

## **FOUNDATION STAGE**

Children in the Foundation Stage follow the Early Years curriculum. Within the curriculum the children have learning experiences built around the seven areas of learning set out below.

<b>Characteristics of Effective Learning</b>
<b>Playing and Exploring – Engagement</b> Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go'
<b>Active Learning – Motivation</b> Being involved and concentrating Keeping trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do
<b>Creative and Thinking Critically – Thinking</b> Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things

<b>Area of Learning and Development</b>	<b>Aspect</b>
<b>Prime Areas</b>	
Communication and Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding Speaking
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self-Regulation Managing Self Building Relationships
Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills Fine Motor Skills
<b>Specific Areas</b>	
Literacy	Comprehension Word Reading Writing
Mathematics	Number Numerical Patterns
Understanding of the World	Past and Present People, Culture and Communities The Natural World
Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials Being Imaginative

In the Foundation Stage topics are taught on a two year rolling programme to ensure the children experience a wide range of learning opportunities. Themes are taught across a whole term and are planned with the children and reflect their interest.

Jackfield Infant School is currently an early adopter school for the new Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which will become statutory from September 2021. The full Development Matters document can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>