

EYFS Development Matters Statements - Prime Areas

Communication and Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn new vocabulary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use new vocabulary through the day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe events in some detail.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop social phrases.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in story times.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use new vocabulary in different contexts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn rhymes, poems and songs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in non-fiction books.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See themselves as a valuable individual.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build constructive and respectful relationships.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think about the perspectives of others.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage their own needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal hygiene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> regular physical activity healthy eating toothbrushing sensible amounts of 'screen time' having a good sleep routine being a safe pedestrian

Physical Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rolling crawling walking jumping running hopping skipping climbing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine different movements with ease and fluency.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lining up and queuing mealtimes

EYFS Development Matters Statements - Specific Areas

Literacy

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

Mathematics

- 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

- 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.
- 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 to the one in which they live.
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
- Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.
- Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.
- 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.
- Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.