Birkby Infant & Nursery



School EYFS Curriculum



The Characteristics of Effective Learning

There are 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.
- Thinking Creatively and Critically children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

Each Unique child is an active agent of their own development. The Characteristics of Effective learning represent the active role children adopt as they follow their curiosity and push themselves to become more competent, understand more and are rewarded by the inner satisfaction of mastering new skills and feeling their independence grow.

Whilst the Areas of Learning and Development outline different elements of what children may learn during their first years, The Characteristics of Effective Learning describe how children learn. These learning dispositions, behaviours and habits of mind are particularly important in the EYFS because they build the foundations needed to support children to become lifelong learners and independent thinkers.

Children's emotional wellbeing is the first necessity for effective learning. Children need to feel safe within warm, loving and caring relationships. Through coregulation, over time effective learners develop self-regulation, the ability to regulate their feelings, thoughts and actions towards a goal.

Play and self-initiated activities are ideal opportunities to build Characteristics of Effective Learning. Adults provide an enabling environment for Playing and Exploring through experiences and interactions that respect children's ideas, autonomy and interests. In play children also have opportunities to engage in Active Learning as they are intrinsically motivated towards their goals. Sensitive adults can support resilience by helping children to develop a view that not getting the result they wanted is not a failure but an opportunity to try again, learn and develop and that they can keep on trying and persisting even in the face of challenge or difficulties. As children play they have rich opportunities for Thinking Creatively and Critically.

Adult planned activities can offer scope for children to reinforce and develop their self-regulation and learning powers. They need to be organised to include opportunities for children to explore, follow their interests and think for themselves – building on children's engagement, motivation and both creative and critical thinking.

Reference ; Birth to 5 Matters

Intent	Implementation	Impact	
Prime Area - Communication and Language			
To discriminate and identify familiar, environmental,	Vocabulary book of first 68 words *. All children assessed on entry to nursery/ school given that the majority of children have English as an	Targeted assessment of vocabulary on entry to the setting. Early identification of gaps in vocabulary.	
human, animal or transport sounds. Enjoys rhyming stories, songs and rhymes. Listens to familiar stories and joins in with	additional language. Core books in nursery and reception with repetitive simple texts, progressing to books with more complicated vocabulary. Adults reading frequently	The children will make better progress and be specifically taught the first 68 words* that a child should learn.	
repeated refrains. Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity.	to the children. (Literacy) Core songs and nursery rhymes.(Maths)	(*Taken from Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust Children's Therapy, Speech and Language Department)	
Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.	Discussions about how to be a good listener, pointing out role models in the classroom.	Assessments sheets for the first 48 words will show progress.	
Can follow instructions at a four-word level. Understands 'who, what, where, when and how	Use the colour coding programme as support for children who need help understanding who, what, where, when and why.	Tapestry will be used to record some observations made of children including the child's voice throughout the year showing progression.	
questions'. Shows an understanding of prepositions such as	Lots of practical activities involving prepositions.(Maths)	The children will have been exposed to a wide range of vocabulary and be able to express their feelings, ideas and concerns.	
'under', 'on top' or 'behind'.	Use of photographs to help children retell past events including those from home. (UW)	The children will be able to hold conversations and	
Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation. Can retell a past event in the correct order.	Adults in the provision to model turn taking in conversation and commenting on what is happening during play to give children the vocabulary and sentence structure to talk about	encouraged to participate in group discussions. Pupil progress meetings will demonstrate progress for each child.	
Uses talk to explain what is happening and anticipatewhat might happen next.	what they are doing. (PSED)	Children who are successful learners and communicators grow up to be healthier adults.	

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Ask questions to find out more and check they understand what has been said to them. Can take turns in conversations. Can speak in sentences. Begin to use a range of tenses. Can use vocabulary that reflects their experiences. Extend vocabulary, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations. Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play. Retell a story. Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.	A wide variety of books available for the children including non- fiction. (UW) Puppets and role play props available in the continuous provision. A home corner in each classroom to encourage children to recreate roles and experiences. (EAD)	"Strong communication and language skills in the early years are linked with success in education, higher levels of qualifications, higher wages and better health. (The Institute of Health Equity 2020) Educational endowment foundation found that at 5 years old, there is a 17 month gap between the vocabulary of the most and least disadvantaged children.

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Prime Area - Personal Social and Emotional Development			
To develop strong relationships with their peers and adults in the classroom.	Talk about what makes a good friend. Stories to support this. Children will be taught how to co-operate with each other and resolve conflicts.	All of the children will have been given the vocabulary/ tools to enable them to express their feelings, be able to seek out help and resolve	
Self-regulation and Executive function	(Lit, CLL)	conflicts.	
Executive function – develop the ability to; Hold information in their mind	Staff to build strong relationships with the children to build up their confidence. To sensitively support	Language development is central to self- regulation; children use language to guide their	
Focus attention, Regulate behaviour, Plan what to do next	children so that they are willing to have a go. Skilled staff to know how much support to give a child so that the child is being supported as well	actions and plans. Pretend play gives many opportunities for children to focus their thinking, persist and plan ahead.	
These abilities will contribute to the child's growing ability to self-regulate;	as challenged. Children will be encouraged to share personal	They will have knowledge of how to support their overall health including exercise and good	
Focus their thinking	milestones with the class. (CLL,Lit, UW)	oral hygiene.	
Monitor what they are doing and adapt	Staff will be aware of children who access the	We want the children to have high aspirations and	
Regulate strong feelings	same areas of provision and encourage them to try new activities. Adapting the provision to	develop resilience to help them overcome any barriers they may face.	
Be patient for what they want	spark interest.		
Bounce back when things get difficult	Children will be specifically taught the correct		
*Working with the revised EYFS Principles into Practice by Julian Grenier	vocabulary for them to be able to express their feelings. Use of circle times, small group activities and feeling fans where children are unable to		
To have a positive sense of self and have confidence in their own abilities.	express themselves verbally. (CLL) Introduction of the school rules and clear		
Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Have a can do attitude.	explanations of why we have them. Modelling of correct behaviours and staff on hand to show children how to react in certain situations e.g		

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Be confident to try new activities and show independence.	when someone else has a toy that they	
Show high levels of involvement and are not easily distracted.	would like to play with. The term, 'sharing' to a lot of children means that if they see a toy	
Children challenge themselves and enjoy meeting those challenges.	that they want and the other child does not	
Shows satisfaction in meeting their own goals.	hand it over to them immediately then the child is not sharing.	
Express their feelings and are sensitive to the feelings of others.	Adults in the provision to upskill the children	
To know the school rules and understand the reasons why we have these. To know that there are rules beyond school (laws). To know right from wrong and adjust their behaviour.	on how to deal with conflicts. Modelling of how to ask for help. Specific phrases and vocabulary taught.	
To follow instructions at a four word level. Be able to seek out adult attention and articulate their need and wants. Recognise that they	Specific lessons taught around different celebrations.	
belong to different communities and that there are children who have different beliefs to theirs and are sensitive to this.	The use of Tapestry to share photos uploaded by parents of children celebrating	
<u>*Also in Physical Development</u>	different events.	
To know and talk about the factors that support their overall health:		
Regular physical exercise		
Healthy eating- also how to use a knife and fork		
Toothbrushing – good oral hygiene		
Sensible amounts of screen time, Having a good sleep routine, Being safe when crossing the road		
Toileting skills, Independently manage their own care need such as brushing their teeth, using the toileting and hand washing.		
Be able to eat independently using a knife and fork.		

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Prime Area - Physical Development		
Gross Motor skills	Large boxes available, tunnels used in the outdoor play equipment, den making in the outdoor	Children will have improved fine and gross motor skills.
Explore tunnels, dens and large boxes.	classroom as well as opportunities in	The children will know how to keep
Develop fundamental movement skills such as crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping,	the classroom.	themselves healthy.
skipping and climbing.	Discrete physical education lessons in the large hall and outdoors in the ball court.	Monitoring by PE lead will show progression.
Navigate stairs confidently using alternate feet.	Use of play equipment in the large playground,	Evidence of healthy home practices can be shared by parents on Tapestry.
Develop overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.	climbing ropes, stairs etc.	
Confidently and safely use a wide range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside.	Trikes, balance bikes and scooters available for children to practice their skills, along with the appropriate safety equipment. Discussions about how to keep safe.	
Develop movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.	Balance bike training by outside agencies.	
Develop core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or floor.	Use of chairs and tables with children shown how to sit correctly.	
To know and talk about the factors that support their overall health:	Through stories, specific lessons, sharing of different types of food that they children eat,	
Regular physical exercise	discussions about school dinners.	
Healthy eating- also how to use a knife and fork	Toothbrush and toothpaste given out to every child in EYFS. Modelling by adults of how to brush their	
Toothbrushing – good oral hygiene	teeth. Stickers sent home to encourage regular brushing. Use of Tapestry to show photographs of	
Sensible amounts of screen time	children brushing their teeth at home.	
Having a good sleep routine		

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 Being safe when crossing the road Toileting skills Independently manage their own care need such as brushing their teeth, using the toileting and hand washing. Be able to eat independently using a knife and fork. Fine Motor Skills Develop good hand eye co-ordination and use one handed tools and equipment. Confidently build structures with blocks or boxes. Use a tripod grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. Independently get dressed, putting on jumpers, coats, fastening buttons and doing up zips. Complete jigsaws of up to 20 pieces. 	Lessons on how to use the toilets at school and correct handwashing procedures. Knives and forks used in the home corner and playdough areas. Lots of one-handed tools and equipment out in the provision. Different levels of scissors available to build up skills. Use of hole punches and treasury tags etc. Modelling by staff of how to use these and what they could be used for as many children will not have used such equipment. Rewards for those who can put on their own clothes. Challenges sent home for those needing further support. Adults to support in the classroom. Jigsaws of different challenges available in the provision.	

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Prime Area - Literacy		
 Launchpad for Literacy: Rhyming – To join in with rhyming stories and songs. Fill in gaps during songs and rhymes. Sings rhymes from memory. Match words that rhyme. Auditory Blending – Be able to blend compound words. Blend 2,3 and 4 syllable words. To blend and read phonetically decodable words. Auditory memory for Understanding – To follow instructions at 3,4 and then 5-word level. Auditory memory- Can discriminate between environmental, animal or transport sounds. Can carry out rhythmical, beat and simple body percussion activities. To copy two instruments from a choice of 6 in any order without visual support. To repeat 3 phonemes, numbers or words. Visual Attention and Discrimination – Notice detail in busy pictures in books and jigsaws. Can track lines of objects from left to right. Can find their name from a choice even when some start with the same letter. 	Create work stations in classrooms (when needed) where children can work with an adult one to one where visual distractions have been reduced. (Recommended in Children's Therapy services – Attention and Listening in the Early Years by Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS trust) Launchpad For Literacy should be integrated within the quality first teaching. A core set of nursery rhymes will be learnt in nursery (for those attending our nursery) and built upon in reception. (EAD) Introduce a variety of books with rhymes as well as digital recordings of them. Make up rhymes about daily routines or in activities in the continuous provision. (EAD) A variety of common everyday objects which make a sound as well as listening to environmental sounds in the school. Provide instruments for children to experiment with so that they are familiar with the sound each instrument makes. Use of upcycled resources to use as instruments. (EAD)	 Diagnostic ability to identify early language problems. Clear skill progression steps to address the gaps in language. Staff are trained in Launchpad for Literacy and have a bank of ideas to support each skill step. Activities can be used within the provision during quality first teaching. Children's early literacy skills will improve, gaps will be addressed. Discrete phonic sessions taught using an approved synthetic approach. Evidence of progress in children's literacy books, pupil progress meetings and from formative assessments. Whole school monitoring.

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Inference and prediction – can lift less obvious meaning from pictures. Can discriminate between similar letters and numbers.	Include familiar environmental print in the role play area.	
<u>Visual Memory –</u> To recognise an object depicted in a photograph and then a coloured picture.	Provide fact and fiction books that children can access in all areas. Provide books containing photographs that children can share with adults, peers and read on their own.	
To recognise something when shown an incomplete object. To play Kim's game with a set of 6 similar objects.	Add child made books and adult-scribed children's stories to the book area. (UW, CLL, EAD)	
To paly Kim's game with a set of 4 then 6 dissimilar objects. To sequence 2 then 3 objects I have seen without	Core stories to be taught in nursery and reception some containing repetitive text and others with more challenging vocabulary.	
auditory support.	Provide puppets / props for stories so that children can retell them.	
To recognise single graphemes and know the phonemes they make.	Provide playful, multi-sensory and creative experiences and games that promote children's interest in reading and in developing phonic skills	
To recognise and write their name.	and knowledge.	
To recognise single graphemes and know the phonemes they make.	Ensure decodable texts are in the book area. Introduce systematic phonic sessions in fun ways that capture	
To recognise some high frequency sight vocabulary.	children's interest, sustain motivation and reinforce learning.	
To recognise digraphs and numbers.	(References from Birth to 5 Matters document).	
<u>Reading –</u> Recognises signs and logos (supermarkets etc)		
Enjoys a range of books both fiction and non-fiction.	Discrete phonic sessions taught using an approved synthetic approach.	
Holds a book the correct way up, opens the book at the front cover.	 "Systematic teaching of phonics, grammar, spelling and punctuation across the school years. 	
Shows anticipation of what is going to happen by turning the pages independently.	 Teaching is multi-sensory and active, with fun actions, stories and songs. 	

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Can indicate correctly pictures of characters and objects in response to questions such as "Where is?"	 Independent research supports the outstanding results achieved around the world with the programme." 	
Use nouns and verbs to describe the picture.	Jolly Phonic Programme	
Repeat words or phrases from familiar stories.	Provide a range of accessible materials and tools for writing as part	
Can say a short sentence about the picture.	of everyday play activity. Set up environments of offices, shop, home corner with greetings cards etc so the children engage in literacy	
Can retell a familiar story.	events in which they spontaneously participate. (UW,EAD, CLL)	
Can name the different parts of a book.	Scribe children's stories, re-read and enact their stories in small groups.	
Read individual letters by saying sounds for them.	Involve children when you make lists or write notes and messages.	
To recognise digraphs.		
Reads CVC words.	Adults to think out loud and talk through what they are doing when writing or typing on screen.	
Match lower case and capital letters.	Provide word banks, notebooks, clipboards, post its and other	
Points to words on a page tracking from left to right.	writing resources.	
Understands page sequencing (left pages come before right)	Provide a range of opportunities to write for different purposes about things that interest children.	
Recognises repeated words such as character names or common high frequency words.		
Reads a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme.		
Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound blending.		

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Reads simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter sound correspondences and where necessary a few common exception words.		
Re-read books to build up their confidence in word eading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.		
Re-read sentences that they have written to check if they make sense.		
Writing - Gives meaning to their drawings and paintings.		
Includes mark making and early writing in their play.		
Begins to make letter-type shapes to represent the		
initial sound of their name and other familiar words.		
To develop phonic knowledge by linking sounds to letters, naming and sounding some of the letters of the alphabet, identifying letters and writing recognisable letters in a sequence such as in their own name.		
To write initial and final sounds in words.		
To write cvc words.		
Use their developing phonic knowledge to write		
things such as labels and captions progressing to simple sentences.		
To write for a range of purposes. To read their writing back to check that it makes sense.		
To form letters correctly.		

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Prime Area - Mathematical Development		·	
Take part in number rhymes and songs.	Core number sings and rhymes will be introduced	Teaching will have provided the children with a	
Count in everyday contexts.	to the children along with puppets/ props for the rhymes.	deep understanding of foundational concepts such as subitising.	
Complete jigsaws and inset puzzles.	Core number songs: 5 speckled frogs, 5	The children will have an understanding of the	
Notice patterns and arrange things in patterns. Is interested in what happens next using the pattern	little ducks, 5 currant buns, 5 little men in a flying saucer.	composition of numbers to 10.	
of everyday routines. Talk about patterns in the environment. E.g stripes on clothes, designs on rugs etc.	A variety of jigsaws in the provision. Encourage perseverance and model how to manipulate pieces.(PSED)	Each child will have an individual assessment sheet for maths which will show progress throughout the year. The children will have made significant improvements in their mathematical	
Uses familiar objects to create and recreate repeating patterns.	Pointing out patterns in the environment. (UW,EAD)	understanding. Whole school monitoring to ensure the impact of	
To sort objects into sets such as colour, size or shape.	Help children choose shapes for a purpose. Look at how shapes can be partitioned.	the curriculum. We have chosen the White Rose because:	
To recognise which set has more/less.	Demonstrate arranging objects in spatial	"The White Rose Maths approach focuses	
To share amounts equally.	patterns when building, collaging or playing with loose parts.	on maths mastery — children are taught to fully grasp topics, not just scrape the surface, so by	
Build with a range of resources.	A variety of objects in the provision to create	the time they move on to more advanced lessons	
Compare length, distance, weight and capacity.	repeating patterns.	they have a deep understanding of foundational concepts. As a result, children benefit from	
To use the vocabulary related to time, sequencing events/timetables and knowing days of the week.	Support children in their problem solving when they are creating rail tracks or block play.	improved learning retention and they develop mathematical understanding, reasoning and problem-solving abilities that will stay with them	
To talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes	Use meaningful opportunities and those in play	life." White Rose Website	
Understand and use positional language.	to compare by length, weight, capacity and time using comparative language. (LIT,CLL,EAD,UW)		
To recognise numbers to 20 and some beyond.			

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To recognise numicon pieces to 10 and use them to solve problems. To recognise odd and	Encourage children to describe position and give directions in play and everyday routines.	
even numbers. To use a 5 frame then 10 frame to organise counting etc.	Model and encourage counting and representing numbers within role play e.g making a telephone call using a list of numbers, writing numbers on birthday cards.	
Subitising-	Play games that involve counting forwards and backwards.	
Children will learn to see small amounts without counting. Not just the total but the	In everyday activities ask children to count out a number of things from a group.	
amounts within. This will be used to recognise amounts up to 10.	Talk with children about the strategies they have used to solve a problem. Spot opportunities to playfully pose composition problems for children.	
<u>Part - whole model</u> To learn the ability to partition numbers, splitting	Talk to children about the marks and signs they use to represent and communicate their thinking.	
numbers into more than 2 groups so the begin to understand division Counting:	Begin to model calculations in mathematical stories and number rhymes and in real life contexts, using a range of ways of representing, both informal and standard.	
<u>Stable order –</u> Can sing some familiar number	Model wondering and talking about how you might solve a number problem.	
rhymes. Count forwards and backwards to 10. To	Whole staff training on maths mastery delivered by Maths co-ordinator.	
count to 20 and beyond.	Numicon is used in school.	
1:1 counting – counting up to 10 objects, count out up to 10 objects by touch, moving and lining up.	The aim of Numicon is to make numbers real for children through them being able to see and touch them. It fits in with the Maths Mastery approach that's used in many schools, providing a concrete object to represent each	
Match the number to quantity to 10.	number. It also has a multi-sensory approach that's known to help learning.	

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 Begin to match teen numbers to quantities. Cardinality – can say the total amount without counting all the objects again. Order irrelevance – will realise that the quantity is the same when the arrangement is moved. Comparing – Comparing sets of objects, visual quantities then numbers. Ordering – Order numbers to 10 and begin to order numbers to 20. Composition: Shows an awareness that numbers are made up of smaller numbers. Partitions a number of things in different ways. Can add one and subtract one within ten. To recall number bonds and facts of 5 and then 10. Begin to recognise doubles. To add and subtract within 10. To know how to use a number track and number line to add. To solve problems within 10. To count on and back from a given number. 	Number blocks will be used to support teaching along with materials from the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the teaching of Mathematics) which support maths mastery concepts. We will also follow some of the schemes of learning from the White Rose Maths Hub. Staff to watch training videos from Karen Wilding particularly on the importance of Subitising. Karen Wilding is a UK and International NCETM- Accredited Early Years Maths Consultant, published author and conference speaker with over 25 years expertise as a practitioner and educational adviser.	

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Prime Area - Understanding of the World			
To explore a range of natural materials using all of their senses.	Science experiments - Open ended natural resources Explore children's interests in the natural world.	To be able to share their own family experiences with others and recognise the differences between families. The children will know about different members of the community and have met some of them.	
To talk about the differences between materials and the change they notice.	Small world toys.		
To talk about members of their own family.	The children will make playdough to use in the provision commenting on changes they notice.		
Understand that families differ between households.	Share pictures of their family on Tapestry. Read stories with different families.(PSED,CLL,LIT)	They will have knowledge of some occupations and people that can help us.	
To know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photographs.	Look at 'Little human planet' which explores families around the world. (CLL,LIT)	They will have first hand experiences of natural materials in the outdoor area and in	
To explore the community in which they live. Do children know what is in their area, parks, theatres, museums, different places of worship?	Use photographs posted by children from their trips abroad. Use of the google maps to look at images and learn about countries that interest the children or have had experience visiting/living in. Walks in the local area. Use of google maps, photographs of	area and in the community. The children will be able to talk about past events in their own life. The children will have had first hand experience of how to look after chicks in the classroom which will enable them to talk about the life cycle.	
To learn about people who help us in the community such as doctors, firefighters, police officers.	places that children/staff have visited. Forest School trips. Visitors into school such as artists, firefighters, police, nurses etc. Videos of different professions. Books. To recognise and share		
To recognise that people, have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.	in the diverse celebrations children in school experience. Use Tapestry so that parents can upload photographs to share with the class (with parents' permission).		
To plant seeds and care for growing plants.	Planting seeds individually to take home and as a whole class		
To understand the life cycles of animals such as a butterfly, frog and chicken.	in the reception outdoor classroom. To look after chicks and caterpillars in the school.		
To talk about past and present events.	To recall past and present events using photographs etc.		