



EYFS at Essex

Intent

At Essex Primary School, our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum is designed to nurture and support the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual growth of young children. Our aim is to provide a safe, stimulating environment that encourages children to discover, be challenged, consolidate and achieve their best. We believe that every child is unique and valued, and we strive to provide individualised learning experiences that cater to each child's unique needs, interests, and starting point. Our curriculum is built around seven main areas of learning:

The Prime Areas:

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

The Specific Areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts

Implementation

At Essex, we implement these areas of learning through a combination of adult-led, teacher-taught, whole-class, group, and individual support. Our goal for our young learners is to instil the key characteristics of "Playing and Exploring", "Active Learning", and "Thinking Critically" which will serve them throughout their educational journey and beyond. We take the time to get to know our families and children well and use their interests and knowledge to inspire and support their learning.

Our learning environments, both indoors and outdoors, are designed to meet the different and developing needs of our children. We are passionate about ensuring that all our children can share their feelings and work with them to support any worries or concerns, as we fully believe that happy children learn.

We regularly assess our children through accurate observations, which inform future planning and their individual next steps in learning. This enables us to ensure that learning is consistent and embedded and that all children continue to make the best possible progress within our EYFS setting.

Impact

The impact of our provision is evident in the happy, inquisitive learners who leave Reception with a good level of development, ready for the new challenges of Year 1. It's also wonderful that parents are giving positive feedback, which can help support other new parents who are considering joining the school community. It's truly a privilege to be part of such an important stage in children's development, and it's fantastic that the dedicated staff are working tirelessly to deliver the best possible outcomes for all of the children.

Enrichment

We commemorate various special occasions and events at our school, fostering a vibrant and engaging learning environment. Our celebrations include the Nativity, which enriches their creativity and imagination. Additionally, we enhance learning experiences through unique activities such as dinosaur workshops and captivating storytelling sessions. These events contribute to a rich and diverse educational journey for our children, making each celebration a memorable and enjoyable part of their school experience. Furthermore, our students benefit from interactive experiences with the fire brigade and police officers. This broadens their knowledge and strengthens their sense of community engagement.