



The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Intent



At Shinewater Primary School, we value each child as an individual with a unique potential for learning. Our aim is to enable each child to take their place and participate fully in society as an independent, responsible and self-confident person.

We take a play-based approach to learning, centred around the needs and interests of the children. The curriculum is delivered through topic-based planning. Children are taught individually, in small groups, in whole class groups as well as whole cohorts. Our learning environments, both inside and outside are designed to stimulate and excite with easily accessible resources.

Community involvement is an important part of our curriculum. We go out into the community and invite families and visitors to facilitate the learning of new skills as well as sharing experiences.

The intent of the EYFS Curriculum at Shinewater is to ensure that children not only acquire the appropriate age-related knowledge linked to the curriculum, but also skills which equip them to progress from their individual starting points. By shaping our curriculum in this way, progress can be measured and evidenced for all children regardless of their starting point or specific needs.

Implementation

At Shinewater Primary School, we understand that children learn in different ways, so at the heart of our implementation of the EYFS Curriculum is, 'The Characteristics of Effective Learning'. The EYFS comprises a long term plan, which we break down into medium term plans. These medium-term plans form the basis of our weekly plans. Weekly planning is informed by effective assessment and gives all children the opportunity to utilise their own learning style in order to develop their knowledge in the best possible way. Planning is topic based and differentiated so that children of all levels can be challenged and supported. Through quality teaching, every child will be encouraged to be a confident, independent learner, able to fully engage with the learning process.



Impact

The impact of the way in which the EYFS Curriculum is implemented at Shinewater Primary and Nursery School is measured by effective assessment procedures, allowing us to compare outcomes with schools across the country.

These outcomes are based on the percentage of children achieving a good level of development at the end of reception. For the past four years, our pupils have exceeded national levels of achievement.

Our curriculum will equip children with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to prepare them for the next stage in their education and turn them into lifelong learners.

