



2021

A quick guide to the EYFS

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The EYFS

Reception = the end of EYFS

- If your child is currently attending a preschool setting you will already be aware of the term 'Early Years Foundation Stage' and will have been given some assessments based on it.
- Reception is the end of this process, preparing your child for more formal education in Year 1



All change

In September 2021 a new statutory framework for the EYFS comes into effect.

There are some significant changes but the overall approach to teaching will remain the same.



EYFS 2021



What is the same?

- The overarching principles of a unique child, positive relationships and enabling environments
- Early Learning Goals to create a profile at the end of the year

What has changed

- Additional importance placed on learning and development
- Baseline assessment
- Some of the ELGs



Areas of learning

Prime areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Art and Design

Communication and Language

ELGs

- Listening, attention and understanding
- Speaking

This ELG underpins every aspect of learning in Apples class as we engage in 'Sustained Shared Thinking'



PSED

ELGs

- Self regulation
- Managing self
- Building relationships

This aspect is all about behaviour, attitudes towards learning and how we respond to others. Much of this is developed through our school values.



Physical development

ELGs

- Gross motor skills
- Fine motor skills

At North Rigton we are lucky to have a PE specialist who takes the children once a week, but they also have access to outdoor play in all weathers!



Literacy

ELGs

- Comprehension
- Word reading
- Writing

This is quite a change from the previous EYFS, but a welcome one! I will hold a literacy evening in the first term of school to help you support this aspect.



Mathematics

ELGs

- Number
- Numerical patterns

Shape space and measure will also still be taught but is not required to be assessed. I plan to use these aspects to support deeper mastery of numerical understanding.



Understanding the world

ELGs

- Past and present
- People, cultures and communities
- Natural world

A major change to this area is the removal of 'Technology' – this is now an expectation of high quality teaching throughout the reception year.



Expressive Art and design

ELGs

- Creating with materials
- Being imaginative and expressive

This is another area which underpins so much of my teaching in Apples as we use it to explore and deepen understanding of just about every other area.

It also includes some of our famous performances such as The Nativity!





Thank You!

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