

Communication and Language Educational Programme

The development of children’s spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. Children’s **back-and-forth interactions** from an early age form the foundations for **language and cognitive development**. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing, and echoing back what they say with **new vocabulary added**, practitioners will **build children’s language effectively**.

Reading frequently to children, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts, will give children the opportunity to thrive. Through **conversation, storytelling and role play**, where children share their ideas with support and modelling from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate, **children become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures**.

Speaking more than one language has lots of advantages for children. It is the norm in many countries around the world. Children will learn English from a strong foundation in their home language. It is important for you to encourage families to use their home language for linguistic as well as cultural reasons. Children learning English will typically go through a quiet phase when they do not say very much and may then use words in both languages in the same sentence. Talk to parents about what language they speak at home, try and learn a few key words and celebrate multilingualism in your setting.

ELG: Listening, Attention and Understanding

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions;
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding;
- Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.

ELG: Speaking

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary;
- Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate;
- Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

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Development Matters

- Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important
- Learn new vocabulary
- Use new vocabulary through the day
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
- Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences
- Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.

EYFS links to KS1 subjects

- Describe events in some detail.
- Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.
- Develop social phrases.
- Engage in story times.
- Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding
- Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.
- Use new vocabulary in different contexts
- Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.
- Learn rhymes, poems and songs
- Engage in non-fiction books.
- Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

PSED Educational Programme

Children’s personal, social and emotional development (PSED) is crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives and is fundamental to their cognitive development. Underpinning their personal development are the important attachments that shape their social world. Strong, warm and supportive relationships with adults enable children to learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others.

Children should be supported to manage emotions, develop a positive sense of self, set themselves simple goals, have confidence in their own abilities, to persist and wait for what they want and direct attention as necessary. Through adult modelling and guidance, they will **learn how to look after their bodies, including healthy eating, and manage personal needs independently.** Through supported interaction with other children they **learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peaceably.** These attributes will provide a secure platform from which children can achieve at school and in later life.

ELG: Self-Regulation

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly;
- Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate;
- Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

ELG: Managing Self

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge;
- Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly;
- Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.

ELG: Building Relationships

Children at the expected level of development will: - Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others;

- Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers;
- Show sensitivity to their own and to others’ needs

PSED	Computing
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Development Matters

- See themselves as a valuable individual
- Build constructive and respectful relationships
- Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others
- Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
- Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally.
- Think about the perspectives of others.
- Manage their own needs - Personal hygiene
- Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing:
regular physical activity

EYFS links to KS1 subjects

healthy eating

toothbrushing

sensible amounts of 'screen time' - having a good sleep routine

being a safe pedestrian

Physical Development Educational Programme

Physical activity is vital in children’s all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives. **Gross and fine motor** experiences develop incrementally throughout early childhood, starting with sensory explorations and the development of a child’s **strength, co-ordination and positional awareness** through tummy time, crawling and play movement with both objects and adults.

By creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, adults can support children to **develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility**. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being. Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.

ELG: Gross Motor Skills

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others;
- Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing;
- Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. *ELG: Fine Motor Skills Children at the expected level of development will:* - Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases; - Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery; - Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

ELG: Fine Motor Skills

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases;
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery;
- Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

P.E.	Writing	PSED	Art	D & T	
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Development Matters

•Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired:

- rolling
- crawling
- walking
- jumping
- running
- hopping
- skipping
- climbing

•Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.

•Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming.

EYFS links to KS1 subjects

- Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons. **Art D & T**
- Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.
- Combine different movements with ease and fluency.
- Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group. Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility.
- Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming. Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.
- Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.
- Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: **PSED**
lining up and queuing
mealtimes

Literacy Educational Programme

It is crucial for children to develop a **life-long love of reading**. Reading consists of two dimensions: **language comprehension and word reading**. Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together. **Skilled word reading**, taught later, involves both the speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words (decoding) and the speedy recognition of familiar printed words. Writing involves **transcription** (spelling and handwriting) and **composition** (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech, before writing).

ELG: Comprehension

Children at the expected level of development will:

- *Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary;*
- *Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories;*
- *Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play.*

ELG: Word Reading

Children at the expected level of development will:

- *Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs;*
- *Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending;*
- *Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.*

ELG: Writing

Children at the expected level of development will:

- *Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed;*
- *Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters;*
- *Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.*

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Development Matters

- Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.
- Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter– sound correspondences
- Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.
- Read a few common exception words matched to the school’s phonic programme
- Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter–sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.
- Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.
- Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.
- Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.

EYFS links to KS1 subjects

- Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.
- Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense

Mathematics Programme of Education

Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children **develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically**. Children should be able to **count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers**.

By providing frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply this understanding – such as using manipulatives, including small pebbles and tens frames for organising counting – children will **develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary from which mastery of mathematics is built**. In addition, it is important that the curriculum includes rich opportunities for children to **develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures**. It is important that children **develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, ‘have a go’, talk to adults and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes**.

ELG: Number

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number;
- Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5;
- Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

ELG: Numerical Patterns

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system;
- Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity;
- Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

Maths

Science

Development Matters

- Count objects, actions and sounds.
- Subitise
- Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value.
- Count beyond ten.
- Compare numbers
- Understand the ‘one more than/one less than’ relationship between consecutive numbers.
- Explore the composition of numbers to 10
- Automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0–5 and some to 10.
- Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.
- Compose and decompose shapes so that children recognise a shape can have other shapes within it, just as numbers can.
- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.
- Compare length, weight and capacity.

Understanding the world Educational Programme

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children’s personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children’s vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

ELG: Past and Present

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society;
- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

ELG: People, Culture and Communities

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps;
- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.

ELG: The Natural World

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

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Development Matters

- Talk about members of their immediate family and community.
- Name and describe people who are familiar to them.
- Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.
- Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.
- Draw information from a simple map

EYFS links to KS1 subjects

- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- Explore the natural world around them
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.
- Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

Expressive arts and design Educational Programme

The development of children’s artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

ELG: Creating with Materials

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function;
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used;
- Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

ELG: Being Imaginative and Expressive

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher;
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.

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Development Matters

- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. **D & T PSED P.E.**
- Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. **D & T**
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills. **D & T**
- Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. **P.E. PSED**
- Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.
- Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody
- Develop storylines in their pretend play. **PSED History Geography**
- Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups. **P.E. PSED**

The characteristics of effective teaching and learning

In planning and guiding what children learn, practitioners must reflect on the different rates at which children are developing and adjust their practice appropriately. Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning are:

- playing and exploring – children investigate and experience things, and ‘have a go’
- active learning – children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- creating and thinking critically – children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

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Development Matters

Playing and Exploring:

- Realise that their actions have an effect on the world, so they want to keep repeating them. **Science PSED**
- Plan and think ahead about how they will explore or play with objects. **Science**
- Guide their own thinking and actions by referring to visual aids or by talking to themselves while playing. For example, a child doing a jigsaw might whisper under their breath: “Where does that one go? – I need to find the big horse next.”
- Make independent choices.
- Bring their own interests and fascinations into early years settings. This helps them to develop their learning.
- Respond to new experiences that you bring to their attention. **S & L**

Active Learning

- Participate in routines. **Maths**
- Begin to predict sequences because they know routines **Maths PSED**
- Show goal-directed behaviour **PSED**
- Begin to correct their mistakes themselves. **PSED**
- Keep on trying when things are difficult. **PSED**

Creating and Thinking Critically

- Take part in simple pretend play
- Sort materials. **Maths Science**
- Review their progress as they try to achieve a goal. Check how well they are doing.
- Solve real problems **Maths Science PSED**
- Use pretend play to think beyond the ‘here and now’ and to understand another perspective. **PSED R.E. Geography History**
- Know more, so feel confident about coming up with their own ideas. Make more links between those ideas. **PSED**
- Concentrate on achieving something that’s important to them. They are increasingly able to control their attention and ignore distractions.