






# St Mary's Church of England Primary School – EYFS AREAS OF LEARNING 2023-2024







<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>Children's personal, social and emotional development (PSED) is <b>crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives</b>, and is fundamental to their cognitive development. Underpinning their personal development are the important attachments that <b>shape their social world</b>. Strong, warm and supportive relationships with adults enable children to learn how to <b>understand their own feelings and those of others</b>. Children should be supportive to <b>manage emotions, develop a positive sense of self, set themselves simple goals, have confidence in their own abilities, to persist</b> and wait for what they want, and direct attention as necessary. Through adult modelling and guidance, they will learn <b>how to look after their bodies, including healthy eating</b>, and manage personal needs independently. Through supported interaction with other children, they learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peaceably. These attributes will provide a secure platform from which <b>children can achieve at school and in later life</b>.</p>
<p>Communication and Language</p> 	<p>The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. Children's <b>back-and-forth interactions</b> from an early age form the foundations for language and cognitive development. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a <b>language-rich environment</b> is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing, and echoing back what they say with <b>new vocabulary added</b>, practitioners will build children's language effectively. <b>Reading frequently to children</b>, and <b>engaging them actively in stories</b>, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and <b>embed new words in a range of contexts</b>, will give children the opportunity to thrive. Through conversation, story-telling and role play, where children <b>share their ideas</b> with support and <b>modelling</b> from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate, children become comfortable using <b>a rich range of vocabulary and language structures</b>.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<p>Physical activity is <b>vital</b> in children's all-round development, enabling them <b>to pursue happy, healthy and active lives</b>. Gross and fine motor experiences develop incrementally throughout early childhood, starting with sensory explorations and the development of a <b>child's strength, co-ordination and positional awareness</b> through an active lifestyle. By creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, adults can support children to develop their <b>core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility</b>. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being. <b>Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination</b>, which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, art and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop <b>proficiency, control and confidence</b>.</p>
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>It is crucial for children to develop <b>a life-long love of reading</b>. Reading consists of two dimensions: <b>language comprehension and word reading</b>. Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and <b>enjoy nursery rhymes, poems and songs together</b>. Skilled word reading, taught later, involves both <b>speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words (decoding)</b></p>



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	and the speedy recognition of familiar printed words. Writing involves transcription (spelling and handwriting) and composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech, before writing.)
<b>Maths</b> 	Developing a <b>strong grounding in number</b> is essential so that all children develop the necessary <b>building blocks</b> to excel mathematically. Children should be able to <b>count confidently</b> , develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, the <b>relationships between them</b> and the patterns within those numbers. By providing frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply this understanding – such as using manipulatives, including small pebbles and tens frames for organising counting – children will develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary from which <b>mastery of mathematics</b> is built. In addition, it is important that the curriculum includes <b>rich opportunities for children to develop their spatial reasoning</b> skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures. It is important that children <b>develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics</b> , look for <b>patterns and relationships</b> , <b>spot connections</b> , <b>‘have a go’</b> , <b>talk to adults</b> and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes.
<b>Understanding the World</b> 	Understanding the world involves guiding children to <b>make sense of their physical world and their community</b> . The frequency and range of children’s personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of the society, such as firefighters, nurses and police officers. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children’s vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b> 	The development of children’s artistic and cultural awareness supports <b>their imagination and creativity</b> . It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of <b>media and materials</b> . The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their <b>understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through arts</b> . The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe. Give children an insight into the new musical worlds. Invite musicians in to play music to the children and talk about it. Encourage children to listen attentively to music. Discuss changes and patterns as a piece of music develops.



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<b>Religious Education</b>	Creation 'Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?	Which stories are special and why? <b>(Old Testament)</b>  Incarnation Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?	Which stories are special and why? <b>(New Testament)</b>	Salvation Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?	Which stories are special and why? (World faith)	Which stories are special and why? (World faith)
<b>PSHE</b> 	<b>Being me in my world</b>  Self-identity Understanding feelings Being in a classroom Being gentle Rights and responsibilities	<b>Celebrating Difference</b>  Identifying talents Being special Families Where we live Making friends Standing up for yourself	<b>Dreams and Goals</b>  Challenges Perseverance Goal-setting Overcoming obstacles Seeking help Jobs Achieving goals	<b>Healthy Me</b>  Exercising bodies Physical activity Healthy food Sleep Keeping clean Safety	<b>Relationships</b>  Family life Friendships Breaking friendships Falling out Dealing with bullying Being a good friend	<b>Changing Me</b>  Bodies Respecting my body Growing up Growth and change Fun and fears Celebrations
<b>Music</b>	Set up continuous provision in the classroom	Celebration music	Exploring sound	Music and movement	Musical stories	Big band



## Early Learning Goals – END OF THE YEAR



Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Communication and Language	Physical Development	Literacy	Maths	Understanding of the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<p><b>Self-Regulation</b> Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate. Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability.</p> <p><b>Managing Self</b> Be confident to try new activities and show independence,</p>	<p><b>Listening, Attention and Understanding</b> Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.</p> <p><b>Speaking</b> Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions,</p>	<p><b>Gross Motor</b> Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others. -Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing. -Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.</p> <p><b>Fine Motor</b> Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases; - Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery; - Begin to</p>	<p><b>Comprehension</b> Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories. Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.</p> <p><b>Word Reading</b> Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10</p>	<p><b>Number</b> Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5. Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.</p> <p><b>Numerical Patterns</b> Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the</p>	<p><b>Past and Present</b> Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.</p> <p><b>People, Culture and Communities</b> Describe their immediate</p>	<p><b>Creating with Materials</b> Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.</p> <p><b>Being Imaginative and Expressive</b> Invent, adapt and recount narratives</p>



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<p>resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.</p> <p><b>Building Relationships</b> Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others. Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers. Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.</p>	<p>offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.</p>	<p>show accuracy and care when drawing.</p>	<p>digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.</p> <p><b>Writing</b> Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.</p>	<p>pattern of the counting system. Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.</p>	<p>environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.</p> <p><b>The Natural World</b> Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and</p>	<p>and stories with peers and their teacher. Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.</p>
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