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, human, animal or transport sounds.	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.
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	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	complicated vocabulary. Adults reading frequently to the children. (Literacy) Core songs and nursery rhymes.(Maths)	(*Taken from Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Trust Children's Therapy, Speech and Language Department)
during appropriate activity. 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'. Listens and responds to ideas expressed by	Use of photographs to help children retell past events including those from home. (UW) Adults in the provision to model turn taking	The children will be able to hold conversations and encouraged to participate in group discussions.
others in conversation. Can retell a past event in the correct order. Uses talk to explain what is happening and	in conversation and commenting on what is happening during play to give children the vocabulary and sentence structure to talk about	Pupil progress meetings will demonstrate progress for each child. Children who are successful learners and
anticipatewhat might happen next.	what they are doing. (PSED)	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. Self-regulation and Executive function	Talk about what makes a good friend. Stories to support this. Children will be taught how to cooperate with each other and resolve conflicts. (Lit, CLL)	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 conflicts.
Executive function – develop the ability to; Hold information in their mind Focus attention, Regulate behaviour, Plan what to do next	Staff to build strong relationships with the children to build up their confidence. To sensitively support children so that they are willing to have a go. Skilled staff to know how much support to give a	Language development is central to self- regulation; children use language to guide their actions and plans. Pretend play gives many opportunities for children to focus their thinking,
These abilities will contribute to the child's growing ability to self-regulate; Focus their thinking	child so that the child is being supported as well as challenged. Children will be encouraged to share personal milestones with the class. (CLL,Lit, UW)	persist and plan ahead. They will have knowledge of how to support their overall health including exercise and good oral hygiene.
Monitor what they are doing and adapt Regulate strong feelings Be patient for what they want	Staff will be aware of children who access the same areas of provision and encourage them to try new activities. Adapting the provision to spark interest.	We want the children to have high aspirations and develop resilience to help them overcome any barriers they may face.
*Working with the revised EYFS Principles into Practice by Julian Grenier To have a positive sense of self and have confidence in their own abilities. Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Have a can do attitude.	Children will be specifically taught the correct 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 express themselves verbally. (CLL) Introduction of the school rules and clear 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	uploaded by parents of children celebrating	
*Also in Physical Development	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		
Prime Area - Physical Development Gross Motor skills Explore tunnels, dens and large boxes. Develop fundamental movement skills such as crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, skipping and climbing. Navigate stairs confidently using alternate feet. Develop overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility. Confidently and safely use a wide range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside.	Large boxes available, tunnels used in the outdoor play equipment, den making in the outdoor classroom as well as opportunities in the classroom. Discrete physical education lessons in the large hall and outdoors in the ball court. Use of play equipment in the large playground, climbing ropes, stairs etc. Trikes, balance bikes and scooters available for children to practice their skills, along with the appropriate safety equipment. Discussions about how to keep safe.	Children will have improved fine and gross motor skills. The children will know how to keep themselves healthy. Monitoring by PE lead will show progression. Evidence of healthy home practices can be shared by parents on Tapestry.
Develop movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills. Develop core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or floor. 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	Balance bike training by outside agencies. Use of chairs and tables with children shown how to sit correctly. Through stories, specific lessons, sharing of different types of food that they children eat, discussions about school dinners. Toothbrush and toothpaste given out to every child in EYFS. Modelling by adults of how to brush their teeth. Stickers sent home to encourage regular brushing. Use of Tapestry to show photographs of children brushing their teeth at home.	

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pens and pencils. Independently get dressed, putting on jumpers, coats, fastening buttons and doing up zips. Complete jigsaws of up to 20 pieces.	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:	Create work stations in classrooms (when needed) where children can work with an adult	Diagnostic ability to identify early language problems.
Rhyming – To join in with rhyming stories and songs.	one to one where visual distractions have been reduced.	Clear skill progression steps to address the gaps in language.
Fill in gaps during songs and rhymes. Sings rhymes from memory. Match words that rhyme.	(Recommended in Children's Therapy services – Attention and Listening in the Early Years by	Staff are trained in Launchpad for Literacy and
<u>Auditory Blending</u> – Be able to blend compound words. Blend 2,3 and 4 syllable words. To blend	Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS trust) Launchpad For Literacy should be integrated	have a bank of ideas to support each skill step. Activities can be used within the provision during quality first teaching.
and read phonetically decodable words. Auditory memory for Understanding – To follow	within the quality first teaching. A core set of nursery rhymes will be learnt in	Children's early literacy skills will improve, gaps will be addressed.
instructions at 3,4 and then 5-word level. Auditory memory-	nursery (for those attending our nursery) and built upon in reception. (EAD)	Discrete phonic sessions taught using an
Can discriminate between environmental, animal or transport sounds.	Introduce a variety of books with rhymes as well as digital recordings of them.	approved synthetic approach. Evidence of progress in children's literacy books, pupil progress meetings and from formative
Can carry out rhythmical, beat and simple body percussion activities.	Make up rhymes about daily routines or in activities in the continuous provision. (EAD)	assessments.
To copy two instruments from a choice of 6 in any order without visual support.	A variety of common everyday objects which make a sound as well as listening to environmental sounds in the school.	Whole school monitoring.
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.	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)	

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Inference and prediction – can lift less obvious meaning from	Include familiar environmental print in the role play area.	
pictures. Can discriminate between similar letters and numbers.	Provide fact and fiction books that children can access in all areas.	
<u>Visual Memory –</u> To recognise an object depicted in a photograph and then a coloured picture.	Provide books containing photographs that children can share with adults, peers and read on their own.	
To recognise something when shown an incomplete object.	Add child made books and adult-scribed children's stories to the book	
To play Kim's game with a set of 6 similar objects.	area. (UW, CLL, EAD)	
To play Kim's game with a set of 4 then 6 dissimilar objects.	Core stories to be taught in nursery and reception some containing repetitive text and others with more challenging vocabulary.	
To sequence 2 then 3 objects I have seen without 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 and knowledge.	
To recognise and write their name.	Ensure decodable texts are in the book area.	
To recognise single graphemes and know the phonemes they make.	Introduce systematic phonic sessions in fun ways that capture children's interest, sustain motivation and reinforce learning.	
To recognise some high frequency sight vocabulary.	(References from Birth to 5 Matters document).	
To recognise digraphs and numbers.	Floppy's Phonics has been chosen for a whole school approach to be	
Reading - Recognises signs and logos (supermarkets etc)	implemented September 2022.	
Enjoys a range of books both fiction and non-fiction.	A step-by-step and flexible DfE validated phonics programme that	
Holds a book the correct way up, opens the book at the front cover.	engages children in reading from the outset. Developed by highly respected phonics expert Debbie Hepplewhite MBE, is perfect for	
Shows anticipation of what is going to happen by turning the pages independently.	schools who want high-quality phonics teaching resources and professional development in a range of online formats, for full confidence in teaching phonics.	

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Can indicate correctly pictures of characters and objects in response to questions such as "Where is?"	A systematic and structured approach with built-in consolidation and revision to ensure every child succeeds	
	about things that interest children.	

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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	A variety of jigsaws in the provision. Encourage	Each child will have an individual assessment sheet for maths which will show progress
environment. E.g stripes on clothes, designs on rugs etc.	perseverance and model how to manipulate pieces.(PSED)	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	understanding.
To sort objects into sets such as colour,	environment. (UW,EAD)	Whole school monitoring to ensure the impact of the curriculum.
size or shape.	Help children choose shapes for a purpose. Look at how shapes can be partitioned.	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
To talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes	Use meaningful opportunities and those in play	problem-solving abilities that will stay with them for 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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Encourage children to describe position and give directions in play and everyday routines.	
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.	
Play games that involve counting forwards and backwards.	
In everyday activities ask children to count out a number of things from a group.	
Talk with children about the strategies they have used to solve a problem. Spot opportunities to playfully pose composition problems for children.	
Talk to children about the marks and signs they use to represent and communicate their thinking.	
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.	
Model wondering and talking about how you might solve a number problem.	
Whole staff training on maths mastery delivered by Maths co-ordinator.	
Numicon is used in school.	
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	
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Begin to match teen numbers to quantities.	Number blocks will be used to support teaching along with materials from	
<u>Cardinality</u> – can say the total amount without counting all the objects again.	the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the teaching of Mathematics) which support maths mastery concepts.	
Order irrelevance – will realise that the quantity is the same when the arrangement is moved.	We will also follow some of the schemes of learning from the White Rose Maths Hub.	
<u>Comparing</u> – Comparing sets of objects, visual quantities then numbers.	Staff to watch training videos from Karen Wilding particularly on the importance of Subitising.	
Ordering – Order numbers to 10 and begin to order numbers to 20.	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.	
Composition:	over 20 years expertise as a practitioner and educational adviser.	
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 to add.		
To solve problems within 10.		
To count on and back from a given number.		

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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			
To talk about the differences between materials and the change they notice.	Small world toys.	the differences between families. The children will know about different			
To talk about members of their own family.	The children will make playdough to use in the provision commenting on changes they notice.	members of the community and have met some of them.			
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	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. To understand the life cycles of animals such	Planting seeds individually to take home and as a whole class in the reception outdoor classroom. To look after chicks and				
as a butterfly, frog and chicken. To talk about past and present events.	caterpillars in the school. To recall past and present events using photographs etc.				

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Children can sing simple songs and make up their own. They experiment and create movement in response to music, stories and ideas. Working in collaboration with external partners including speech and language therapists, educational psychologists, balance bike teachers, artists etc. Visits to forest school. External visits to farms, parks, libraries, leisure centres. The Jolly Phonic Scheme is used to teach phonics as it is multi-sensory and active with fun	Explores and experiments with a range of media, through multisensory exploration. Engages in imaginative play which contains a storyline or narrative. To collaborate with others and demonstrate early negotiation skills. To construct with a purposeful intent. To begin to think about ways to improve their model etc. Use everyday materials to explore, understand and represent their world — their ideas, interests and fascinations. Children can sing simple songs and make up their own. They experiment and create movement in response to music, stories	A variety of tools and materials for children to explore and be taught how to use both indoor and outdoor. Children to engage in making play dough. (CLL,LIT) Small world toys, puppets and props. Familiar and repetitive books, stories, songs and rhymes. A range of resources provided with children being encouraged to comment on their construction. A variety of resources for children to explore, readily available in the continuous provision. Wake up shake up dances and routines Listening to different types of music, Exploring musical instruments Body percussion, exploring the sounds The children will be introduced to a variety of songs and nursery rhymes Use Launchpad for Literacy skill progression – 'Role Play and Creativity' Additional factors - Monitoring visits by the SIP, Senior leadership team etc Staff/ Team meetings Challenge and support from governors including some visits. Moderation meetings with other schools. Working in collaboration with external partners including speech and language therapists, educational psychologists, balance bike teachers, artists etc. Visits to forest school. External visits to farms, parks, libraries, leisure centres.	reception and nursery. The use of wake up shake up will have taught children various dance moves, providing them with ideas to make up their own.		