

# Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

## Information for Parents and Carers

### What Is the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework?

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework is a government document that all schools and Ofsted-registered early years providers in England must follow. It sets standards for the learning, development and care of your child from birth to 5 years old. The standards ensure your child will learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe.

### ★ What Will My Child Be Learning?

The EYFS framework outlines seven areas of learning and development and educational programmes. There are three **prime** areas of learning, which are particularly important for your child's development and future learning:

communication and language

personal, social and emotional development

physical development

There are four **specific** areas of learning, through which the prime areas are strengthened and applied:

literacy

mathematics

understanding the world

expressive arts and design

Early years practitioners also use your child's needs and interests to plan challenging and enjoyable activities and experiences.

### ★ How Will My Child Be Learning?

The EYFS framework identifies the essential role of play in your child's development. It is through both child-initiated play and play guided by an adult that your child will develop confidence and relationships with others. Through play, EYFS practitioners will help your child to extend their vocabulary and develop their communication skills.

The EYFS framework identifies three characteristics of effective teaching and learning:

playing and exploring

active learning

creating and thinking critically

A greater focus on teaching specific skills will occur as your child progresses through FS2, which will help them to prepare for year one.

### ★ How Will I Know How My Child Is Doing at Markeaton Primary School?

In FS2 we use observations to share your child's achievements through Tapestry, our online learning journey. We use our professional knowledge to understand your child's level of development. If we have any concerns about your child's progress, we will discuss these with you.

Two formal assessments take place during the FS2:

- Reception Baseline Assessment (at the start of the reception year)
- Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (at the end of the EYFS)

We will share further information about the EYFSP later in the year.



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form of research" 4 5  
- Albert Einstein