

EYFS Skills Curriculum 2023-24

COEL – Characteristics Of Effective Learning

CLL – Communication, Language and Literacy

PD – Physical Development

PSED – Personal, Social and Emotional Development

UW – Understanding the World

EAD - Expressive Arts and Design

LIT – Literacy

M – Maths

Phonics - The way we teach children to read words using sounds (phonemes) assigned to letters or groups of letters (graphemes)

HFW – High Frequency Words. The most common words in English – these are not always decodable using phonics.

EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception)

EAL – English as an Additional Language – children whose first language is not English, or who have a language that is not English as the primary spoken language at home.

National Curriculum – The objectives and skills taught in years 1 to 6

KS1 – Key Stage 1 – years 1 and 2

Tapestry – computer software used buy staff in Reception and Nursery to record children's development. This can be access by parents.

CLL & PD & PSED are the prime areas and as such run through all the other areas of learning (specific areas). Children need to be confident in these areas to reach their full potential in all areas of learning. COEL are embedded in all these areas, too.

Classrooms will be set up to encourage independence (children know how to access resources), core muscle strength (standing at tables, lying on the floor, stretching to play, etc).

The curriculum model will begin on entry to our Nursery or Reception classes and follow through to the end of Reception. At the end of each term will be a curriculum goal – things we want the children to achieve in our setting and these will be planned through our medium term plans and weekly plans. Any gaps in children's leaning will be identified through observations and adult led activities, and next steps put in place to deal with these. Some might be immediate interventions, while others might involve outside agencies and long term interventions.

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Physical Development

	Expectations of	luring Nursery	Expectations during Reception				
	End of Nursery year I	End of Nursery year 2	End of Autumn term	End of Spr		End of Summer term	Links to KSI
Dressing	Take off coat Pull down pants to use toilet	Put on shoes without fastening (may be wrong foot) Pull zips up and down, may need help to put shank in	T-shirt and jumper on/off on own, may be back to front Pull up clothes on own	Put on shoes and socks of Fasten zip on own	orrectly	Dress and undress on own	Fasten buttons at top of t-shirt Tie own laces
Riding a bike	Can walk a balance bike/push a tricycle with feet	Can use feet to scoot a balance bike/ride a scooter/pedal a tricycle	Can maintain balance around corners/cones	Can stop a bike using bro Can pedal down an inclin		2 wheel bike — can pedal and maintain balance for a few feet on the flat	Can pedal and maintain balance while manoeuvring around obstacles on a 2 wheeled bike
Ball Skills	Begin to throw ball overhead Catch a ball by chasing Use foot to tap a ball	Throw ball underhand Catch a large ball between extended arms Kick ball with I foot while swinging arms	Throw ball forward using appropriate technique- rotating trunk/swinging arms Catch a large ball by bringing hands into chest Direct kick to knock sown a tower	Hit a target with a tennis throw Bounce a large ball Walk towards and kick a	Ü	Throw tennis ball underhand using trunk rotation and opposing arm/leg movements Bounce and catch a large ball using 2 hands Run towards and kick a ball	Can usually hit a target with an overhand toss Catch a tennis ball using only hands Co-ordinate body to meet and kick a ball that is rolled to them from a distance
Balance	Stand on tiptoes	Stand on 1 foot for 2 seconds	Walk along a chalk line	Walk along a low wide be	alance beam	Hold a controlled static balance on one leg	Walk along a low narrow balance beam
Jumping	Jump of a low object with both feet off the ground	Jump over a small stationary object	Jump forward taking off and landing on 2 feet	Hop on I foot 2-3 times		Jump and turn in the air	Hop up to 10 times on alternate feet
Using tools	Pour from 1 container to another	Explore a range of tools-spoons, spades, paintbrushes etc	Use one handed tools for making snips in paper with scissors for example	Use scissors to cut paper	in half	Use scissors to cut around a shape on paper	Use scissors to cut fabric
Brushing Teeth	Why is this important? Able to squeeze toothpaste onto a toothbrush.	To know the names of teeth/gums/tongue Able to use a toothbrush with adult help	Able to use a toothbrush regularly with only a little help	Able to brush teeth at front/sides/inside teeth etc with a little adult help Talks about importance of brushing teeth regularly. Knows which foods are bad for our teeth. Beginning to brush teeth on own		Able to brush teeth on own Able to know the importance of teeth brushing regularly	
Eating (encouraged at snack & lunch times)	Use a spoon to pick up food and put in mouth	Stab food using a fork Spoon cereal from container to dish with little spilling	Use a knife to cut soft food like bananas etc	Spread using a knife Cut using a knife		Use knife and fork on own	
Pencil grip	Palmer grasp	Digital pronate grasp	4 finger grasp	Static tripod grasp		Dynamic tripod grasp	
Construction Stacking Enclosing Joining Bridging	Large blocks/Planks Recycled materials Duplo/Train set Able to build a tower and fix some things together				ction for a particular purpose and join using paper ser, staples, paper fasteners	Small lego etc and building using a variety of learnt techniques	
Malleable Standing at tables to build stomach muscles Playdoh, pastry, clay, sponges	Making big balls using whole palm, squeezing		Rolling pins with side handles Cut out shapes with cutters Potato masher, scisso		Knead squeeze Use knuckles, thumb Potato masher, scissor Rolling pins with no ho	s, colander	Refine skills to produce an end product
Independence	Children work independently to develop basic skill:	S	Start to make up own physical games	Collaborate with others to	o devise team games and	manage resources	Edit and refine movements and games

	Expectations during Nursery			Expectations during Reception			
	End of Nursery year I	End of Nursery year 2	End of Autumn term	End of Spring term	End of Summer term	Links to KSI	
EAL and S&L difficulties: Early assessment and referral to speech therapist our priority	Understand action words Who's jumping? Enjoys listening to stories and remembers what happens Use a wider range of vocab/understand a 2-part instruction Understand why questions Sing a repertoire of songs Able to talk about familiar stories Able to tell a long story Begin to use longer sentences of 4-6 words Begins to turn take in conversations Uses talk to organise themselves and their play	Using a sentence of 4-6 words Using 'because' and 'and' Answer simple why questions using past and future tenses Ask and answer simple questions using past and future tenses Children can use the past and future tenses when discussing things that have happened, and will happen, to them Children can use everyday language related to time (before, after, then, etc.)	Social phases Engage in stories Start a conversation Learn new vocabulary Active listening Engage in non-fiction books Describe an event	Use new vocab/ask relevant questions Connect ideas using connectives Retell stories in their own words Articulate ideas in sentences Answer 'how' and 'why' questions about stories and events	Hold a back and forth conversation and explain why things happen Children can describe the key settings, events and principle characters of a story	Speaks articulately Tells a simple story using fu sentences Uses future tenses Says name and address	

Personal, Social & Emotional Development								
Expectations during Nursery			Expectations during Reception	1	Links to KSI			
End of Nursery year 1 End of Nursery year 2		End of Autumn term	End of Spring term	End of Summer term	Liliks to KS1			
Starts to enjoy the company of peers Forms relationships with new adults Selects and uses activities with help Shows increasing confidence in new surroundings Plays with more than 1 friend Helps to suggest solutions to conflicts	Ability to follow the rules Becoming more outgoing with unfamiliar people Begins to understand how others feel Has developed ways of being assertive Takes part in pretend play Able to settle at an activity for a while	Knows peers' names Forms new friendships/knows class re Manage toileting Able to share Begin to regulate behaviour Think about others and wait their tur Express their feelings and consider or	'n	Begin to moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally Changing for PE Focus attention Know right from wrong Regulate own behaviour	Shows more independence Can tell what's make believe and real Likes to sing, dance and act Aware of gender Agrees with rules Wants to be like friends			

	Expectations	during Nursery		Expectations during Reception		Links to KSI
	End of Nursery year I	End of Nursery year 2	End of Autumn term	End of Spring term	End of Summer term	Links to KS1
Phonics	Phase I Aspects 4-7 Rhythm & rhyme Alliteration Voice sounds Oral blending & segmenting	Phase 2 S a t p I n m n d g o c k ck e u r h b f ff I II ss Tricky words & HFWs Blending & segmenting (by Xmas) Writing simple sentences (by Xmas/Easter)		Phase 3 j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa o oar or ur ow oi ear air ure er Tricky words & HFWs Blending & segmenting Phase 4		Phase 3 Phase 4 Phase 5
Writing	Pre-Literate Scribble stage Symbolic stage Directional scribble Symbolic/mock letters	Emergent Strings of letters Groups of letters Labelling pictures Environmental print		Transitional Letter/word representation First/last letter representation Medial letter sounds	Fluent Beginning phase writing Sentence writing	Six traits of writing Conventions, organization, voice, ideas, word choice, sentence fluer
Reading Promote a love of reading	Explores books independently Listens to stories read Imitate reading a book out loud	Understand the 5 key concepts of print Print has meaning Print can have different purposes We read English text from left to right and from top to bottom The names of different parts of the book Page sequencing	Name beginning sounds or words Match some letters to sounds Develop awareness of syllables Retell a story that has not been read to them	Say some rhyming words Match some spoken and written words Recognise some familiar words in print Predict what will happen next Identify initial, final sounds	Identify medial sound Say the meaning of some words Read simple words in isolation and in context Retell the main parts — who/what/when/where/how/why Arrange story in sequence	Decode unfamiliar words 'on the Read with some fluency Read taking note of punctuation Able to self-correct

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	Expectations d	uring Nursery		Expectations during Reception		Links to KSI
	End of Nursery year I	End of Nursery year 2	End of Autumn term	End of Spring term	End of Summer term	Liliks to K31
Number	See table below		Fast recognition up to 3 objects (subitising) Match objects using 1-1 correspondence to 5 Recite numbers past 5 Link numerals and amounts to 5 Cardinal principle – know the last number reached when counting sets of objects Record in own way Begin to sort objects Solve real world problems to 5	Count objects, actions, sounds to 5 Subitise to 5 Link the numeral to the cardinal number to 5 Understand 1 more/ less Explore composition of numbers to 10 Sort objects giving reasons Compare numbers Able to record in own way Able to combine 2 groups altogether Orders numbers to 5	Automatically recall number bonds 0-10 Count verbally beyond 20 Use mathematical vocab — more than/less than/add/take away etc Able to use correct notations for writing sums Able to write numbers 1-10 Able to recognise coin values and exchange them up to 10p Orders numbers to 10	Read and write numbers 1-100 Count in twos, fives and 10's up to 100 Add and subtract to and from 20 using objects/number line
Measurement			Begin to make comparisons between sizes, length, etc.	Arrange objects according to size, capacity, etc. Begin to understand vocab tall/short, heavy/light, etc.	Use vocab tall/short, heavy/light, etc. Able to make a prediction and test it — Which hold more?, etc.	Record measurements Sequence events in order — first, second, etc. Read digital clocks Understand coin values
Spatial sense and geometry (shapes)			Explore 2D & 3D shapes Begin to use vocab sides, corners, etc. Select appropriate shapes for building Combine shapes to make new ones Use spatial words in play, under, in, on, up, down, besides, between	Able to identify and sort 2D shapes and give reasons Describe a familiar route — obstacle route, etc. Begin to compose and decompose shapes	Able to sort 3D shapes and name them Able to describe common 2D and 3D shapes Know that a shape can have other shapes within it	Name shapes such as oval, hexagon Move objects in relation to others — over, under, etc.
Patterns			Talk about and identify the patterns around them Extend and create ABAB patterns stick. Leaf, stick, leaf	Notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern Talk about patterns in events first, then, next, etc.	Able to continue patterns with varying rules AB, ABB, ABBC	Make and extend patterns Recognise similarities and differences in patterns Children can describe similarities and differences

Nursery Maths

Assessments will take place 'in the moment' and in 'teacher led activities' and closing the gap time, will be given, to those children who need it to understand concepts before moving them on. End of term assessments will take place to ensure all children are working at ARE in line with the curriculum goals.

The first 3 weeks will be our settling in period and baseline and then the curriculum will start

Number Principles

I -I correspondence - I number name for each object that is counted

stable order – know that numbers are said in a certain order

cardinal principle – number name assigned to the final object in the grp is total no of objects in that group

abstraction principle – understand anything can be counted, including sound and movement

order irrelevance principle – order we count in is irrelevant there will always be the same number

Term	Aut	umn	Spi	ring	Sum	mer
Skills Taught	Shapes, Space and Measures Sorting – objects and categorise object: same/sort a group 2 different objects/s Colours – rec/name/match Use language of same/different when n Begin to recite numbers in order to 5 – objects/counting steps etc Find the odd one out of a group Begin to talk about shapes Describe shapes in own way and learn for this Begin to make arrangements of shapes Show an interest in shapes in the environ Begins to notice patterns in the environ Begins to make simple patterns – leaf! Number (continuous teaching) Begin to understand that the last numl Begin to realise there is an order to cot Begin to assign I counting word to eac Begin to say how many are left – from frogs) Investigate that a group of objects charaway Number I/2/3 Counting to and recognising the num Manipulate of many objects Give I/2/3 spoons to each teddy Select I/2/3 object from a group – pls Begin to represent numbers using finge Circle shape – has I curved side a tria Link numerals and amounts – at tidy u I/2/3 pencils for children to tidy up	matching - by singing songs/rhymes/counting some shape properties and the vocab s and build with shapes onment iment conker/leaf, etc. ber counted is how many are in a set unting h object 1-3 singing number rhymes (five speckled inges when an object is added or taken meral give me 1 ers — show me 1/2/3 fingers ingle has 3 sides	Shapes, Space and Measures Compare objects and learn the vocabu Develop an understanding of size — big Copies a pattern ABABAB using everyd Continues a pattern ABABAB Corrects an error in a pattern Explore patterns using body actions Able to name the pattern — leaf/twig/le Begins to make own repeated patterns Positional language — follow instruction front/next to, etc. Begins to use puzzles Develops an understanding of measuri ribbons/cubes, etc. Number (continuous teaching) Review numbers 1/2/3 Know that numbers identify how many Give me 1/2/3 objects from a larger gr	lary — big/little/small etc. cy/little/small/large etc. ay objects pine cones/leaves etc. caf/twig etc. s using positional language — behind/in ang using a range of objects — in a set oup f up to 3 objects without counting them, unted odel recording when adult led activity mber for each item different ways sow many are left — 5 little ducks went then comparing 2 dice rolled at the	Shapes, Space and Measures Use shapes appropriately for tasks — a Talk about the shapes of everyday obje Makes arrangements with shapes Goes on a shape hunt Select a particular named shape Able to complete a simple puzzle Develops an understanding of capacity pouring/filling/full/empty/half full Continues to develop an understanding Uses the language of weight — heavy/lig Number (continuous provision) Solve number patterns, 1212 what con Begins to subitise numbers within 5 — a using dice/numicon/objects etc. on own Begins to order numbers to 5 Counts 5 objects in an irregular arrange Begins to count beyond 5 saying 1 num Begins to count beyond 5 saying 1 num Begins to use words bigger/smaller whe line to 5 Begins to recognise numerals 1-5 in an Solves some real world problems to 5— enough chairs? Children record in their own way — how hoop?	and vocab — of tall/short and compare objects ght nes next? able to make in different ways r numbers 1-5 ement aber for each item en comparing numbers on a number d out of order - there are four of you but there aren't
End of term objectives	Autumn I Begins to subitise to 3 Explores 2-D & 3D shapes Compare quantities more, fewer	Autumn 2 Count objects in order to 5 Recite numbers past 5 Investigate properties of shapes Recognises patterns	Spring I Show finger numbers up to 5 Compare by size Experiments with recording using own marks Creates ABAB patterns	Spring 2 Match numerals and amounts to 5 Position – under, on top, etc. Compare by weight Corrects an error in a pattern	Summer I Select appropriate shapes for building Compare by length Solves real world problems to 5 Uses first, next, then	Summer 2 Combine shapes to make new ones Compare by capacity Understands position Counts 5 objects I-I Know how many without counting up to 5 (subitise)

Expressive Arts and Design

		during Nursery		Expectations during Reception		Links to KSI
	End of Nursery year I	End of Nursery year 2	End of Autumn term	End of Spring term	End of Summer term	Links to K31
Small world / role play area	Children can use different resources Character Development Familiar fantasy – superheroe,s etc. Familiar characters Familiar domestic situations Story Telling Animals, people, mini-mes, puppets, cars, trains Environment Specific resources - Airport, fire engines, rocket,	, dinosaurs, vehicles	Character Development Mini-mes Familiar situations – shop, bus etc Shared fantasy – adult introduces Story telling Mini mes, finger pulpets, story character masks, re-telling familiar stories Environment Non-Specific resources – cave, toad stools, etc.	Character Development Unfamiliar fantasy – made up by child Unfamiliar real life situations – artic, nativity, etc. Story telling Own resources, block people, resources not gende Environment Models made out of construction Junk materials Fabrics for capes, etc. Natural materials – bark, logs, conkers, pine cone		
Painting	Experiment with a variety of tools and different sized brushes – sponge brushes, fingers twigs, vehicles, rollers, sponges, hands, feet Brushes: large rollers, large brushes		Recognise and name the primary colours and mix colours Match the colours to artefacts and objects Use fingers, fruit and veg, 3D shapes Brushes: medium brushes, smaller rollers	Explore working with paint on different surfaces — paper, card, and different sized and shaped paper Use: marbles, cotton buds, small brushes	Select own resources and use own ideas to produce a piece of work Look and talk about their art work and describe the techniques used and media used	Explore lighting and darkening paint Begin to control marks made Start to record in a sketch book Blending colours
Drawing Chn to be taught how to draw people, animals, snowmen, etc.	Enjoys using fingers, hands, chalk, pens, pencils to make marks Can distinguish between drawing and writing Beginning to draw shapes for a person		Draws a person with 2-4 body parts and shows emotions in the face Draws on different surfaces and different sized paper vertically and horizontally	Draws a person with at least 6 body parts Draws from imagination, observations and illustrations Talks about what they have drawn in detail		Begins to control the marks they make Records in a sketch book Develops tone Symmetrical features
Textiles	Plays with a variety of fabrics, textiles Uses glue sticks, glue spreader to join materials		Decorates a piece of fabric Collages using fabrics to show layering Able to weave paper, twigs, etc. Uses sticky tape, pegs to join materials	Uses appropriate vocab to describe what they have produced Uses hole punch, paper clips, treasury tags, etc. I know that threading is putting one material through an object		Begins to identify types of textiles Colours textiles and prints them Simple stitch work
Print Making	Rubbings – leafs, bark, coins, corrug wrap	Dings — leafs, bark, coins, corrugated card, natural resources, bubble natural Patterns using objects — man made & Look and talk about what they have produced		Printing with ink, string and card, etc. Explore the work of artists		
Music	Listen to sounds Respond to a variety of music from different cultures through dance, instruments		Remember and sing entire songs Sing the pitch of a tone by another person — high/low Sing the melodic shape — up down, etc.	Move to and talk about their favourite artists/songs Sing in a group or do a solo Match the pitch and the melody Replicate a choreographed dance and make up one of their own Perform in front of others on a stage		Listen and respond Explore and create Sing Share and perform
Modelling, sculpting and materials	Children can use different resources to represent real-life and imaginary objects and locations		I can make simple suggestions to improve or fix a junk model I know there are a range to different materials that can be used to make a model and that they are all slightly different	I know that 'waterproof' materials are those which do not absorb water I know that a design is a way of planning our idea before we start		Design process Evaluating and improving a product Properties of materials

Understanding the World

	Expectations	during Nursery		Expectations during Reception		Links to KSI
	End of Nursery year I	End of Nursery year 2	End of Autumn term	End of Spring term	End of Summer term	Links to K51
The Natural World	Explore natural materials and their Observe what they see and talk abo Describe and sequence what they h etc.) Use magnifying glasses to support of Begin to understand the changes in	nave seen (melting, cooling, heating,	Able to make collections of natural objects they are interested in Talk about similarities and differences between their life and life in other countries Able to explore the natural world — use senses, songs, close observation, drawings, etc. Discuss contrasting environments to where they live Able to draw information from a simple map Understand the change in seasons and describe the changes with support Know there are other countries in the world — non-fiction books, globes, maps, google Children can engage with non-fiction books Children can say how some things change over time Children can create representations of the different seasons			Study the weather Hot & cold climates Maps
Families and People	Explore their own life stories — sequ Show interest in a range of occupat Develop positive attitudes to other of Chinese New Year, etc. and listenin, With support, children can say how	ions cultures through Diwali, Christmas, g to stories, puppets, small world	Talk about their own families and look at real life families in books and discuss different types of families Children can talk about past and present events in their lives and the lives of their family members Able to talk about important people in the community — lollipop man, nurse, doctor, dentist, etc. Learn about people in the past — bonfire night, Xmas story. etc. Children can ask and answer simple questions about the people they are learning about Homes in the past, etc. Look at important place in the community churches, mosques, etc. Children can describe and sequence events that have and will happen to them Children can compare their lives to those of people in other countries			Famous people in the past Famous women in the past
Growth	Know how plants grow from a seed Understand a simple life cycle — du		Begin to understand how to care and p Caterpillars — look after them and learn	Animal groups Food groups		
Forces and Magnets	Explore how things work wind-up to Explore the changes in materials — Floating/sinking /shadows Learn new vocab to use to explain w	melting/cooking	Learn about and explain and learn new vocab to use for ice melting/sounds causing vibrations/light travelling through materials/shadows, magnets, floating and sinking			Identify materials Classify materials Learn about the properties of materials
ICT	Use of iPads/iPods for photographs/ Know how to turn on/off/swipe/ope		Uses the camera for a purpose. Uses the insects, etc. Understands you can find out information		Begins to understand how to use technology safely	Uses a keyboard Creates a simple program E safety What is email?