

Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth until the end of the Reception year.

It aims to develop each child to their full potential by offering a 'principled, play based approach to learning and development'. Young children learn best through play and Early Years Practitioners will be able to provide your child with appropriate play and learning experiences for their stage of development and help them develop new skills. The activities that are provided for young children will underpin the skills they need to work towards the **Early Learning Goals** at the end of their Reception year at Grangefield. The EYFS curriculum enables practitioners to recognise your child's strengths and areas where they need more support to develop new skills.

The areas of learning and development are broken into seven areas. Three areas are particularly important for igniting children's enthusiasm for learning. These are the three **prime areas** of:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

Leaving four **specific areas** through which the three prime areas are strengthened and applied.

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

All areas of learning and development are important and interconnected and many activities will cover many of the areas. Each area is divided into stages of development and practitioners are able to identify resources and learning opportunities for individual children dependent on their developmental needs.

The EYFS also encourages practitioners and parents/carers to work together. This is an opportunity for you to provide input into your child's development through our online learning journeys and in discussions with your class teacher. At Grangefield we have an open door policy which means we are always ready to help and discuss anything concerning your child's welfare and education.