

*Early Years Foundation Stage  
St Mark's Primary School  
Nursery and Reception  
EYFS Information for Parents*

**Statutory Framework (September 2014)** – a copy of this can be found in this folder. It can also be found online.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) runs from the birth to 5 years. Your child spends from the age of 3-5 within our setting. Throughout this time to endeavour to provide the best possible learning experiences for your children.

The statutory framework for EYFS outlines the following:

- *Teachers should take into account children's interests when planning*
- *Teachers should take into account each child's needs and stage of development*
- *Teachers should plan challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child*
- *Teachers should keep parents informed of their child's development*
- *Teachers should include parents/carers in the development of their child at every possible stage*

## **The Curriculum**

There are **7 areas of learning** within the EYFS these are broken down into prime areas and specific areas.

### **Prime areas**

1. Personal, social and emotional development
2. Communication and language
3. Physical development

The three prime areas reflect the key skills children need to be ready for school in order to develop to their full potential within the four specific areas listed below.

### **Specific areas**

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

## **Planning for your child**

Throughout your child's time in foundation stage, they will partake in a number of activities. These will be a healthy balance of child initiated and adult led activities, including carpet times. All activities will provide your children with the knowledge, skills and understanding to develop and progress within all 7 areas of learning listed above.

The statutory framework also states that teachers should reflect on the different ways that children learn and promote this throughout teaching and learning. These are called the '**Characteristics of Effective Learning**'. They are listed below.

- playing and exploring
- active learning
- creating and thinking critically

All three of these aspects are encouraged and demonstrated to the children at all times throughout adult led and child initiated activities.

**If you have any further questions about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.**