



Our broad and **balanced** curriculum **inspires curiosity, builds knowledge and develops** the skills children need to thrive. **Learning is connected, engaging and designed to spark a lifelong love of discovery.**



Prime Areas



Children develop key communication skills through listening, understanding and speaking. They learn to follow instructions, join conversations and express ideas using growing vocabulary. Through stories, play and discussion, they build confidence to share thoughts clearly and develop strong early language skills that support meaningful communication across different everyday situations.



Children learn to understand their own feelings and those of others, beginning to manage their behaviour and work towards simple goals. They develop independence, resilience and the ability to follow rules. They build positive relationships, take turns, and show sensitivity to others' needs while managing their own self-care and making healthy choices, supporting strong emotional development.



Children learn to move confidently and safely, negotiating space and obstacles with awareness of themselves and others. They develop strength, balance and coordination through energetic movement such as running, jumping and climbing. They also refine fine-motor skills, holding a pencil effectively, using small tools with control and beginning to show accuracy and care in their drawing, supporting strong physical development.



Core Learning



Children develop comprehension by understanding stories read to them, retelling events in their own words and using new vocabulary confidently. They anticipate key moments, discuss characters and ideas, and use language meaningfully through stories, non-fiction and play, strengthening early reading comprehension.

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Children learn to say sounds for letters and digraphs, blend sounds to read words and read simple sentences with growing confidence. They also begin forming recognisable letters correctly, spelling words by hearing and recording sounds, and writing simple phrases or sentences others can read, supporting early literacy development.

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Children develop a deep understanding in number by exploring numbers to 10, using manipulatives such as counters, cubes and ten-frames to see how each number is made. They subitise to 5 and recall number bonds to 5 and some to 10. Children also build confidence in recognising numerical patterns, counting beyond 20, comparing quantities and exploring odds, evens, doubles and equal distribution. Through practical activities and discussion, they develop rich mathematical vocabulary.



Understanding the World



Children learn about the past and present by talking about the lives of people around them and the roles they play in society. They begin to notice similarities and differences between life then and now, drawing on their own experiences and class texts. Through stories and storytelling, they develop an understanding of past events, characters and settings, supporting early history understanding.



Children learn about the world in people, culture and communities by describing their immediate environment using what they notice, discuss and read. They begin to understand similarities and differences between religious and cultural groups in this country. They also explore how life here compares with life in other countries through stories, non-fiction and maps, supporting early cultural understanding.



Children explore the natural world by observing plants, animals and seasonal changes, and by drawing what they see. They begin to notice similarities and differences between their own environment and contrasting places. They also develop understanding of important natural processes, such as weather, seasons and changes in materials, supporting early scientific understanding.



Expressive Arts and Design



Children develop creativity in expressive arts and design by safely exploring a wide range of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, texture, form and design. They enjoy sharing their creations and talking about how they made them. Children also use props and materials to bring characters and stories to life in their play, strengthening imaginative creative development.



Music lessons encourage pupils to sing confidently, explore rhythm and pulse and respond thoughtfully to live and recorded music. Children play tuned and untuned instruments, experiment with combining sounds and begin developing an understanding of pitch, tempo and performance. Learning nurtures creativity, listening skills and musical confidence.



Through Performing Arts and LAMDA activities, pupils develop confidence, communication and self-expression through drama, movement and performance. Children explore storytelling, poetry and character whilst rehearsing and performing collaboratively. Opportunities to speak and perform help pupils develop creativity, resilience and increasingly confident speaking and listening skills.

