

We aim to give our children the best possible start at school. Our reception classroom follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) which ensures children learn and develop well in school.

There are seven areas of learning and development.

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

We consider the needs and interests of every child and plan accordingly through a range of play, exploration, active learning and creative and thinking critically.

EYFS uses a topic based approach to teaching which encompasses the seven areas of learning and development.

Reading

Upon starting the school the children follow the DFE Letters and Sounds programme using support material from the Jolly Phonics scheme. Children are taught in a daily lesson to hear and blend sounds in words and our early reading books are heavily phonics based. In order to develop variety for the reader we use a number of reading book schemes in both fiction and non-fiction.

RE

We follow the Diocese recommended scheme 'Come and See' which is taught in three topics per term and is linked into a school theme. As well as lessons, daily collective worship and assemblies we meet in our Family House Groups weekly to plan and deliver our own Collective Worship sessions.

MFL

On a weekly basis the children are taught Spanish throughout the school. In Early Years this involves a lot of singing and learning the basic numbers and phrases.