

# The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Information for Parents

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# What is the EYFS?

Covers the time from birth to 5

Has a legal guidance document called  
the EYFS Framework

# What is in the framework?

Legal requirements

Sets out 7 areas of learning and development

Expected levels that most children should reach  
by age 5 (Early Learning Goals)

# Areas of Learning and Development

## Prime Areas

Communication  
and Language

Physical  
Development

Personal, Social and  
Emotional Development

## Specific Areas

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding of  
the World

Expressive Arts  
and Design

# How do the children learn?

Play and exploration

Active Learning

Creative and Critical Thinking

# What do the adults in school do?

Support play and development of relationships

Observe children to monitor and assess learning

Use questioning to deepen learning

Introduce new learning

# How can I help?

The handouts are taken from the document  
'What to expect, when?'

# Where can I find out more about the Early Years Curriculum?

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

## Documents to refer to

- Parents' Guide to the Early Years Foundation Document  
[http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/01/EYFS\\_Parents\\_Guide-amended1.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/01/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended1.pdf)
- What to expect, when?  
<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/03/what-to-expect-when-a-parents-guide/>