

The Early Years Foundation Stage

Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their full potential. Good parenting and high quality early learning together provide the foundation children need to make the most of their abilities and talents as they grow up.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years' providers must meet to ensure children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. The EYFS seeks to provide quality, consistency, equality of opportunity and a secure foundation through learning and development opportunities for each individual child.

The EYFS comprises of seven areas of learning and development that will shape educational programmes in early years settings. All these areas of learning and development are important and interconnected. Three areas are particularly crucial for building children's capacity to learn.

These three **prime** areas are:

- Communication and language
- Physical
- Personal, social and emotional

Early years providers must also support children in four **specific** areas through which the three **prime** areas are strengthened.

The four **specific** areas are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Trull Saplings Preschool promotes each area of learning and development through planned, purposeful play and through a mixture of adult-led and child-initiated activities. We believe play is essential for children's learning and development. Therefore, the Key Persons in our setting reflect on the different ways children learn and respond to each child's needs and interests by guiding their learning and development through warm, positive interaction.

For more information regarding the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum please visit the following websites:

- DfE website at www.education.gov.uk
- www.foundationyears.org.uk