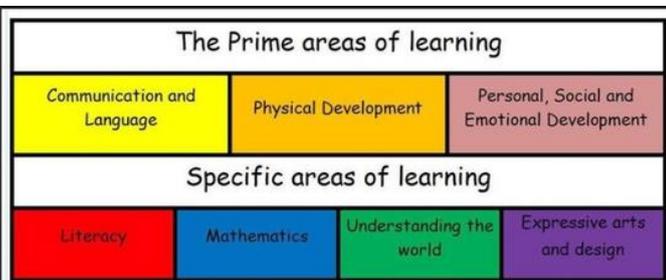


Curriculum Statement for EYFS

Early Years Foundation Stage



A Nurturing Start to Lifelong Learning

At Red Oaks, we believe that Early Years education is the foundation for lifelong learning. Our exciting and balanced curriculum encourages exploration, independence, and curiosity. We place each child at the centre of their learning journey, ensuring that every experience is enjoyable, meaningful, and accessible to all.

Intent

Our aim is to provide a secure, safe, and happy environment where children can thrive. We recognise that children develop rapidly from birth to five years old, and that their early experiences have a significant impact on future life chances. We are committed to:

- Supporting every child to reach their full potential.
- Providing high-quality early learning that promotes school readiness.
- Encouraging children to be resilient, capable, confident, and self-assured.
- Celebrating each child's uniqueness and supporting their individual learning journey.

We follow the principles of the **EYFS statutory framework (Sept 2025)**, which sets the standards for learning, development, and care in early years settings.

Implementation

Our curriculum is child-initiated and response-based, meaning planning is fluid and dynamic. Teachers respond to children's interests and needs, ensuring that every child is treated as an individual. Learning is delivered through a mix of approaches including:

- Play-based learning
- Adult modelling and guided activities
- Peer interaction and observation



Children learn both indoors and outdoors, supported by adults and peers. Developing strong communication and social interaction skills lies at the heart of our practice.

We follow the **four overarching principles** of the EYFS:

1. Every child is a unique learner.
2. Children learn through positive relationships.
3. Children thrive in enabling environments with responsive adults.
4. Children develop and learn at different rates.

Children work towards the **17 Early Learning Goals (ELGs)** across the **seven areas of learning**:

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

We use **Development Matters** to support staff in understanding child development. It is not used as a checklist, but as a guide to scaffold learning and plan next steps.

Assessment is ongoing and based on observations, interactions, and questioning. Children are baselined on entry to Nursery and Reception, with further assessments throughout the year. In Reception, we also complete the **government digital baseline** in September, focusing on basic English and Maths skills.

Children are no longer assessed against age bands. Instead, staff use their professional knowledge to identify next steps and support needs. At the end of Reception, children are assessed against the ELGs using what staff already know—there are no formal tests or ‘exceeding’ judgements, but rather a focus on depth of understanding and readiness for Year 1.

Impact

Through our EYFS provision, children at Red Oaks:

- Develop a love of learning and a strong foundation for future education.
- Build resilience, independence, and confidence.
- Learn to communicate effectively and interact positively with others.
- Make good progress across all areas of learning.
- Are well-prepared for the transition to Key Stage 1 and beyond.



We also share ideas for fun experiments and science-based reading through our school newsletter, helping families continue the learning journey at home.

At Red Oaks, Early Years is more than preparation for school—it’s about nurturing inquisitive minds, fostering creativity, and giving every child the best possible start in life.

Useful links

[EYFS Home Advice & Support | EYFShome.com](#)

A free resource offering **daily home learning activities** for children aged 3–5, all linked to the EYFS curriculum.

- Covers all 7 areas of learning
 - Includes videos, stories, and themed activity days
 - Designed by early years experts
 - Great for parents looking for structured, play-based learning at home
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[Twinkl EYFS Home Learning](#)

[Home Learning Activities | Early Years Home Learning - Twinkl](#)

Twinkl offers a wide range of **printable and interactive resources** tailored to EYFS learners.

- Activities linked to ELGs (Early Learning Goals)
 - Packs for phonics, maths, literacy, and physical development
 - Seasonal and topic-based challenges
 - Ideal for both short tasks and extended learning
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[Hungry Little Minds Useful websites for EYFS and Key Stage 1 - Stanley Road](#)

A government-backed initiative providing **trusted apps, videos, and activity ideas** to support early learning.

- Focuses on communication, language, and literacy
- Features expert-approved educational apps
- Encourages learning through everyday routines
- Perfect for busy families wanting quick, meaningful learning moments