



The National Curriculum for Early Years

At Meadowdale, we follow the Early Years Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage, published in March 2017 by the DfES. This Framework specifies the requirements for learning and development in the Early Years and provides specific areas of learning we must cover in our curriculum.

These areas are:

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

The ways in which a child engages with other people and the world around them underpins learning and development across all areas and supports them in both becoming and remaining an effective and motivated learner. Children explore and discover in a range of ways which fall into the **Characteristics of Effective Learning**:

- Playing & Exploring – *engagement*
- Active Learning – *motivation*
- Creating & thinking critically – *thinking*



Please follow the links in the Early Years section of our website for more detailed information on our Early Years curriculum, as well as information about our ethos and environment.