

# CURRICULUM: A CHILD'S JOURNEY INTO PLAY AND LEARNING

**Pupils are provided with an Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum in their first year, which will help them learn through playing and exploring. Their journey into learning leads into Key Stage 1, which begins in Year 1, and lasts until the end of Year 2.**

## The Early Years Foundation Stage

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development. Children should mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first. These are

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in

### 4 specific areas.

- These are
- Literacy
  - Mathematics
  - Understanding the World
  - Expressive Arts and Design

The curriculum is designed to be flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests when planning activities. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.



## Key Stage 1

Easing the journey from Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1

At Thorpe Acre Infant School, we have matched National Curriculum subjects to the seven areas of learning of the Foundation Stage. We believe this will aid continuity from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1, enabling us to provide a more integrated learning journey for the children.

### Seven areas of learning in the Foundation Stage National Curriculum

Communication and language

- Speaking, listening and drama

Physical development

- PE, gross and fine motor skills including handwriting

Personal, social and emotional development

- PSHE and Citizenship
- Religious Education

Literacy

- Reading and writing

Mathematics

- Mathematics

Understanding the World

- History
- Geography
- Science

Expressive Arts and Design

- Art
- Music
- Design Technology

Information and Communication technology is taught as a separate subject but also permeates the other subjects as a learning and teaching tool.

## Homework

Children will bring home books and activities to develop skills and competence in reading. They will also have a home-links book, or learning log, in which to complete a variety of activities. These include information and sometimes guidance to help parents/carers and teachers work together to maximise children's progress.

