



Perrymount Early Years Newsletter

Welcome to Perrymount Primary School's first Early Years Newsletter, celebrating the work that has been going on across Nursery and Reception.

EYFS Curriculum

The EYFS curriculum is first and foremost the EYFS Statutory Framework. The Framework sets out *The Three Characteristics of Effective Learning* (How children learn) and the *7 Key Areas of Learning* (What children learn.) Early Years Practitioners also use Development Matters to inform planning and assessment.

The 7 Key Areas of Learning are divided into two categories 'Prime Areas' and 'Specific Areas':

The Prime Areas:

1. Communication and Language
2. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
3. Physical Development

The Four specific areas:

1. Literacy
2. Maths
3. Understanding the world
4. Expressive art and design

The Three Characteristics of Effective Learning of the Early Years Foundation Stage



Early Years at Home!



Sensory play is an essential part of young children's development. It is any activity that stimulates their senses – touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste. It helps children interact with and make sense of the world that surrounds them. Through sensory play, children develop curiosity, initiative, focus and persistence. Sensory play activities are; playdough, painting, baking, an obstacle course, playing with; sand, water, food, mud and so much more!

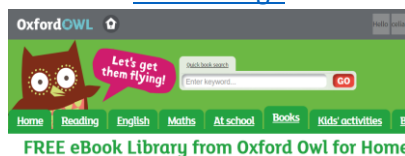
Useful Websites

Homemade sensory play activities:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/PlayToLearnPS/sensory-activities-preschool/>

Free ebooks and RWI support on the 'Oxford Owl' website:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age>



Early Years in Action!

Here are some of the exciting experiences we have had so far:



We had Forest Hill Fire Station Crew visit us at school, as part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic.



We have enjoyed playing with Numicon, it helps us to make sense of numbers and quantities.

Powerful Picture Books

Children need to see themselves in the books that they read. Representation is the key to promoting positive identities and challenging stereotypes. It's important to read books which reflect your children's cultural and diverse identities, as well as others.





The Three Characteristics of Effective Learning of the Early Years Foundation Stage

Playing and Exploring
Children investigate and experience things. They are willing to 'have a go'
Engagement

Active Learning
Children concentrate and keep on trying when they encounter difficulties. They enjoy their achievements
Motivation

Creating and Thinking Critically
Children have and develop their own ideas. They make links between ideas and choose ways to do things
Thinking

Nursery in Action!

Sensory Play includes making playdough.



Mark Making with water and paintbrushes or chunky chinks. These activities help to develop **literacy skills**, as well as **physical**.



Playing fun parachute games helps children to **listen to and follow instructions**, as well as **take turns** and build **secure relationships with adults and peers**.



Thank you for taking time to read our first Early Years Newsletter.

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Reception in Action!

Sensory play is still a very important part of our development and learning.



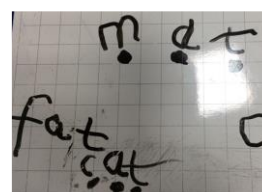
Water play also supports the teaching of **capacity and volume**



Role playing stories and drawing story maps, helps to develop our **vocabulary**, as well as our understanding of **story composition**.



Phonics helps us to learn how to **read and spell words**.



The Three Prime Areas:

Communication and Language



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Physical Development

