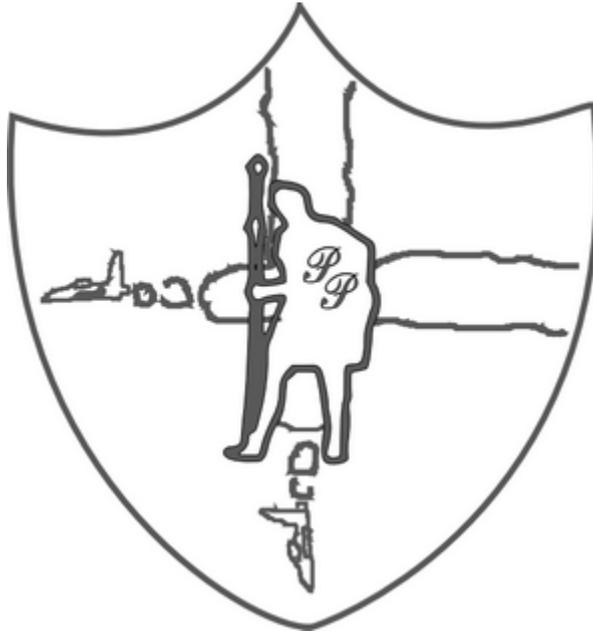


Curriculum Overview



Reception (Foundation Stage)

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Profile is a report of your child's development and achievement at the end of the Reception year. There are three main objectives:

- to inform parents about their child's development,
- to ease the transition to Key Stage 1, and
- to help Year 1 teachers plan for the year ahead to meet the needs of the entire class.

The EYFS Profile is broken down into seven specific areas of learning and development:

- Communication and language (Prime area)
- Physical development (Prime area)
- Personal, social and emotional development (PSE) (Prime area)
- Literacy (Prime area)
- Mathematics (Prime area)
- Understanding the world (Prime area)
- Expressive arts and design (Prime area)

Within each of these areas, there are specific Early Learning Goals – for example, in the case of Communication and language, these are Listening and attention, Understanding, and Speaking. Your child will be given an achievement level for each area of learning.

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning which takes place both indoors and outside. The characteristics of effective learning describe factors which play a central role in a child's learning and in becoming an effective learner.

The characteristics of effective learning are:

- Playing and exploring
- Finding out and exploring, using what they know in their play and being willing to have a go.
- Being active
- Being involved and concentrating, keeping on trying and enjoying achieving what they set out to do.
- Creative and critical thinking,
- Having their own ideas, using what they already know to learn new things and choosing ways to do things and finding new ways.

Assessment

Assessment is ongoing throughout the EYFS, but the official EYFS Profile for each child is completed in the final term of Reception.

At Pollyplatt, we complete a Special Book for your child, which is a record of achievement compiled by the school, comprising photos, pieces of work, observations about the child's development, and so on.

Parents and other carers (such as childminders) can also contribute to this Profile.

All of the information collected is used to judge how your child is doing in the 7 areas of learning and development. For each Early Learning Goal (ELG) the child will be awarded a level as below:

- Expected: your child is working at the level expected for his age
- Emerging: your child is working below the expected level
- Exceeding: your child is working above the expected level