<u>Intent</u>

The intent of the Early Years Curriculum is to ensure children reach the early learning goals of the National Curriculum and the Development Matters document. Children will gain a greater understanding in the prime and specific areas across the curriculum as they learn vital skills, that they will develop throughout their school life. Over the course of the year knowledge is built upon forming a spiral curriculum, each term progress of children should build upon previous knowledge. During the Autumn term it is essential to ensure children are settled into their learning environment where they feel safe and secure. We begin the term with an 'All about me' topic, to allow the children to learn about themselves, teachers, and their peers. Learning through play is a crucial element to the Early Years setting as it allows children to develop language skills, emotions, creativity, and social skills. Play helps to nurture imagination and gives children a sense of adventure. Through this, they can learn essential skills such as problem solving, working with others, and sharing. Children should be supported in all areas and differentiation should be clear throughout, in order to challenge and support children effectively. Observations should be carried out weekly on all children and should be linked to areas of the Development Matters document. Next steps should be planned efficiently, and children should be made aware of these next steps. This curriculum should provide experiences that children may not have incurred before and we aim to provide a commitment to developing key vocabulary to close the word gap ready for the next phase of learning. The curriculum should continually be adapted accordingly to cater for the children's needs and should also be tailored to individual children. The curriculum should be reviewed yearly and should be changed to support the needs of the new intake.

Implementation

To implement this curriculum, we ensure to plan learning activities that build on children's knowledge and interest. Focus activities should be planned to complement the curriculum and link to the stages of their development. Challenge should be prominent throughout and all learning activities should have opportunity for challenge. Next steps are vital to inform future planning and to ensure the child needs are met, they also allow children to take ownership over their own learning. Support will be put in place for children who are not meeting their expected stages, and this will be in the form of; focus groups, 1:1 learning, Learning Support Assistants, and one plans for specific children. Observations form a large part of assessment within this scheme of work and this is shown through tracking documents. Teacher judgements are also a prominent part of assessment and these are based upon observations, children's work, student feedback and questioning.

<u>Impact</u>

You will see the impact of this curriculum by the progress the children make each term. By the end of the year we aim for the children to meet their Early Learning Goals outlined in the curriculum. By looking at observations on Tapestry, work in the children's books and speaking to the pupils, their learning and achievements will be clear. The children are encouraged to take a risk with their learning, by challenging themselves in their learning/ play. Challenge questions are placed throughout the Early Years setting for the children to do.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Learning Challenge Question	What do I know about me?	Why are there so many	Who are the famous	Should Goldilocks say sorry?	Are all minibeasts scary?	What type of creatures lived
	Is everybody's house the	leaves on the ground?	characters inside my books?	Twinkle, twinkle little star		a long time ago?
	same?	Why is it always cold in	How can we help Cinderella	how I wonder what you are.	What animals would you find	
	Pets?	winter?	go to the ball?		in Africa/Jungle?	Who can I ask for help?
WOW	Baby pictures	Trip to the local woods- play	The Jolly postman delivers	Incident for the children to	Visit from a minibeast expert	Finding fossils in the sand.
	Baby clinic role-play.	with leaves, explore, den	letters to read.	investigate.	bringing large and small	Visits from different people
	Hall of crazy mirrors.	making.	Dress as Cinders and let the	Watch a trip around the	insects to look at and handle.	who help.
	Walk in the local area looking	Freeze some of the children's	children ask questions.	universe on the board.	Dress up as your favourite	
	at people's homes.	toys.			animal from Africa/Jungle	
	Vets					
Special events	Harvest	Remembrance Day	Chinese New Year	Mother's Day		Sports Day
		Bonfire Night		Easter		
		Diwali				
		Christmas				
Text Suggestions	What I like about me.	Leaf man	The Jolly Postman	Goldilocks and the three	The bad-tempered ladybird.	Dinosaurs.
	The three little pigs.	Lost and Found.	Cinderella	bears.	Handas surprise/rumble in	
				On the moon.	the Jungle.	We work at the hospital.

Maths	Number and Place Value- numbers to 5		Addition and Subtraction- Numbers to 5		Geometry- Exploring patterns					
	Addition and Subtraction- sorting into groups.		Number and Place Value- Numbers to 10		Addition and Subtraction- count on and back					
	Number and Place Value- Comparing groups		Addition and Subtraction- Addition to 10		Number and Place Value- Numbers to 20					
	Addition and Subtraction- Change within 5		Geometry- Shape and Space.		Multiplication and Division- Numerical Patterns. Measurement- Measure					
Measurement- Time										
UW	Houses- different houses	Weather	Kings, Queens, Princesses,	Bears/ growth	Minibeasts and habitats.	Animals that lived millions of				
	through history.	History of Christmas-	Knights	Space	Animals	years ago. What was it like?				
	Special times and events that	different toys, food, clothes		Why didn't the 3 Bears all like	Traditions for African people.	How has our environment				
	have happened to them.	etc.		the same things?		changed?				
	Qualities that make them	Christmas around the world				How are humans influencing				
	unique.	Understanding about growth,				that?				
	Senses.	decay and changes over time.				What are people in the				
	Materials for houses.	833,				community doing to help?				
EAD	Faces and portraits	Collage	Printing	Clay	Still life	Colour mixing				
PD	What can I do with my body?	Fine motor skills/ funky	Movement to music	Manipulating clay	Self-help skills	Pencil control				
	Dough disco	fingers	Negotiating space.	Pushing, patting, throwing,	Control and co-ordination	Hopping and skipping.				
		Dough Disco		catching and kicking.						
		Throwing and catching								
PE	Throwing and catching, basic	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Contemporary dance	Bat and ball skills	Athletics and sports day prep.				
	invasion games.	Multi sports	Games-dribbling, kicking, hitting	Throwing and catching						
C&L	Listenir	Listening Skills, Social Skills & Introduction of new vocabulary. Reciting familiar stories, circle time, show and tell, make use of daily opportunities								
			Helicop	Helicopter stories						
Phonics		Phase 1-3 Differentiated Groups								
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PSED	New beginnings: All about	Getting on and falling out:	Going for goals: Setting a	Good to be me; managing my	Relationships:	Changes:				
	me; feelings and social skills.	Friendship; working together;	goal; Persistence.	feelings; standing up for	Understanding the feelings of	Understanding the feelings of				
		resolving conflict.		myself; safer stranger.	others; making choices.	others; making choices.				
RE	What times are special and why?		Which people are special and why?		Where do we belong?					
	Christmas- the birth of Jesus. Harvest Festival		Easter- Death of Jesus.		Noah's Ark					
Music	Charanga:	Charanga:	Charanga:	Charanga:	Charanga:	Charanga:				
	Me!	Everyone.	My stories	Big Bear Funk	Our World	Reflect, Rewind and Replay.				