



The Early Years Foundation Stage at Clifton Primary School

The Early Years Foundation Stage is the stage in your child's learning from birth to five years old. This is the time in school that we call Reception. In your child's first year at school, we aim to prepare the children for the rest of their school journey through focussed teaching sessions and relevant play based activities. Children have a range of experiences and opportunities to enable them to gain skills and develop through both children initiated and adult guided activities. Young children learn through play and we provide continuous provision both indoors and outdoors. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework:

[Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

The Prime Areas	The Specific Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal, Social, Emotional Development• Communication and Language• Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding of the World• Mathematics• Literacy• Expressive Arts and Design

The Characteristics of Effective Learning

- playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'
- active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things'

The Characteristics of Effective Learning describe behaviours children use in order to learn. To learn well, children must approach opportunities with curiosity, energy and enthusiasm. Effective learning must be meaningful to a child, so that they are able to use what they have learned and apply it in new situations. These abilities and attitudes of strong learners will support them in learning and make good progress in all the Areas of Learning and Development.

Our EYFS curriculum

Our EYFS curriculum is delivered through a variety of topic themes throughout the year but we allow for flexibility, enabling us to take into account the children's interests and needs as they evolve over the year also.

Our Topic Theme Titles					
Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Marvellous Me	Light and Dark	All Around the World	Down at the Bottom of the Garden	Wheels, Wings and Transport Things	The Great Outdoors