

EYFS Focus Vocabulary

Prior vocabulary to KS1

The vocabulary we teach in the EYFS provides the basis of the mental models children develop in order for them to be able to build schemas and link new learning in Key Stage 1.

Area of Learning		vocabulary
Literacy		Story, words, writer, author, illustrator, book, non- fiction, fiction, title, rhyme, poem, role-play, letters, sounds, who?, what?, where?, why?, Sentence, how? Fullstop, capital letter, question mark, exclamation mark, reader, instructions, sequence, order, retell
Mathematics	Number	More, less, add, plus, subtract, takeaway, equals, the same, amount, altogether, subitise, estimate
	Shape	Big, bigger, small, smaller, long, tall, short, medium, round, curved, roll, stack, slide, straight, flat, full, empty, heavy, light, measure, weigh
Understanding the World	Past and present	Past, present, same, different, change, character, before, after, new, old, time, history, Historian
	People, Culture and communities	Town, village, country, city, place, map, house, flat, building, family, friend, religion, culture, country, celebrate, symbol, Christmas, Easter, Religious Education, Christian, Jesus, God, Creation, Church, Bible, Nativity, Harvest, Celebrate, Symbol, Cross, Special
	The natural world	Animal, human, living, plant, light, dark, up, down, insect, bird, season, nocturnal, Animal, Human, Mammals, Fish, Amphibians, Tooth / Teeth, Body, Head, Bones, Skeleton, spring, summer, autumn, winter, weather, hot, cold, warmer, freezing, rain, sun, snow, cloudy, wet, dry, world, root, flower, seed, grow, life cycle, float, sink,

		change, forest, beach, mountain, planet, space, Earth, ocean, Liquid, solid
Expressive Art and Design	Creating with materials	Rough, smooth, thin, thick, draw, line, shape, paint, colours, texture, model, collage, cut, mix, print, push, pull, move, build, shade, pattern, picture, pencil, pastels, brush measure, tool, join, design, create, Explain / Evaluate, Artist, wood, plastic, material, glass, metal, creator, cutting, joining, mixing, building, planning, designer
	Being imaginative and expressive	rhyme, song, sing, poem, act, role play, music, syllable, loud, quiet, sound, listen, beat, Musician, Pulse, High, Low, Fast, Slow, Pattern, rhythm
PSED	Self regulation	Happy, sad, scared, tired, hungry, worried, calm down, time out, anxious, surprised, angry, feelings
	Managing self	Wash, toothbrush, healthy, sick, help, independent, resilient, persevere, challenge, trying, rules, follow, teams, hygiene, clean, dirty, wet, dry
	Building friendships	Friends, friendship, family, positive, turn taking, sharing, like, dislike
PD		Exercise, healthy, beating, move, heart, warm, cool, stretch, jump, throw, catch, bounce, hold, space, slow, fast, quicker, cut, direction, forwards, backwards, sideways, turn, ball, dance, gymnastics, games, race, teams, teamwork, competition, points, ball, bench, apparatus, hit, kick, bat, roll, skills
Other	Computing	computer, keyboard, mouse, screen, login, password, username, devices