

Early Years Foundation Stage

The school follows a curriculum which is especially suited to the needs of young children and covers all the seven areas of learning described in the 'Early Learning Goals'. These are:



Personal, social and emotional development - which focuses on children learning how to work, play, co-operate with others and function as part of a group beyond the family.

Communication and language - which focuses on children's developing competence in talking and listening and expressing themselves

Literacy - which covers development of children linking sounds and letters to become readers and writers

Mathematics - which covers development of mathematical understanding.

Understanding the world - which focuses on children's developing knowledge and understanding of the environment, other people and features of the natural man made world.

Expressive arts and design - which focuses on the development of the children's imagination and their ability to communicate and express ideas and feelings in a creative way. This includes art, music, dance and role play.

Physical development - which focuses on children's developing physical control, mobility, awareness of space and manipulative skills in indoor and outdoor environment.

The Foundation Stage curriculum is a rich play based curriculum. Teaching and learning will take place during whole class sessions, in small groups and at an individual level. Learning takes place both inside and outside.

Young children learn best when they are physically active and when the learning is relevant and interesting to them. At Hassocks we aim to make the curriculum meaningful, relevant and enjoyable for the children.

