

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Staff at ACE aim to provide a warm, secure and stimulating environment where children can develop at their own pace. We ensure every child is given the same opportunity, without discrimination as we value and respect individuals' diversity. We promote health and wellbeing as a fundamental part of nursery life, as it contributes to the child's development. Consideration is given to each individual child's needs, interests and their stages of development; from this we plan challenging and enjoyable activities within the framework of The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

The characteristics of effective learning and the prime and specific areas of learning and development are all interconnected and form the EYFS.

There are 3 characteristics of effective learning:

Active learning – motivation



Playing and exploring – engagement



Creating and thinking critically – thinking

There are 7 areas of learning and development:

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)



Communication and Language (CL)



Physical Development (PD)

Specific Areas

Understanding the World (UW)



Literacy (L)



Mathematics (M)



Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

To support the EYFS we have a set of core activities which are available both inside and outside during every session:

Sand pit, water tray, role play area, books, creative area, construction, small world, mark making, snack and mealtimes which the children help to prepare and set up.

We offer a mixture of staff led and child-initiated activities within the free flow session; children can choose their own activities and follow their individual interests. Through observations staff can plan activities and have resources available to aid the children's progress over the areas of learning and development.

More information on the EYFS Framework can be obtained from: <https://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>