

# Welcome to The Acorn





## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)





Wallscourt Farm Academy







- Birth to 5
- EYFS statutory framework sets standards for the learning, development and care of the children
- Development Matters in the EYFS non statutory guidance to support implementing statutory requirements
- Four themes of the EYFS







**EYFS** 













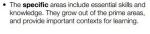
#### The Characteristics of Effective Learning and the prime and specific Areas of Learning and Development are all interconnected.

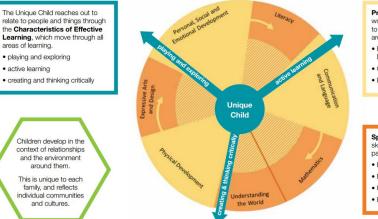
. The ways in which the child engages with other people and their environment - playing and exploring, active learning, and creating and thinking critically - underpin learning and development across all areas and support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner.

areas of learning.

active learning

• The prime areas begin to develop quickly in response to relationships and experiences, and run through and support learning in all other areas. The prime areas continue to be fundamental throughout the EYFS.





Prime areas are fundamental. work together, and move through to support development in all other areas.

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

Specific areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

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#### Playing and exploring - engagement

Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'

#### Active learning - motivation

Being involved and concentrating Keeping trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

#### **Creating and thinking critically – thinking**

Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect	
Prime Areas		
Personal, Social and	Making relationships	
Emotional Development	Self-confidence and self-awareness	
	Managing feelings and behaviour	
Physical Development	Moving and handling	
	Health and self-care	
Communication and Language	Listening and attention	
	Understanding	
	Speaking	
Specific areas		
Literacy	Reading	
	Writing	
Mathematics	Numbers	
	Shape, space and measure	
Understanding the World	People and communities	
	The world	
	Technology	
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring and using media and materials	
	Being imaginative	

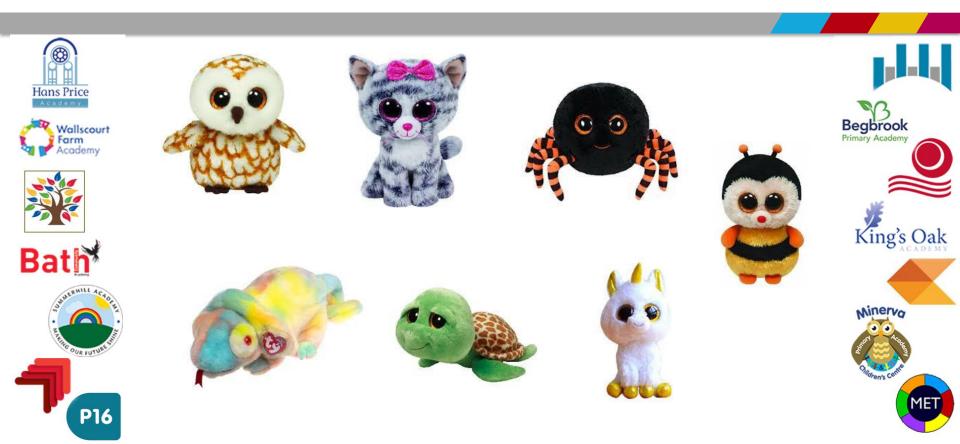


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### Meet Our ELLI Characters







### Assessment in Reception



	Playing and Exploring, Active Learning, and Creating and Thinking Critically support children's learning across all areas					
	Communication and Language: Understanding					
Hans Price	A Unique Child: observing what a child is learning	Positive Relationships: what adults could do	Enabling Environments: what adults could provide			
Vallscourt Form Academy Bath U	<ul> <li>Understands use of objects (e.g. "What do we use to cut things?")</li> <li>Shows understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind' by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture.</li> <li>Responds to simple instructions, e.g. to get or put away an object.</li> <li>Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prompt children's thinking and discussion through involvement in their play.</li> <li>Talk to children about what they have been doing and help them to reflect upon and explain events, e.g. "You told me this model was going to be a tractor. What's this lever for?"</li> <li>Give children clear directions and help them to deal with those involving more than one action, e.g. "Put the cars away, please, then come and wash your hands and get ready for lunch".</li> <li>When introducing a new activity, use mime and gesture to support language development.</li> <li>Showing children a photograph of an activity such as hand washing helps to reinforce understanding.</li> <li>Be aware that some children may watch another child in order to know what to do, rather than understanding it themselves.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set up shared experiences that children can reflect upon, e.g. visits, cooking, or stories that can be re- enacted.</li> <li>Help children to predict and order events coherently, by providing props and materials that encourage children to re-enact, using talk and action.</li> <li>Find out from parents how children make themselves understood at home; confirm which their preferred language is.</li> <li>Provide practical experiences that encourage children to ask and respond to questions, e.g. explaining pulleys or wet and dry sand.</li> <li>Introduce, alongside books, story props, such as pictures, puppets and objects, to encourage children to retell stories and to think about how the characters feel.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>40-60+ months</li> <li>Early Learning Goal</li> <li>Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ask children to think in advance about how they will accomplish a task. Talk through and sequence the stages together.</li> <li>Use stories from books to focus children's attention on predictions and explanations, e.g. "Why did the boat tip over?"</li> <li>Help children to</li> <li>identify patterns, e.g. what generally happens to 'good' and 'wicked' characters at the end of stories</li> <li>draw conclusions: 'The sky has gone dark. It must be going to rain'</li> <li>explain effect: 'It sank because it was too heavy'</li> <li>predict: 'It might not grow in there if it is too dark'</li> <li>speculate: 'What if the bridge falls down?'</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set up displays that remind children of what they have experienced, using objects, artefacts, photographs and books.</li> <li>Provide for, initiate and join in imaginative play and role-play, encouraging children to talk about what is happening and to act out the scenarios in character.</li> </ul>			









## Assessment in Reception









- Through observations and dialogue with the children especially observations of independent, spontaneous, consistent learning in a range of contexts. This is recorded in their learning and Tapestry.
- Baseline first 6 weeks of school.
- EYFS profile attainment at the end of the Reception year in relation to the 17 Early Learning Goals descriptors and the characteristics of effective learning. Children will be judged to be either: emerging, expected or exceeding
- GLD children are define as having reached a good level of development if they have achieved at least the expected level in the Early Learning Goals in the prime areas of learning as well as literacy and mathematics.





# A Typical Day in Reception













- 8:30 Children choose their lunch and start their learning
- 9:00 Children to sit on the carpet for their second input of the day
- 9:15 Children to free flow inside/outside
- 10:15 Assembly with Year 1, snack and playtime outside with Year 1
- 10:45 Children to sit on the carpet for their second input of the day
- 11:00 Free flow inside/outside
- 12:00 Lunchtime
- 1:00 Children to sit on the carpet for their third input of the day
- 1:15 Free flow inside/outside
- 2:30 Tidy up the classroom, milk and story
- 3:00 Home time





**Cursive Letter Formation** 













Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vr Ww Xx Yy Zz





## How to Support Letter Formation



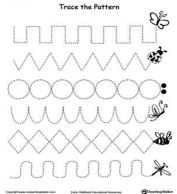
























## Home Learning Ideas...













#### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Dressing, undressing, shoes and coats
- Cutting paper shapes with scissors following a line
- Forming letters the right way
- Squeezing play dough/ newspaper screwed up into balls

### HEALTH & SELF CARE

- Talking about healthy/less healthy foods
- Going to the toilet independently

#### PERSONAL/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Using words to express needs. Waiting for them to tell you even if you know what they want
- Play turn taking games

#### SPEAKING AND LISTENING

- Giving thinking time
- Talking about their day at school
- Repeating back a word said incorrectly (demonstrating it rather than correcting)





## More Home Learning Ideas...













### **LITERACY**

- Reading/sharing a book together x4 a week
- Visiting the local library together
- Talking about the characters, settings, title and illustrations in stories
- Writing their own name
- Encourage them to "sound out" words not spell them correctly all of the time
- Using website <u>www.phonicsplay.co.uk</u> and <u>www.oxfordowl.co.uk</u>

### MATHEMATICS

- Counting everything and anything!
- Recognising numbers 1-20 flashcards or numbers you see when out walking
- Writing numbers 1-20 correctly (when ready to hold a pencil)
- Naming triangle, circle, square, rectangle and some 3D shape names e.g. cube, sphere, pyramid
- Talking about days of the week, months of the year and seasons





# Useful Websites and Documents













What to expect whenhttp://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/03/what-to-expect-

when-a-parents-guide/

- http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com
- <u>http://www.iboard.co.uk</u>
- http://www.ictgames.com

