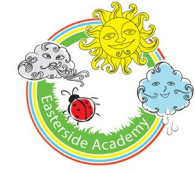
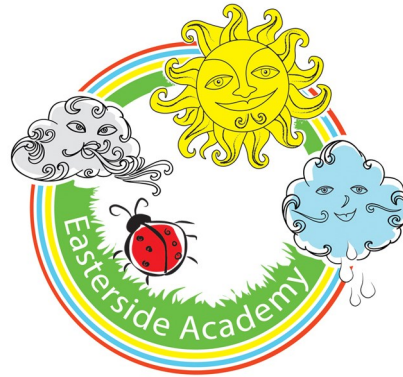


## More Information

If you want to find out anything about Early Years learning and development please see the useful websites below.

In the meantime, do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Thank you



# Early Years at Easter Side Academy

## Websites

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years)

[www.foundationyears.org.uk](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/early\\_years](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/early_years)

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## Characteristics of Learning

The curriculum is set around the following **learning characteristics**:

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically

**Playing and Exploring** Through play our children explore and develop learning experiences which help them make sense of the world. They practise and build up ideas, and learn how to control themselves and understand the need for rules. They communicate with others as they investigate and solve problems. They express fears and relieve anxious experiences in controlled and safe situations.

**Active Learning** Active learning occurs when children are motivated and interested. Children need to have some independence and control over their learning. As children develop their confidence, they learn to make decisions. This provides children with a sense of satisfaction as they take ownership of their learning.

**Creativity and Thinking** Critically 'When children have opportunities to play with ideas in different situations and with a variety of resources they discover connections and come to new and better understandings and ways of doing things.

## Early Years Areas of Learning

The Early Years Foundation Stage is made up of seven areas of learning.

### The prime areas:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional

### The specific areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



## How we use the curriculum

We use the areas of learning and development when we are observing, assessing and planning for your child's individual needs.

The areas of learning ensures that we challenge and help them to develop and succeed!



## Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotion Development	◇	Is confident and self assured
	◇	Manages their feelings and behaviour
	◇	Makes friends
	◇	Shares and takes turns
Physical Development	◇	Moves and uses gross motor skills
	◇	Develops fine motor skills
	◇	Learns about healthy living
	◇	Manages self care independently.
Communication & Language	◇	Listens and pays attention
	◇	Understands what is being said
	◇	Communicates with others
	◇	Develops vocabulary and speech.

## Specific Areas

Literacy	◇	Enjoys reading books
	◇	Like making marks
	◇	Learns to write
	◇	Starts to explore phonics and letters and sounds.
Mathematics	◇	Learns about numbers and counting
	◇	Recognises the passing of time.
	◇	Explores measures, capacity, shape, space, opposites etc during play.
Understanding the World	◇	Finds about nature and the world around them
	◇	Talk and people, their local community and similarities and differences
	◇	Learns to confidently use ICT equipment.
Expressive Arts and Design	◇	Enjoys being creative
	◇	Sings, dances and makes music
	◇	Plays imaginatively
	◇	Uses a range of media to express themselves.