, i doli t like it	To begin to use a wide	Knowledge.	vocabulary	Uses language for
	and their families.	Answer my name clearly	range of vocabulary in the	To listen to traditional	To listen to traditional	imaginative play-based
		for the resister	correct context.	stories and retain key	stories and retain key	Starting to introduce a
	Develop communication			vocabulary.	vocabulary.	story into play.
_	that can be understood by		To talk in short sentences			
Sel	others.		that others can	To be able to talk about the	To be able to answer	Starting to use correct
Nursery			understand.	setting, characters and the	questions and share	verbs
	To enjoy listening to			structure of the story.	opinions using the relevant	T 1: 1:00
	interactive stories in a small group.		To listen to, and follow		vocabulary.	To listen to different
	sman group.		simple instructions and	To be able to use	To be able to talk about the	Nursery rhymes and be able to join in, singing
			respond to questions	connectives e.g. Once upon	setting, characters and the	words confidently and
			appropriately.	a time and then.	structure of the story.	clearly.
			,		,	,
				To listen to, and follow	To be able to use	To be able to answer
			Ask before taking	simple instructions and	connectives e.g. Once upon	questions and share
			something	respond to questions	a time and then.	opinions using the relevant
				appropriately.		vocabulary.
					Use language of past and	
	To talk about themselves	To know about different	To know different	To know different features	present tense To name and sort a range	To know different life
	and others.	festivals.	traditional stories.	of texts.	of living things.	cycles.
	and others.	iestivais.	traditional stories.	or texts.	or living trinigs.	cycles.
٦	To sing songs.	To be able to talk about	To know a range of healthy	To talk confidently about	To be able to talk about	To know a range of facts.
l ğ	0 0	how different people help	food and exercise.	why things happen using	different habitats.	
Reception	To speak about a range of	us.		new vocabulary learnt.		To engage in meaningful
ř	texts.		Express their ideas and		To engage in meaningful	conversations with others.
		To begin to talk about why	feelings about their	To engage in meaningful	conversations with others.	
		things happen using new	experiences.	conversations with others.		
		vocabulary learnt				

EYFS Knowledge Progression – Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	To separate from main	To learn about daily	To learn how to share	To show independence in	To be able to initiate play	To gain enough confidence
	carer and learn to adapt to	routines and classroom	resources and play in a	accessing and exploring the	with peers and keep play	to talk to adults and peers.
	the Nursery environment.	rules.	group.	environment.	going by giving ideas.	
						To begin to be assertive
	To select and use activities	Responds and uses "Stop it,	To learn to look after	To independently put on	To become more outgoing	towards others where
	and resources, with some support if needed.	I don't like it"	resources within the class.	coats and use the toilet.	with unfamiliar people.	necessary.
		Develop sense of	Can put resources back in	Developing ways of being	Aware of how others feels	
	To wash hands after using	community and belonging.	the right place.	assertive.		To show an awareness of
	the toilet.				Tries to solve conflicts	the importance of oral
l A		To be aware of behavioural		To listen to, and follow	To show more confidence	health.
Nursery	Find own boots and coat.	expectations in the	To listen to, and follow	rules set.	in new social situations.	
Z		Nursery.	rules set.			Follow rules independently,
	Notices if another child is			- 1 6	- 1	without adult intervention.
	upset.	Able to "Take turns at the	To belon become coldilated alording	To learn to look after	To show an awareness of	
	81 1 11 1	bus stop"	To take turns whilst playing	resources within the class.	how others may be feeling.	Make healthy food choices
	Play alongside other children	Put on own coat with	and waiting patiently to have a go. Uses the sand	To name and label	Talk about what makes you	Play with one or more
	children	support	timer.	emotions.	feel happy, sad, angry or	children, elaborating and
		зиррогі	unier.	emotions.	worried.	extending play ideas
			Use phrases to join play	Respond to others ideas		",
				and suggestions	Help do up own zip	
	To describe a friend.	To learn about a range of	To learn right from wrong.	To understand that people	To describe a range of	To learn about the
	To know and demonstrate	different festivals.		need help.	different habitats around	different family structures.
	friendly behaviour.		To understand how to		the world.	
_		To learn about important	make the right choices and	To identify ways of being		
ţ	To understand how to be a	dates in their lives.	the consequences of not	helpful to others and how		
Reception	good friend.		making the right ones.	this will make them feel.		
"	To learn to join in with					
	whole group activities.					
	To choose an activity					
	independently.					

EYFS Knowledge Progression – Understanding the World

Understanding the World

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	To be able to talk about	To know that everyone has	Talk about what they see	Explore different forces	To listen to traditional	To know where some
	their body parts and what	a birthday and they are	using a wider range of	they can feel	stories such as Goldilocks	different products come
	the function is of each part.	usually celebrated in a	vocabulary		and Three Little Pigs and	from.
		similar manner around the		To learn about different	talk about the habitats.	
	To be able to identify	world.	To explore the different	modes of transportation,		Talk about where food
	similarities and differences		jobs that people in our	local area and natural	Make comparisons	comes from and bake a
	between themselves and	Explore collections of	families do. How do these	environment.	between habitats of farm	range of things.
	peers.	materials with similar or	people help us?		animals and wild animals.	
		different properties	- II I	Begin to make sense of	- II I II II	Use terms such as
	To use senses to explore		Talk about seasons/	their own life story and	Talk about the life cycle of	mountain, river, sea,
	the world around them.	0	weather	family history	a plant and animals.	ocean, land, cloud, hills
<u>≥</u>	To make self-portraits.	Operate simple equipment	Explore how things work	Show an interest in	Plant seeds and care for	Talk about changes from
Nursery	To make sell-portraits.	e.g. turn on CD player or use a remote control.	Explore now things work	different occupations	growing plants	solid to liquid – melting,
Ž	Begin to use a Now and	use a remote control.	Exploring properties of ice /	different occupations	growing plants	thawing, freezing.
	next board as a simple time	Choose correct resources	water.	To use senses to explore	Understand the need to	thawing, meezing.
	line to emphasize what	to carry out a plan	water.	the world around them.	show care and respect for	Make playdough together
	happens now (the present)	to sarry out a plan	Develop positive attitudes	and world around them.	the environment and all	make playabagh together
	,	Start to create imaginary	about the differences	Describe a familiar route	living things	Know there are different
	Talk about prepositions	worlds with resources	between different people			countries in the World. Play
			and cultures.	Use prepositions	Foster an interest in the	with maps and globes.
					World / Space.	
			Look at different types of			Talk about different
			weather and the clothing		Talk about different	landscapes.
			we need.		materials, plastic, wood etc	
	To talk about how they	To talk about how Hindus	To identify and sort	To talk about where food	Talking about the life cycle	Making maps to direct
	have changed since they	celebrate Diwali.	healthy/unhealthy foods.	comes from.	of plants and animals and	friends to a 'goal'. Exploring
	were a baby.		,,,		what they need to survive.	maps of the world.
_	,	To talk about the Nativity	To identify and group a		,	·
i.	To talk about the changes	Story and Christianity.	range of fruits and		Exploring a range of	To talk about the changes
Reception	they observe in their		vegetables.		habitats, looking at why the	in water
l se	environment – Seasons	To be able to talk about the			animal lives like that.	
	link.	different jobs that adults	To talk about a special			To explore and discuss
		do and how they can help	event in their life.			objects floating and
		us.				sinking.

EYFS Knowledge Progression – Expressive Art and Design

Expressive Arts and Design

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Listening to and join in with	Sing familiar Nursery	To use scissors effectively.	To learn about different	To use puppets and props	Sing familiar Nursery
	Nursery rhymes and use	Rhymes.		textures and talk about	to act out different	Rhymes alongside playing
	musical instruments to tap		To begin to act out	them.	traditional stories	instruments and follow the
	out a rhythm.	To make Christmas cards	different scenarios using			rhythm.
		and decorations using a	props to enhance	Feely bag activities with	Sing familiar songs in the	
	Uses various construction	range of media.	imaginative play.	different objects for	correct tone and changing	To listen to music and
	materials.			children to feel and	melody if appropriate.	create movements to the
		To make patterns with	Sing familiar songs or make	describe.		different beats.
	Play alongside others	paint and different objects,	up own songs.		Uses available resources to	
	engaged in the same theme	exploring what happens		To engage in role play by	create props to support	Sings songs using correct
	of play-based	when you mix colours	Beginning to construct,	making stick puppets of	role-play.	pitch and melody.
			stacking blocks vertically	different story characters.		
Nursery	Enjoy small world play.	Joins construction pieces	and horizontally, making	e. 6 di	To use available props to	To construct with bricks
l I		together to build and	enclosures and creating	Sing familiar Nursery	develop stories and make	and blocks to make an
2		balance.	spaces.	Rhymes.	imaginative play more	enclosure.
	objects	_		5 lt . l . l	purposeful.	5 1 1mm
		Construct with purpose.	To play instruments with	Realises tools can be used	To show different emotions	Explore different materials
			increasing control.	for a purpose.		freely, using them with a
		Engage in different sensory	Duild with summatry	To create closed shapes	in pictures clearly.	purpose.
		play.	Build with symmetry.	with continuous lines which	To draw with increasing	Start to choose colours for
			Understands building need	represent objects that can	control, representing	
			a wide firm base.	be spoken about or	features and detail clearly.	purpose
			a wide iii ii base.	identified.	reacures and detail clearry.	To give voices to characters
				identified.	Represent emotions in	and develop imaginative
					different ways through	play.
					different media	piay.
	To remember the words to	To design a Rangoli	To draw and or print with a	To use a range of resources	To use what they have	They safely use and explore
	a range of songs.	pattern.	range of plants and fruits.	to create own props to aid	learnt about media and	a variety of materials, tools
			-	role play.	materials in an original way	and techniques,
L.	To give meaning to the	To use role play to show	To use resources to create		and be able to explain their	experimenting with colour,
ptic	marks that are made.	how 'People who Help Us'.	own props.	Manipulates materials to	choices.	design, texture, form and
Reception				achieve a planned effect.		function.
2		Uses simple tools and	Constructs with a purpose		Selects appropriate	
		techniques competently	in mind, using a variety of		resources and adapts work	
		and appropriately.	resources.		where necessary.	