

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and how do we implement it within sunbeams?

Children's learning can be described in the following 7 areas:

Prime areas

1. PSED (Personal Social and Emotional Development)
2. C+L (Communication and Language)
3. PD (Physical Development)

Specific Areas

4. UW (Understanding the World)
5. L (Literacy)
6. M (Mathematics)
7. EAD (Expressive Arts and Design)

Remember what you already do with your child is helping them to learn and develop. Research shows that when parents, nurseries and schools work together, children are most successful. After all, you are their very first teacher and understand your child better than anyone else.

When implementing the EYFS here at Sunbeams, practitioners will work with your child to develop their learning. This will be done through both adult and child initiated activities. The practitioners will develop the learning environments both indoors and out to ensure individual child interests are being met, creating stimulating environments for children to progress through the stages of development.

Effective learning will be assured through the support of your child's key worker, this is the appointed practitioner that will care for and support your child with their development. Each child will be appointed a key worker during settling in sessions.

There are three characteristics of learning; these are ways in which children engage with others and their environment

1. Playing and exploring- engagement
2. Active learning- Motivation
3. Creating and thinking critically- expressing themselves and solving problems

These three characteristics underpin learning and development across all learning areas and support your child to remain an effective learner.

