

Learning and Development in Early Years

At St Gregory's School we plan activities and experiences carefully so that children may secure the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life. Children will be supported to attain the Early Learning Goals, which summarise the knowledge, skills and understanding that all young children should have gained by the end of Reception year.

PRIME AREAS
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) <i>Children are helped to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities.</i>
Communication and Language Development (C&L) <i>Children are given opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations.</i>
Physical Development (PD) <i>Opportunities are provided for children to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control and movement. They will also be helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food.</i>

SPECIFIC AREAS
Literacy <i>Children are encouraged to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children are given access to a wide range of reading materials (books, poems, and other written materials) to ignite their interest.</i>
Mathematics <i>Opportunities are provided to develop and improve children's skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces, and measures.</i>
Understanding the World <i>Children are guided to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.</i>
Expressive Arts and Design <i>Children are enabled to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. Opportunities are provided to encourage children to share their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology.</i>