

## Our Early Years Intent

At Yarm Primary School, our Early Years provision is built on the belief that every child deserves the very best start to their educational journey. We aim to create a warm, inspiring and language-rich environment where children feel safe, valued and confident to explore, learn and grow.

Our curriculum offers a carefully planned balance of child-led and adult-initiated activities, enabling children to follow their interests while also being guided towards new learning opportunities. Through purposeful play, high-quality modelling and well-sequenced learning experiences, we support children to build strong foundations in communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, and physical development.

We are committed to developing children's confidence, resilience and independence, encouraging them to think for themselves, take risks, solve problems and keep trying when things feel challenging. These skills underpin our ambition for all children to become independent lifelong learners who are curious about the world and excited to discover new things.

We recognise that each child is unique, and we celebrate their strengths, experiences and individuality. Strong, nurturing relationships lie at the heart of our approach; we work closely with families to ensure every child feels secure, supported and understood.

Our intent is to equip children with the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to thrive—both now and as they progress through school. By fostering curiosity, creativity, resilience and a strong sense of belonging, we prepare every child for the next stage of their learning journey with confidence and joy.