Stadhampton Primary School



Early Years Curriculum -Ladybird Class - 2024/2025



Big picture ~ overall aims and values

Explore, Excel, Enjoy

We want every child to have the opportunity to learn in an exciting, stimulating and nurturing environment.

Children will have the opportunity to explore and extend their own learning through play.

Children will be guided through direct teaching and small group learning opportunities to reach their potential.

Children will be guided through purposeful activities and discussions to be responsible members of the school community.

Assessment – how will we check what they are learning

Through formative assessment and regular reflective discussions between teaching staff in the classroom.

Noticing what they can do and how they are doing it, as well what they know.

All assessments and observation notes made will be purposeful and useful.

Folder of first achievements built up over the year.

Baseline Assessment within the first six weeks of starting school

End of year assessment against the ELGs

Use of Developments Matters as a reference tool

Content – what do we want our children to learn

To communicate effectively with all they meet. Use new vocabulary and have a good understanding of what may be considered common everyday words – e.g. ready, everybody

To be able to use effective listening in a wide range of situations
To have a rounded and respectful personal and learning attitude
To be physically fit and strong – to develop a desire to be active and eat in
a way to keep themselves healthy, with an understanding of why this is
important

To develop strong muscles for pencil control and in turn writing To be able to read and enjoy stories, and books that promote knowledge acquisition

To promote a love of writing by developing imagination through storytelling

To have a strong foundation for maths, to aid their learning as they progress through school

To explore the world with awe and wonder and be able to talk about their learning and understanding

To develop a creative response to their learning with an emphasis on skill development

Approach – how we will ensure children are in a learning environment, plans are flexible and the most of unexpected opportunities to extend learning is taken

Through careful observations of the children as they play and learn, these will be largely based on what the adults sees and hears and can say about a child. Other observations include – photos and written, including short and narrative styles.

Regular reflective discussions between staff in the classroom to ensure the learning environment promotes the type of experiences required, so the children can extend and develop their learning.

Listening and observing throughout the day leads to a flexible approach to plans and in the moment planning to take advantage of child led initiatives and unexpected opportunities to explore learning further.