

# Early Years Expectations

## *Nursery*

# Trust Ready










A nursery curriculum, planning and assessment document to ensure that children are ready for the demands of Reception – and beyond.



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# Early Years Expectations: Nursery Trust

## Introduction

Across our schools, we recognise and value the **unique opportunities** and benefits that an excellent Early Years curriculum can bring. Across our Trust, we routinely revisit and reflect upon and share our expectations for a quality nursery experience, encompassing our Trust values, and collective experience – along with a realignment of the core principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage:

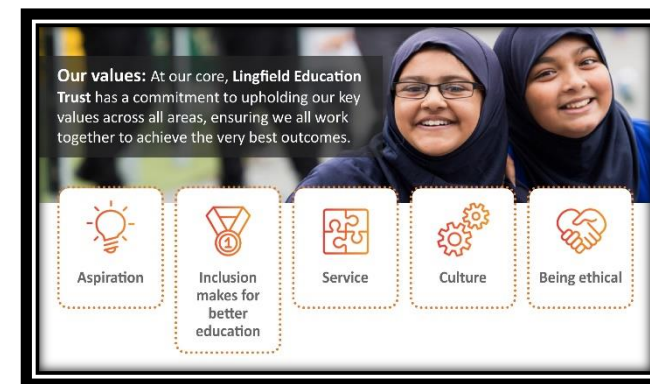
These principles are:

- every child is a **unique child**, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured
- children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**
- children learn and develop well in **enabling environments**, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners and parents and/or carers
- children **develop and learn in different ways** and at different rates.

Whilst some aspects of our 'Nursery Trust Ready' curriculum are **academically challenging**, we fully embed and 'live' the three **Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning** of:

- playing and exploring** - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'
- active learning** - children concentrate, 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.

This curriculum is not an excuse for a formal, playless or sedentary Early Years experience for our children – on the contrary, skilled practitioners can develop all aspects of child knowledge and skills through the characteristics above, with a memorable, enjoyable and effectively unique Early Years experience.



***“The first 5 years, have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out.”***

Bill Gates

## The Early Years Curriculum is not in its entirety within this document



This document is a **common curriculum basis – not an arbitrary assessment tool or full curriculum offer**. It is not designed to be a 'tick list' to assess every child against every statement. Children are statutorily assessed against the Early Learning Goals at the end of Reception – this curriculum is broader than the Early Learning Goals and Development Matters statements. It aims to exemplify, broaden and balance the curriculum – and in many cases, deepen it - encompassing key life skills, experiences and expectations, which are not explicitly part of the 'Early Years Outcomes' document. For example, the key aspects of early childhood of table manners, responding to greetings, cooking skills and fitness have all been interwoven into the document. **Understanding the World is a central driver** to this curriculum, as such, the experiences and expectations detailed within this section, are seen as vehicles and contexts for learning across the curriculum.

In light of the review, this curriculum demands that **every early years child** across the Trust:

- ☞ Actively listens and takes part in **'five a day'** language rich experiences each day (stories, poems, raps, rhymes, nursery rhymes, tongue twisters, songs)
- ☞ Has access to weekly at least one **physical education** lesson
- ☞ Uses the **'Trust Bear'** as a common context for learning and sharing
- ☞ Is expected to have the opportunity to develop **oral blending and segmenting skills** prior to reception, to develop their phonological awareness in preparation for early reading
- ☞ **Develops a love of learning** – they are confident, articulate and increasingly independent learners, because their curriculum is **fun, inspiring and relevant**

Whilst general expectations are set out in relation to the curriculum areas, our schools teach more widely than this narrow focus in these areas. There are also other key considerations which practitioners and schools must consider. These are:

- ☞ How are areas of the curriculum that are not listed taught in your school? For example, Computing and ICT are skills are not linked to an Early Years area, but are areas of important teaching in preparation for Year 1 readiness. Not all areas of learning are assessed for our youngest children, but their curriculum will extend beyond these areas.
- ☞ How do these expectations align with the curriculum model of the school? Are the examples shared in line with the progression models for the national curriculum subjects taught across KS1 and beyond, which start in Early Years?

As such, in order to gain a full picture of the Early Years curriculum, other documentation is required to ascertain the full and holistic view of Early Years within our schools.

### 'Nursery Trust Ready' Statements – What are they?

We aspire for all of our children to be able to do, be entitled to, or experience additional learning beyond the traditional 'Early Years Curriculum'. These statements may be slightly more challenging, in preparation for Reception year, but equally may be aspects of our curriculum which are simply not part of the traditional Development Matters Early Years curriculum, yet we deem this to be an important aspect of learning for our nursery experience.

Not meeting all of the demands of the 'Nursery Trust Ready' section for each area does not mean that a child has not achieved the Nursery Early Years curriculum (Birth to 3 & 3 - 4 Years), or are not on track to achieve it (the nationally expected standard for the end of Nursery), but it will mean that they are not as well prepared for Reception as the Trust aims for. The assessment of children should be holistic and best fit. **There is no longer an 'exceeding' level of achievement within the statutory Early Years assessment procedures.** The focus for practitioners MUST be to ensure that as many children as possible reach the expected standards by the end of their nursery experience – so that learning gaps are closed as soon as possible. This does not mean that practitioners should not deepen children's understanding and provide extended opportunities for children who are ready. This should be within the curriculum expectations for nursery, and not 'dipping in to reception' curriculum content.



**This document contains the following, in relation to key assessment points**

**2 year olds**

- Prime Areas of Learning only
- Entry checkpoints
- Exit checkpoints (same as N1 entry)

**N1 Children**

- Prime Areas of Learning only
- Exit checkpoints (same as N2 entry)

**N2 Children**

- All 7 Areas of Learning
- Autumn, Spring, Summer checkpoints

***“Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, to be delighted.”***

Dr Seuss.



# Communication and Language

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## 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, story-telling 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.

***“Learning too soon our limitations, we never learn our powers.”***

Mignon McLaughlin





### Area of Learning : Communication and Language

#### Summer Term N2 (N2+)

##### By the end of the Summer term N2 children should be able to...

- Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens
- Be able to sing a simple nursery rhyme all the way through e.g., Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Humpty Dumpty, Baa, Baa Black Sheep, Incy Wincy Spider
- Foster a love of a variety of stories, poems, songs and rhymes
- Attend to, listen and respond appropriately in a range of situations (one to one, small group or whole class) with adults and/or their peers.
- To be able to understand and follow adult directions in a range of contexts, e.g. 'Give me your attention please. It's time to stop and tidy up'
- Use a wider range of vocabulary linked to stories, curriculum and experiences
- Show an understanding of prepositions, such as under, on top, behind by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture
- Understand 'who', 'how' and 'why' questions, such as 'Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?', and give an explanation
- Develop their pronunciation but may have problems saying:
  - sounds: r,j,th,ch and sh
  - multisyllabic words such as 'pterodactyl', 'subitising' and 'hippopotamus'
- Speak clearly in a sentence using 4-6 words consistently
- Be able to use language in recalling past experiences
- Use talk to explain what is happening and organise themselves in their play, e.g. 'Let's go on a bus...you be the driver...I'll sit here'
- Begin to use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played)
- Develop their communication, recognising some age-appropriate errors in language (e.g. *swimmed*, *runned*) and will absorb and use language they hear around them in their community and culture
- Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult / friend, using words as well as actions
- Start a conversation with an adult / friend and continue it for many turns
- Begin to use some expression in their conversations
- Begin to recognise 'waiting your turn' in a conversation when someone else is speaking
- Understand a question or instruction that has 2 parts, such as 'Get your coat and wait at the door'.

#### Spring Term N2 (N2=)

##### By the end of the Spring term N2 children should be able to...

- Listen and engage with an unknown short story in a small group, e.g. commenting on the illustration
- Join in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories
- Focus attention (in self- chosen activities) – can still listen or do, but can change their own focus of attention
- Understand the use of, and vocabulary related to, tools / objects, e.g. 'Which one do we cut with?' or 'what would help us to move this sand?'
- Respond to instructions with more elements, e.g., 'Give the big ball to me; collect up all the blocks and put them in the box'.
- Use language to share feelings, experiences and thoughts
- Begin to hold a conversation but might jump from topic to topic
- Learn new words quickly and begin to be able to use them in communicating (links to topics, e.g., flower, leaf, petal)
- Begin to use a variety of questions e.g. what, where, can

- Begin to use longer sentences, e.g. 'I hurt my finger...' (and what on)
- Retell a simple past event in correct order e.g. 'went down slide, hurt my finger'

### **Autumn Term N2 (N2-)**

#### **By the end of the Autumn Term N2 children should be able to...**

- Listen to familiar stories with increasing attention and engagement
- Listen to others in one-to-one or small groups, when conversation interests them
- Single channelled attention; shift to a different task if their attention is fully obtained – using a child's name helps them to focus
- Join in with simple repeated refrains in rhymes, songs and stories
- Understand who & what in simple questions, e.g. 'Who's that?' 'Who can...?' 'What's that?'
- Name everyday objects, e.g., scissors, ball, hat, coat, book
- Respond to instructions with more elements, e.g., 'Give the big ball to Tom'
- Begin to ask simple questions e.g 'Can I have a turn?', 'Where's my picture?'
- Begin to talk about people and things that are not present, e.g. 'my nana has a dog'

### **END OF N1 CHECKPOINTS (N1+)**

#### **By the end of N1 children should be able to...**

- Begin to talk / share / sing in a range of familiar situations or group
- Listen to and enjoy rhythmic patterns in rhymes and stories, trying to join in with actions or vocalisations
- Listen with interest and respond to alliterative phrases/voice sounds within stories, e.g 'Boo!', 'Wheeeeeeee!'
- Learn nursery rhymes and simple songs. Repeat and sing daily.
- Understand simple sentences e.g. 'Sam, throw the ball'
- Identify action words by following simple instructions, e.g., 'Can you jump like a frog?'
- Developing understanding of simple concepts, e.g. fast / slow, hot / cold
- To listen and respond to an adult instruction, with supportive gesture, e.g. 'stop', 'hold my hand', 'come to the carpet'
- Use different types of everyday words (nouns, verbs and adjectives, e.g. banana, go, sleep, soft & colours)
- Pay attention to own choice of activity for a more sustained period of time, to complete a chosen task
- Recognise and respond to many familiar sounds, e.g., turning to a knock on the door, looking at or going to the door
- Show interest in playing with sounds, songs and rhymes
- Understand different situations – be able to follow routine events and activities using non-verbal cues
- Select familiar objects by name and will go and find objects when asked, or identify objects from a group
- Copy actions from words, e.g., stop, hopping, clapping, jumping
- Understand 'where' in simple questions, e.g., 'Where is...?'
- Use different types of everyday words (nouns, e.g. bike, dog, coat) and begin to use correctly in context
- Put words together to communicate and / or express needs, e.g., 'More juice' 'I want my mummy' 'I play with teddy'

#### **By the end of two year old provision children should be able to...**

- Listen to an interactive short story or rhyme book
- Begins to listen to talk that interests them
- Listens to and responds to some familiar sounds such as fire-engine
- Understand a story by joining with actions and words



- Listen and respond to a 1-step instruction – single channelled attention
- Use about 300 familiar words – copy/ repeat new polysyllabic words e.g binoculars
- Link up to 5 words – say a simple sentence
- Identify action words – can you jump? Pat head, sit down
- Understand and follow a simple instruction, routine e.g get the red cup, wash and dry hands
- Begins to know what simple objects are used for e.g paint brush for painting
- Understands the language of size - big, small
- Begins to use describing words and prepositions in play
- Fills in the missing parts to NR, songs and stories
- Understand a simple question involving “where?”
- Can ask a simple questions eg “what that?”

**At the very beginning of two year old provision we would like to see....**

- Show an interest in interactive books, illustrations, flaps and noises
- Understand a story with the help of picture by pointing to things when asked
- Can understand and follow a 1-step instruction with support from adult modelling
- Use about 50 familiar words – copy/ repeat new words (nouns)
- Make symbolic sounds linked to their own interests e.g choo choo
- Can Link 2 to 3 words
- Shows awareness of routines with adult supporting and modelling eg, non-verbal clues and simple language
- Can point to or attempt to name everyday objects
- Begins to listen and join in with the actions to NR, songs and stories
- Respond to own name, giving eye contact



# Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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## 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.



***“For children, play is as natural as breathing – and as necessary.”***

Mimi Bronsky Chenfeld  
Early Childhood Author



## Area of Learning : Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### Summer Term N2 (N2+)

#### By the end of the Summer term N2 children should be able to...

- Begin to understand that expectations vary depending on different events and changes in routine.
- Show an awareness of how others might be feeling.
- Express a wide range of self-aware emotions and feelings in their interactions with others and through their behaviour and play, including guilt and self-doubt
- Show some awareness of the similarities and differences between themselves and others.
- Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.
- Find a supportive adult for help in resolving conflict with peers.
- Be able to access and concentrate on an adult directed task.
- Be able to follow routines, rules and adult direction (expectations) and understand why they are important.
- Selects and uses activities and resources, with help when needed.
- Remember routines and boundaries without needing an adult to remind them.
- Becoming independent with an ever-increasing range of personal skills e.g. putting on own socks and shoes, fastening/unfastening zips and large buttons, helping with small responsibilities (e.g. giving out the cups at snack time).
- Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing.

### Spring Term N2 (N2=)

#### By the end of the Spring term N2 children should be able to...

- Be aware that they share some similarities and differences with others.
- Begin to express a wide range of feelings in their interactions.
- Enjoy a sense of belonging.
- See adults as role models and mimic their behaviour in their own interaction with others.
- Makes choices and decisions based on their own ideas/preferences, and feels a sense of achievement in doing so.
- Invites preferred peers to play and attempt to join others' play
- Demonstrates more independent impulse control in favourable conditions e.g. shares a toy with someone else when they have finished with it, takes turns in a simple game (ie ball games)
- Seek out companionship with familiar adults and children, sharing experiences and simple play ideas e.g. new baby, birthday parties, playing 'babies'
- Show a 'can do' attitude to new resources and activities
- Shows interest and initiates simple interaction with a unfamiliar adult in a familiar setting e.g. Y6 teacher, Trust Leaders, Nurse
- Participates independently in collective cooperation.
- With prompting, participate in a wider variety of personal care and responsibilities e.g. toileting, unzipping own coat, washing and drying hands
- Be willing to try new foods and show an understanding that fruit and veg is good for you, we need exercise to stay healthy, importance of brushing teeth

### Autumn Term N2 (N2-)

#### By the end of the Autumn Term N2 children should be able to...

- Begin to use manners using verbal/non-verbal communication e.g. 'please', 'thank you', 'sorry'
- Start to develop a sense of self.
- Show happiness when someone is kind to them, show negative emotion when someone or something upsets them.

- Enjoy playing alone or alongside others
- Show interest in others' play and join in activity alongside.
- Share toys with other children with support of a familiar adult.
- Seek out an adult to share emotions with e.g. upset to seek comfort, pride in something they have done
- Becoming upset or find a familiar adult if another child is upset or hurt
- Separate from their close carers without support and explore new situations eagerly with encouragement from another familiar adult
- Build relationships with special people, showing more confidence in the presence of strangers in a familiar setting e.g. school nurse, topic related visitors
- Begin to follow routines and boundaries with some adult prompting.
- Show understanding of obvious feelings e.g. they are cross and that's why they are shouting, they are happy so they smile.
- Initiate own play ideas, usually choosing areas of interest but branching out to areas they are less familiar with.
- Independent with simple personal care e.g. accessing the snack table, hanging up their own coat, taking off own socks and shoes
- Be willing to experience new foods e.g. hold, lick

#### **By the end of N1 (N1+)**

##### **By the end N1 children should be able to...**

- Show understand of 'right' and 'wrong' e.g. stop themselves from hurting someone deliberately,
- Show a range of emotions, even if they don't understand them yet.
- Mainly plays alone, will tolerate play alongside others.
- Seek comfort from familiar adults when upset or hurt
- Become more able to separate from their close carers happily and explore new situations with support and encouragement from another familiar adult
- With support, cooperate in favourable situations, such as with familiar people and environments and when free from anxiety
- Build relationships with special people but may show anxiety in the presence of strangers
- Choose to play in areas that interest them, with support of adult if they are unsure.
- Begin to have an awareness of routines and boundaries.
- Show awareness of when they are wet (clothing or toileting) or dirty and seek help from a familiar adult.

##### **By the end of two year old provision children should be able to...**

- Knows some things belong to them e.g. know which is their coat.
- Can make simple choices when presented with the choice of two options or 'yes or no' for such as fruit.
- Happy to watch other children play, even if they don't want to join in.
- Grow in independence, rejecting help, eg, "me do it!"
- Initiate interaction with familiar children and adults using gesture, gaze and/or talk.
- Choose to play in areas that interest them with the support of an adult.
- Explore the boundaries of behaviours that are accepted by adults and become aware of basic needs.
- Is receptive of an adult when they try to help to regulate emotions.
- Become able to separate from a main carer when familiar with the setting.
- Mirror emotions of adults and others in the setting.
- Shows an interest in helping with dress and hygiene routines e.g. put arm out for sleeve in coat, foot for shoe.
- Knows when they need to go to the toilet, managing well with limited adult support. Still can have a few accidents.

##### **At the very beginning of two year old provision we would like to see....**

- Shows attachment to special people e.g. smiles when parent arrives, cries when carer leaves the room.
- Gravitates towards very familiar adults.
- Beginning to explore new toys and environment but looks back regularly to 'check in'.
- Use another person to achieve a goal e.g. give a wind-up toy to an adult to activate.

- Responds to a small number of boundaries with adult support e.g. sit when eating.
- Uses familiar adult to help with 'emotional re-fuelling' when tired, stressed or frustrated e.g. stops playing to have a cuddle.
- Find ways to manage transitions eg, separate from main carer.
- Notices change in familiar adult's tone of voice and this affects their emotions.
- Cooperates with hygiene routine e.g. lies still for nappy changing.
- Show signs of discomfort when have a soiled/wet nappy e.g. hides when soiling nappy, pulls a nappy when its full.



## Physical Development

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### 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 practise of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.



***“Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them, makes an impression.”***

Dr Hiam Ginnot.



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### Physical Development

#### Area of Learning : Physical Development

##### Summer Term N2 (N2+)

###### By the end of the Summer term N2 children should be able to...

- Run with spatial awareness and negotiates space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles
- Enjoy playing with a range of balls – roll, kick, throw.
- Increasingly be able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm
- Manipulate a range of tools and equipment in one hand, e.g. paint brushes, scissors, hairbrushes, toothbrush, scarves or ribbons
- Jump up into the air with both feet leaving the floor and can jump forward a small distance
- Begin to understand and choose different ways of moving.
- Attempt to skip, hop, stand on one leg.
- Hold equipment/tools consistently in the same hand, e.g., pencil, paint brush, glue spreader.
- Hold a pencil consistently in the same hand using a tripod grip for mark making, name writing, drawing etc.
- Have developed finger strength and control in order to be able to manipulate and use tools independently and effectively.
- Hold and operate scissors correctly to make snips in paper
- Attempt to put on own shoes and coat
- Be able to pour water from a smaller bottle or jug into another container

##### Spring Term N2 (N2=)

###### By the end of the Spring term N2 children should be able to...

- Move in different ways on different levels and surfaces being aware of obstacles e.g. other people, bikes (e.g. crawl, jump, climb, shuffle)
- Move in response to music, or rhythms played on instruments such as drums or shakers with 2 or more movements together.
- Turn pages in a book being able to stop at the page they want
- Use pincer grip to pick up small objects (e.g. shells, pebbles, pompoms)
- Use a range of mark making tools to make deliberate marks on paper using the correct pressure
- Stand still and upright on a spot, starting to lift one leg
- Use large arm movements to create lines and circles pivoting from the shoulder and elbow
- Work with other children to pass an object between them e.g. balloon, ball, scarf
- Use 1 foot to propel themselves on a wheeled toy (e.g. 2 wheeled scooter) with control
- Be able to pour water from a large bottle or jug into another container
- To use spring loaded scissors to make snips in paper

##### Autumn Term N2 (N2-)

###### By the end of the Autumn Term N2 children should be able to...

- Walk, run and climb on different levels and surfaces being aware of obstacles e.g. other people, bikes
- Move in response to music, or rhythms played on instruments such as drums or shakers with a planned or copied action.
- Turn pages in a book, may be several at once
- Participate in finger and action rhymes, songs and games, copying and imitating the movements
- Use smaller paintbrushes, dabbers and chunky mark making tools to make marks on paper, e.g. circles, lines, crosses etc.
- Use large arm movements to wave scarfs, ribbons in circular movements

- Use 1 foot to propel themselves on a wheeled toy (e.g. 3 wheeled scooter)
- Be able to pour water from a large bottle or jug into the tray
- Point to parts of the body when an adult names them
- To use spring loaded scissors

## **N1 (N1+)**

### **By the end of N1 children should be able to...**

- Start to walk, run and climb on different levels and surfaces being aware of obstacles e.g. other people, bikes
- Move in response to music, or rhythms played on instruments such as drums or shakers
- Turn pages in a board book
- Walk upstairs facing forwards holding rail or hand of adult, with both feet onto a single step at a time
- Participate in finger and action rhymes, songs and games, trying to copy and imitate the movements
- Use paintbrushes and rollers to make marks on paper or a wall outside
- Stand still and upright on a spot
- Use large arm movements to wave scarfs, ribbons up and down
- Work with other children to ...
- Can feed themselves with a spoon and/or fork.
- Use either hands or feet to move a ball
- Use 2 feet to propel themselves on a ride on toy

## **CHECKPOINTS**

### **By the end of two year old provision children should be able to...**

- Can run, jump with both feet off the ground, crawl and roll in different directions
- Shows some control and confidence when using ride on toys.
- Shows confidence and some control in taking part in fine motor activities, eg: playdough and finger gym.
- Is able to use a pincer movement to be able to pick up a range of objects.
- Moves with confidence during indoor and outdoor activities using space available.
- Uses all five senses to explore materials and resources.
- Sit on an appropriate size chair, can get on and off independently.
- Can climb confidently and is beginning to use play equipment.
- Can move a large ball with more control.
- Can build a tower with seven blocks
- Fits small shapes and objects in holes during posting activities
- Take off a loose coat when undone
- To step up on to low level apparatus and travel along with support if required

### **At the very beginning of two year old provision we would like to see....**

- Shows some control in holding and using a range of resources eg, holding the bottle for the doll, holding cup to drink etc
- Beginning to develop some large movements such as jumping, running, rolling, crawling etc
- Beginning to attempt to move a large ball.
- Sit on the floor without support.
- Be able to move from a sitting to standing position and back again without support.
- Can build a tower with three blocks.
- Be able to suck through a straw.





## Literacy

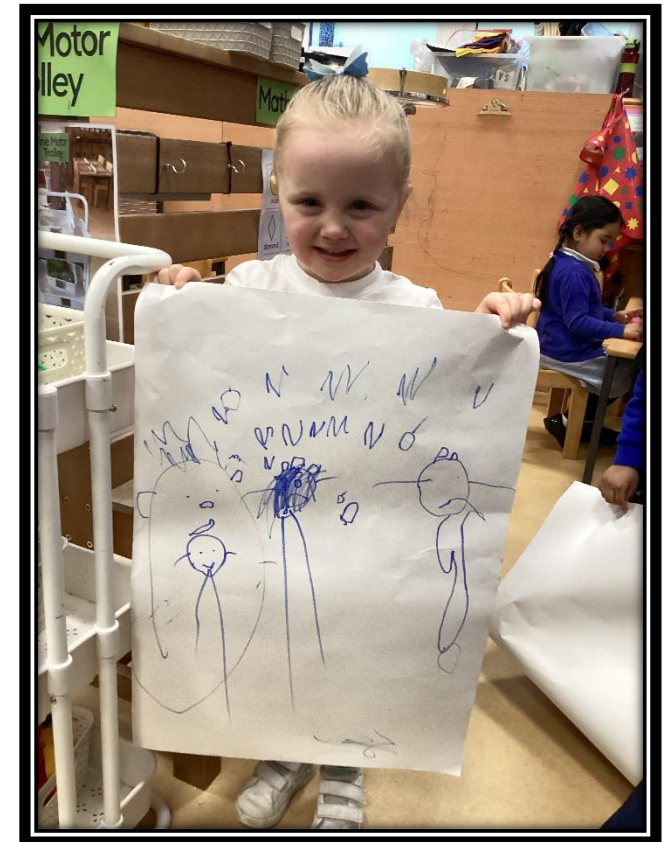
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#### Educational Programme:

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).

***“Educating the mind, without educating the heart, is no education at all.”***

Aristotle





## Area of Learning : Literacy

### Summer Term N2 (N2+)

#### By the end of the Summer term N2 children should be able to..

- Understand the five concepts: print has meaning, print can have different purposes, we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom, the names of the different parts of a book, page sequencing.
- Listen to familiar stories with increasing attention and engagement.
- Ascribe meanings to signs, symbols and words that they see in different places, including those they make themselves
- Retell their favourite part of a familiar story.
- Look at and enjoy books independently, use illustrations to gain an understanding of story events.
- Distinguish between illustrations and print.
- Engage in non-fiction books.
- Engage in oral blending and segmenting activities.
- Continue to develop phonological awareness through exposure to alliteration, rhyming words and stories, syllable demarcation.
- Include mark making and early writing in their play, using more letter like shapes/letters they are familiar with.
- Imitate adults' writing by making continuous lines of shapes and symbols (early writing) from left to right
- Make an attempt at writing their own name, or other names and words, using combinations of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type shapes
- Independently recognise their name in different contexts
- Be able to sing a simple nursery rhyme all the way through e.g. Twinkle, twinkle, Humpty Dumpty, Baa, Baa Black sheep, Incy Wincy Spider. Paying attention to the rhythm/rhyme e.g. pausing in appropriate places.

### Spring Term N2 (N2=)

#### By the end of the Spring term N2 children should be able to...

- Listen and engage with an unknown short story in a small group , e.g. commenting on the illustration.
- Know that there is a beginning and an end to a story.
- Be able to recall something from familiar stories.
- Listen to and join in with a wider range of texts, when reading one-to-one and in small groups
- Join in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events and phrases in rhymes and stories
- Handle books carefully and the correct way up with growing competence
- Begin to develop phonological awareness through exposure to alliteration, rhyming words and stories, syllable demarcation.
- Begin to include mark making in their play, e.g. making signs and lists 'I'm writing a shopping list'
- Independently make pre-writing shapes and symbols, e.g. circles, crosses, lines etc
- Recognise their own name from a selection and letters from their own name in other contexts, e.g. 'That's in my name'
- Can distinguish between picture and writing in their own mark making, e.g. circle for face but squiggle or zig zag for 'words'
- Copy letters from their own name and words they are interested in writing, e.g. mum, dog etc
- Know information can be relayed through signs and symbols in various forms (e.g., printed materials, digital screens and environmental/classroom print, shop signs)
- Drawing is taking recognisable form, using 2D shapes e.g. circle for face, eyes, nose, mouth etc.

### Autumn Term N2 (N2-)

#### By the end of the Autumn Term N2 children should be able to...

- Repeat and use actions, words or phrases from familiar stories

- Use learned vocabulary from familiar stories in their own play, e.g. 'I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down'
- Fill in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g., *Humpty Dumpty sat on a ...*
- Understand the words 'cover' and 'pages' in relation to books.
- Copy syllable clapping for their own name.
- Begin to develop phonological awareness through exposure to alliteration, rhyming words and stories, syllable demarcation.
- Engage in purposeful mark making and assign meaning to their marks, e.g. 'this is a dog'
- Beginning to choose a dominant hand for mark making
- Beginning to copy pre-writing shapes, e.g. circles, lines, crosses etc.
- Take part in activities that support fine motor and manipulation skills and finger strength, such as Dough Disco, Finger Gym, threading

#### By the end of N1 (N1+)

#### By the end of N1 children should be able to...

- Show recognition of familiar stories and rhymes, .e.g twinkle twinkle, Owl Babies
- Enjoy rhythmic and musical activities with percussion instruments, actions rhymes with songs, clapping and joining in with actions of familiar songs and nursery rhymes
- Listens to rhymes and a short story on a 1:1 / small group basis and may have favourites
- Voluntarily picks up a book and mimics reading by turning the pages.
- Engage in mark making, showing awareness that they're making marks, e.g. changing coloured pen or pencil, painting fence panel with water
- Learn Nursery Rhymes and simple songs repeat and sing daily.



# Mathematics

## Early Years Expectations: *Trust Ready*

### **Educational Programme:**

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.



***“The learning process is something you can incite, literally incite, like a riot.”***

Audre Lorde



## Area of Learning : Mathematics

Summer Term N2 (N2+)

### By the end of the Summer term N2 children should be able to...

- Subitise up to three objects (fast recognition without counting)
- Recite numbers past 5 by rote and with visual aid e.g number track with picture to match each numeral
- Count back from 5 to 0 by rote
- Hold fingers up correctly for each number to 5 when counting orally.
- Count on in 1s from any number up to 5 – visual aid and fingers
- Chant rhymes and songs involving numbers to 5 and beyond, e.g., *1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive*
- Recognise numerals 0-3
- Counting one-to-one correspondence to 3 – how many? (1:1 principle)
- Counting one-to-one correspondence to 3 – give me? (1:1 principle)
- Know that the order in which objects are counted doesn't affect the total e.g left to right or right to left ... (order irrelevance principle)
- When counting objects, Say one number for each item in order e.g 1,2,3 ... (stable order principle)
- Know that the last number reached when counting a small set tells you how many there are (cardinal principle)
- Know that anything can be counted to 3, for example drum beats, claps, pictures in a book, large objects and tiny... (Abstraction principle)
- Link numerals and amounts to up to 3 by matching objects to the number
- Experience the language of zero meaning nothing through play and every day practical activities, e.g., *there are no oranges left in the bowl*
- Display an understanding of the composition of numbers to 3, practical part whole model
- Practical exposure to quantities, more/fewer, eg, snack time.
- Be able to recognise and name numicon pieces for 1, 2, 3,4 and 5
- Say some common shape names, e.g., circle, square, rectangle, triangle
- Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes using informal language – sides, corners, straight, flat, round
- Sort by a given criteria.
- Understands and uses the language of position, e.g., on, inside, next to, under, over, in front, behind through play, for example a doll's house or garage
- Create their own spatial patterns showing some organisation or regularity.
- Make models in the block area and respond to practitioners using the vocabulary can you make it taller? Shorter? Longer?
- In meaningful contexts, find the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter and more/less full of two items
- Recognise and discuss patterns on clothes, in nature and in the environment, e.g., stripes, spots, checks, etc
- Notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern – show AB patterns correct and incorrect
- Recall a sequence of events in everyday life and stories
- Begin to use time words such as now, then.
- Begin to sing days of the week – introduce yesterday and tomorrow

### Spring Term N2 (N2=)

#### By the end of the Spring term N2 children should be able to...

- Recite numbers up to 5 and beyond with support - Adult to model counting at all times in the school day, for example lining up, giving out fruit...
- Begins to point, touch or move each item, saying one number name for each item - 1, 2, 3 (stable order principle) whilst playing
- Begin to recognise numbers which are familiar to themselves.

- Continue work on conceptual subitising, what do you notice? What do you see?
- Chant rhymes and songs involving numbers, e.g., *five speckled frogs*
- Show fingers for numbers to 5 with support whilst counting or singing number songs
- Becoming familiar and aware of (through play) the key mathematical resources, including: numicon, counters, tens frames and cubes
- Compare two small groups of objects, saying when there are the same/different number of objects in each group, e.g., 'You've got two, I've got two. Same!'
- Play with and begin to name some common shapes, e.g., name circle, square
- Respond to both informal and common shape names, e.g., find something pointy, twisty, wiggly, bumpy, heart, star, flower, straight, wavy, bent
- Classify and sort shapes by a given criteria, for example *big circles and small circles*
- Begin to understand and respond to the language of position, e.g., on, inside, next to, under, over, in front, behind - playing with practitioner and following instructions
- Show an awareness of what's happening now and what is happening next through every day activities, getting dressed – first socks then shoes
- Create and extend AB patterns, e.g., stick, leaf, stick... red, blue, red ... movement patterns clap, stamp ...

#### Autumn Term N2 (N2-)

##### By the end of the Autumn Term N2 children should be able to...

- Shows an interest in numbers through games and playful activities
- Begin to say the number names, some of which are in the right order (rote counting)
- Begin to count on their fingers to 3
- Compare amounts saying which has more or the same
- Listen and enjoy number songs and rhymes – join in with some parts e.g finish the line of song, fill in missing parts
- Explore how things look from different viewpoints including things that are near or far away
- Explore differences in size, length, weight and capacity – which one is longest? Heaviest? Full? Empty?
- Predict, move and rotate objects to fit the space or create the shape they would like (inset puzzles and pattern blocks)
- Begin to understand some talk about immediate past and future – before, now and next
- Join in with simple patters in sounds, objects, games, stories, dance and movements, predicting what comes next

#### N1 (N1+)

##### By the end of the Summer Term N1 children should be able to...

- Listen to, enjoy and begin to sing counting songs - such as '10 Green Bottles', '1, 2, Buckle My Shoe' and '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive' – as a means to develop early counting
- Join in with listening to books and stories involving numbers, for example *My Three Book*, and join in with naming numbers in the book
- Talk about numbers around them, for example from door numbers, and begin to know that numbers are part of everyday life
- Say some counting words, engaging in counting-like behaviour, making sounds and pointing or saying some numbers – possibly in sequence
- Begin to learn about shapes by having fun exploring a range of resources including: 2d shapes, 3d shapes and blocks to create their own simple structures and arrangements
- Begin to explore capacity by selecting, filling and emptying containers
- Begin to compare and recognise changes in number of things, using words like more, lots of, same
- Show interest in what happens next using the pattern of everyday routines, including times of the day such as, meal times or home time



## Understanding the World

Early Years Expectations: *Trust Ready*

### 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.



***“Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning.”***

William Arthur Ward



**Area of Learning : Understanding the World**

**Summer Term N2 (N2+)**

**By the end of the Summer term N2 children should be able to...**

- Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials
- Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties
- Talk about what they see, using a developing range of vocabulary
- Begin to make sense of their own life story
- Ask questions about people outside their immediate family using different sources, eg. current life
- Know that there are different jobs and occupations and talk about some common ones
- Talk about the weather and appropriate clothing
- Plant seeds, care for them and know they will grow into a plant. Relate this to life cycle of a plant
- Understand the life cycle of an animal - they are born, they grow – using stories
- Use images, stories and real experiences to develop an understanding of animal mothers and babies, e.g. Sheep / Lamb
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things
- Talk about different forces they can feel eg. push
- Know that some materials change and give examples e.g. ice, baking
- Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people
- Know that there are countries beyond ours and that things are the same and different in these, in comparison to ours (use children's experiences, photos and books)
- Show some awareness of the similarities and differences between themselves and others in more detailed ways e.g. hair colour, skin colour, height, glasses, siblings family members

**Spring Term N2 (N2=)**

**By the end of the Spring term N2 children should be able to...**

- Remember and talk about significant events in their own life
- In pretend play, imitate everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background
- Enjoy playing with small world reconstructions, building on first-hand experiences, e.g., visiting farms, garages, train tracks, walking by river or lake
- Talk about and notice the changes in materials, e.g., ice, snow, mud, chocolate and jelly
- Show an interest in technological toys with knobs, wind-up or pulleys, real objects, such as cameras, and touchscreen devices, such as mobile phones and tablets
- To know that trees, flowers and grass are plants and are living and grow
- To know that animals need things to live, just as humans do
- To know we can help to look after our immediate environment e.g. tidy up, put rubbish in the bin

**Autumn Term N2 (N2-)**

**By the end of the Autumn Term N2 children should be able to...**

- Be interested in photographs of themselves, their family and objects
- Explore unfamiliar objects by linking together different approaches: shaking, hitting, looking, feeling, tasting, pulling, turning and poking
- Use toys with buttons, flaps and simple mechanisms and begin to learn how to operate them
- Talk about their immediate family



- Match objects that pair together e.g. toothbrush and toothpaste
- Explore materials, e.g., mud, puddles, sand, grass and feathers
- Start to group living things e.g. plants, animals, people
- Understand the current season and typical weather, clothing and events
- To start to talk about own immediate environment
- To move an object by pushing, pulling etc
- To know that objects can move within the environment (wind, water etc)
- To sort different materials
- To talk about similarities and differences within a group e.g. what did you have for breakfast, what do you watch on TV?
- Remember where objects belong
- Show awareness of personal features when asked e.g. stand up if you are wearing a blue jumper, recognising when others have stood up, this is how they are similar.

#### **N1 (N1+)**

##### **By the end of N1 children should be able to...**

- Be interested in photographs of themselves
- Explore familiar objects by linking together different approaches: shaking, hitting, looking, feeling, tasting, mouthing, pulling, turning and poking
- Show interest in toys with buttons, flaps and simple mechanisms and begin to learn how to operate them
- Match parts of known objects that fit together, e.g. lids with its matching part
- Anticipate repeated sounds, sights and actions, e.g., when an adult demonstrates an action toy several times
- Show curiosity about living things in books and the outdoors
- Explore own immediate environment
- To explore different surfaces (e.g. bumpy, smooth, hot, cold)
- To identify / talk about objects that are the same, e.g. matching an inset puzzle



# Expressive Arts and Design

## Early Years Expectations: *Trust Ready*

### **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.



***“Art is too important not to share.”***

Romero Britto



## Early Years Expectations: Nursery *Trust Ready* Expressive Arts and Design

### Area of Learning : Expressive Arts and Design

#### Summer Term N2 (N2+)

##### By the end of the Summer term N2 children should be able to

- Listen to and respond to music and the patterns in music, matching the sound of a musical instrument, copying a sound pattern
- Moves creatively in response to music
- Sing a simple nursery rhyme or song all the way through e.g. Twinkle, Twinkle, Humpty Dumpty, Baa, Baa Black Sheep
- Draws an identifiable picture of a person and basic animal
- Explores colour mixing with a range of media, e.g. tissue paper, food colouring/water, light boxes, paint
- Use a range of resources to build with a purpose or meaning e.g. junk modelling, construction kits, loose parts, wooden blocks
- Engage in imaginative play based on own ideas or first-hand or peer experiences
- Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses
- Use available resources to create props or creates imaginary ones to support play
- Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas
- Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises, such as movement / art to music
- Show different emotions in their drawing / paintings like happiness, sadness, fear e.g. on people's faces

#### Spring Term N2 (N2=)

##### By the end of the Spring term N2 children should be able to...

- Use sounds to express experiences, expertise, ideas and feelings
- Creates some movements in response to music, stories and ideas
- Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know
- Starting to draw a recognisable picture, eg., circle for face, eyes, nose, mouth etc...
- Sing parts of a range of familiar songs, eg., pop songs, songs from TV programmes, rhymes, songs from home
- Be exposed to a wide range of music – across different cultures
- Begin to add purpose and meaning to their building with resources e.g. junk modelling, construction kits
- Takes part in pretend play using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar
- Play alongside other children who are engaged in the same theme

#### Autumn Term N2 (N2-)

##### By the end of the Autumn Term N2 children should be able to...

- Knows how to use sounds (voice, body and instruments) e.g. following instructions from others, responding to listening to music
- Joins in with moving, dancing and ring games
- Tap out simple repeated rhythm e.g. clapping, tapping knees, using an instrument
- Join in with familiar songs and rhymes
- Continue to explore colour and how colours can be changed e.g. combining colours
- Develop an understanding of marks to represent objects or images e.g. using pencil lines to enclose a space whilst drawing, making marks in the sand
- Use various construction materials, e.g., joining pieces, stacking vertically and horizontally, balancing, making enclosures and creating spaces
- Use tools for a purpose e.g. glue spreader
- Takes part in simple pretend play using an object to represent something else

**N1 (N1+)**

**By the end of N1 children should be able to...**

- Show an interest in the way sound makers and instruments sound and experiments with ways of playing them, e.g. *loud/quiet, fast/slow*
- Listens to music for short periods of time and can describe the sounds they hear e.g. *scary music*
- Carries out actions in response to rhymes and songs
- Learn Nursery Rhymes and simple songs repeat and sing daily.
- Uses a range of media to make marks and begin to give meaning to those marks, e.g. this '*splodge*' is my dog
- Enjoy and respond to playing with colour in a variety of ways
- Explores 3D materials to experiment and/or create simple structures e.g. construction kits, junk modelling
- Manipulates 2D shapes to explore materials
- Begin to make believe by pretending, using sounds, movements, words, objects e.g. small world resources, role-play

## Nursery Tracking Support

Our curriculum is the progression model. If the curriculum is well planned and progressive – and children learn the planned curriculum, then they are making progress – they know and remember more. As such, our tracking for children across is early years is simple... are they learning the planned curriculum in each of the 7 areas of learning? Are they 'best fitting' within the correct term's content, in relation to what they can do and remember? And if not, at what point are they up to and what do they need to learn next?

A child who is learning the planned curriculum as expected would simply follow:

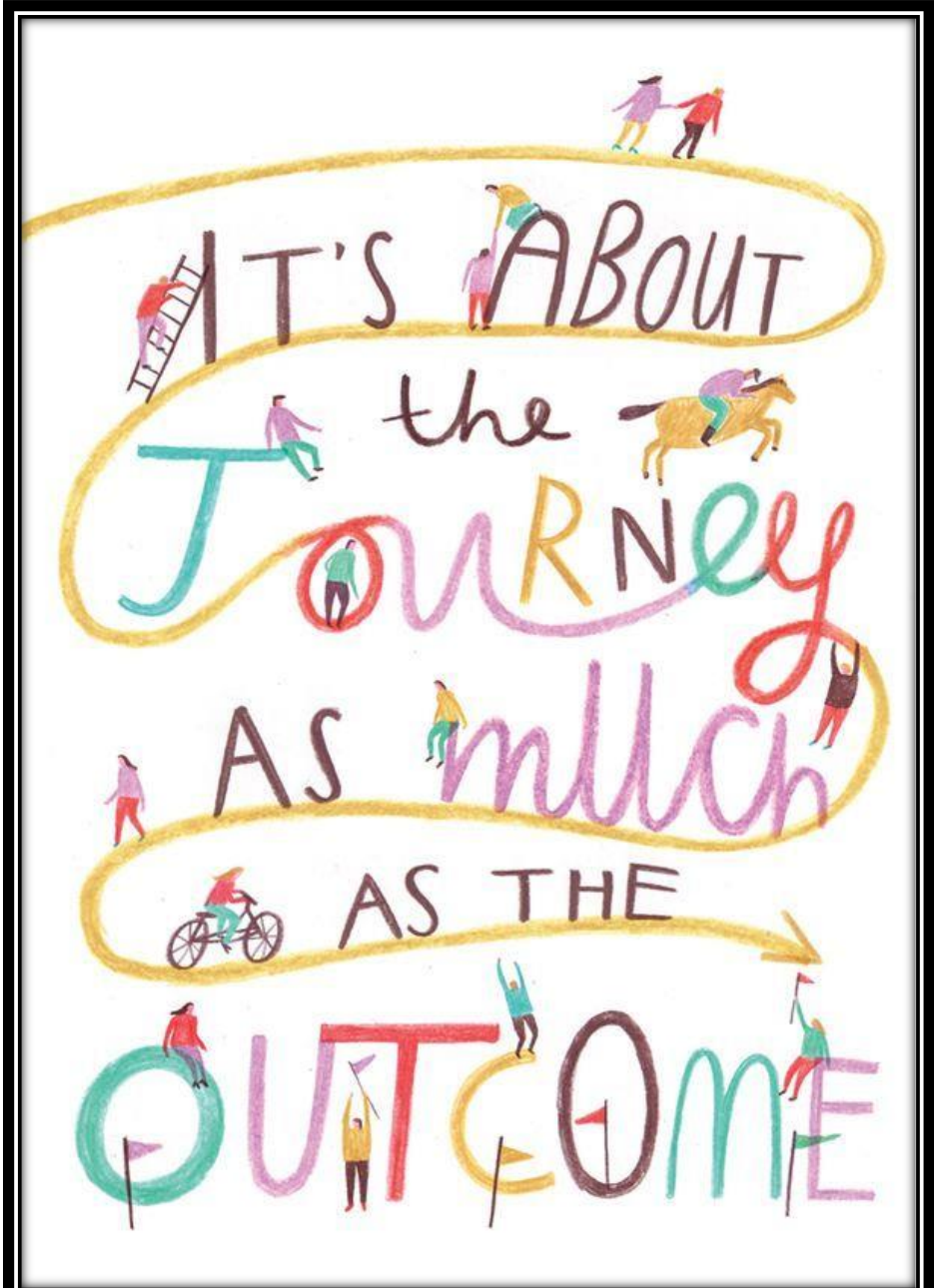
By Easter N1	<b>N1=</b>	A child who has kept pace with the planned curriculum by the end of the Nursery 2 year , would best fit within the 3-4 Years Development Matters statements – as used to support the formulation of this document.
By Summer N1	<b>N1+</b>	
By Christmas N2	<b>N2-</b>	
By Easter N2	<b>N2=</b>	
By End Of Year N2	<b>N2+</b>	
<p>Using this methodology, a child who enters nursery with typical levels of knowledge and skill expected for their age would be baselined signifying they are best fitting within the content of them prior to starting the setting. E.g. a 'typical' child joining an N2 class in September, would be baselined as N1+ (on track at the end of the previous term). Children who are not displaying age appropriate skills can be assessed at any point on the scale below. In essence, each 'grade' represents a term's worth of curriculum content. The OFSTED – and Trust - expectation is that most children who enter below, but not significantly below, should catch up with good teaching.</p> <p>If a child has a deep understanding of the curriculum – and is achieving many of the 'Trust Ready' statements at the end of the year, then they could be recorded as a N2M – to signify that these children have mastered the nursery curriculum to an excellent standard and will require additional challenge across reception. This is not the same as 'exceeding'. No new content should be taught from the reception curriculum.</p> <p>These examples above are illustrative of the journey that some children may make across their time in nursery. Based on the needs of the child, some children may make more progress, others less. For example, some children could make rapid progress from</p>		

lower starting points from those suggested above, and achieve the end of year target. Assessment information however, should be useful and used effectively to plan the next steps of the child – not to jump through 'data hoops'.

Individual tracking sheets are available to track the progress of children across EYFS. Assessment data is added to the school MIS System for N2 children onwards.

Reception	EYFS	<b>R+ (RM)</b>
		R=
		R-
3 to 4 years		<b>N2+ (N2M)</b>
		N2=
		N2-
Birth to 3 years		<b>N1+ (N1M)</b>
		N1=
		N1-
	<b>B+ (BM)</b>	
	B=	
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