

**The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum**

In the Early Years we continue with Development Matters provision which enables a smooth transition from nursery to school. Our curriculum is holistic, child-centred and exploratory that centres on developing children's communication and language skills, creative expression, physical skills and well-being, as well as personal and social development.

At Kingsham Primary School, children in Reception are provided with a stimulating learning environment which encourages learning through play – a fundamental part of early learning.

The school uses the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum to plan learning opportunities in the following areas:

**EYFS areas of learning and their associated Early Learning Goals**

**Characteristics of effective learning:**

**Playing and exploring – engagement**

* Finding out and exploring
* Playing with what they know
* Being willing to ‘have a go’

**Active learning – motivation**

* Being involved and concentrating
* Keeping trying
* Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

**Creating and thinking critically – thinking**

* Having their own ideas
* Making links
* Choosing ways to do things

**Prime Areas:**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

* Making relationships
* Self-confidence and self-awareness
* Managing feelings and behaviour

**Physical Development**

* Moving and handling
* Health and self-care

**Communication and Language**

* Listening and attention
* Understanding
* Speaking

**Specific Areas:**

**Literacy**

* Reading
* Writing

**Mathematics**

* Numbers
* Shape, space and measure

**Understanding of the world**

* People and communities
* The world
* Technology

**Expressive Arts and Design**

* Exploring and using media and materials
* Being imaginative

Every year our topics change which enables us to respond to the children’s needs and interests. This year, our topics have been:

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| Autumn | | Spring | | Summer | |
| A bucketful of England/ Ireland (based on our class identity) | Catch Me if You Can | Where Did You Get That Hat? | How Do You Make an Egg Sandwich? | Do We Live in a Weird and Wonderful World? | What is in the Box? |
| On a Dark, Dark Night… | Pick Up a Penguin | Will Stickman Ever Get back to the Family Tree? |  | What Shall We Learn Today? |  |

Topic highlights from previous years include:

* Cracking Contraptions
* The Big Bad Wolf
* The Day the Crayons Quit
* Ready, Steady GO!
* Around the World in 15 Days
* The Smartest Giant in Town
* Aliens Love Underpants
* Frozen