



Delivering the EYFS Curriculum at Heartwood

At our school, the EYFS curriculum in Nursery and Reception is delivered through a carefully planned balance of adult-led teaching, child-initiated learning, and purposeful play. Our curriculum is designed to build children's knowledge, skills, and understanding progressively across all seven areas of learning while fostering curiosity, creativity, independence, and a lifelong love of learning.

We provide a language-rich, stimulating, and nurturing environment where children feel safe, valued, and confident to explore. Learning opportunities are carefully planned around children's interests, developmental needs, and prior experiences, ensuring that every child can access the curriculum and make strong progress from their starting points.

Through high-quality interactions, skilled questioning, and targeted teaching, practitioners support children to develop communication and language, early reading, writing, and mathematical understanding. Continuous provision both indoors and outdoors enables children to revisit, practise, and apply new learning in meaningful contexts. Play-based experiences encourage children to investigate, problem-solve, collaborate, and develop resilience and independence.

The Characteristics of Effective Learning underpin all aspects of our practice, helping children to play and explore, engage actively in their learning, and think critically. Regular informal observations and assessment are used in future planning, allowing staff to identify next steps and provide appropriate support and challenge for all learners.

Working in partnership with families is central to our approach. We value parents and carers as children's first educators and work closely together to ensure every child has the best possible start to their learning journey.

Through our ambitious and inclusive EYFS curriculum, we aim to ensure that all children are well prepared for the transition into Key Stage 1 and are equipped with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and enthusiasm needed for future success.

