

# Whiston Willis Primary Academy Early Years Curriculum

Nursery and Reception

# Communication and Language

The Early Years Department use Elklan Strategies and activities to develop and support Speech language and communication skills.

- ▶ The children in Nursery will be challenged to work in teams in various situations during small parallel teaching groups, through group work within provision , indoors and out. They will be encouraged to listen to others ideas, sharing their own ideas and maintaining attention and concentration on particular tasks. Across the foundation stage, there will be a focus on speech and language development and children will be provided with opportunities and activities from our Elklan resources. High quality interactions and texts will also support this.
- ▶ Within Reception the children will be learning rules and routines for our adult led sessions- discussing current topics and interests. We will Introduce talk partners for collaborative learning. We will recap Phase One phonics - daily listening, rhyming, alliteration, blending and segmenting activities and introduce how to become a Storyteller. The children will start Read, Write , Inc set one sounds and develop their blending skills and begin to read and write words.

# Physical Development

Physical development aims to develop children's spatial awareness, control and co-ordination through using a range of tools and equipment. They'll also learn the importance of keeping healthy ●

## Nursery

- ▶ Tumble tots PE
- ▶ Parachute games/Action songs
- ▶ Small apparatus skills
- ▶ Outdoor games
- ▶ Full PE kits/Large Apparatus in school hall
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The Nursery children will also have a continued fine motor focus with daily finger gym activities incorporating a variety of different resources.

## Reception

- ▶ Body movement basics, including balancing self and objects
- ▶ Navigating obstacle courses
- ▶ Moving and controlling objects like beanbags, balloons, and balls
- ▶ Controlling speed and direction in running games
- ▶ Understanding basic changes exercise causes in the body
- ▶ Performing and linking simple gymnastics movements
- ▶ Creating short dance sequences and problem-solving with partners and groups

# Personal , Social and Emotional Development Nursery and Reception

- ▶ PSED Jigsaw- Being me in my world.
- ▶ PSED Jigsaw- Celebrating difference
- ▶ PSED Jigsaw- Dreams and Goals
- ▶ PSED Jigsaw- Healthy Me.
- ▶ PSED Jigsaw- Relationships
- ▶ PSED Jigsaw - Changing me

# Literacy

The children follow The Literacy Tree High quality texts within reception and within nursery the children start with texts to promote talk for writing skills.

## Nursery

- ▶ Monkey and Me
- ▶ It was a cold, dark night
- ▶ Goldilocks and the three bears
- ▶ Rainbow fish
- ▶ The three little pigs
- ▶ The Farm concert

## Reception

- ▶ Where the wild things are
- ▶ The rain in Kapiti plain
- ▶ Henry Finch
- ▶ Halibut Jackson
- ▶ The Magic paintbrush
- ▶ Little Red
- ▶ The Tiny seed
- ▶ I will not never eat a tomato
- ▶ The Night Pirates
- ▶ Hairy McClary
- ▶ So Much
- ▶ Oi frog!

# Maths Strands of learning

New mathematical concepts are introduced through a spiral progression that builds on learning. We are currently taking part in the Maths Hub Reasoning Project and children learn maths through a holistic approach to teaching. We use the C-P-A approach.

**Nursery and Reception-**  
**Problem solving runs throughout each strand.**

- ▶ Pattern
- ▶ Comparison
- ▶ Composition
- ▶ Measurement
- ▶ Shape and Space
- ▶ Cardinality and Counting

Please look at curriculum map to see progression from nursery through to reception.

# Understanding the world

- ▶ Understanding the World aims to develop your child's understanding of people, communities, technology and the world itself.
- ▶ Through engaging activities and games, your child will develop a wide understanding of the how, what, why, when and where of things, whilst embracing design and technology, science, history, geography and information technology.
- ▶ Maximising on your child's natural curiosity to question their surroundings and the world beyond, our activities encourage them to explore, discover, understand and share their findings.
- ▶ Our up and coming Bug Garden and beautiful grounds provide practical experience in science and nature at work. From experiencing the changing seasons and various weather conditions to playing with water and sand, your child will enjoy welly walks and the local wildlife in its natural habitat.
- ▶ But that's not all; basic skills such as folding, cutting, joining and building are taught in preparation for the Design Technology National Curriculum, plus there are great opportunities for your child to express themselves through cooking.
- ▶ And to familiarise your child with the digital age, ipads with fun and educational software allow them to experience information technology and discover the important role it plays in today's world.

# Expressive Art and Design

- ▶ In Nursery the children will have daily access to a Creation Area and be encouraged to create representations of the experiences. They will explore media, such as clay, collage and junk modelling to name a few.
- ▶ Children will have opportunities to learn about the work of artists such as Matisse and Joan Miro.
- ▶ Children will have daily opportunities to learn new rhymes using song bag.
- ▶ Children will learn a selection of songs and hymns .
- ▶ Children will perform in Christmas Nativity.
- ▶ Teach 'Wake up song' / daily opportunities for songs (during circle times) and nursery rhymes .
- ▶ Explore sound - playing and making instruments/body percussion/voice sounds
- ▶ Follow Charanga Music Curriculum
- ▶ (Exploring colour mixing using variety of media - paint, powder paint.
- ▶ Exploring changes in colour - linked to Autumn. Create art outdoors
- ▶ Explore portraits - each child to create their own.
- ▶ Focus on patterns using different colours.
- ▶ Children will have the opportunity to learn about artists such as Pablo Picasso and Andy Goldsworthy.