

Our Early Years Curriculum

The Early Years Curriculum creates opportunities for learning and development that are rich, stimulating and fulfilling.

Learning is developed through play, through practical experiences, through exploration and enquiry, through reflection and discussion. But most importantly through having fun in a safe and nurturing environment.

The Early Years curriculum is organised into seven areas of learning:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

In the Foundation stage at St Bartholomew's Primary School we follow a topic led curriculum which is based on the children's motivation, interests and needs; this may be for a few days or even up to half a term. Whilst we do have a curriculum map, we like to be flexible and spontaneous and allow our learning journey to be led by the children's interests and motivations.

As we work together across the Foundation Stage we have a two year cycle for our topics.

	Year 1	Year 2
Autumn Term 1	Here I Am!	Here I Am!
Autumn Term 2	Celebrations!	Celebrations!
Spring Term 1	Fairy Tales!	Incredibles!
Spring Term 2	Space Explorer's	Wheels, Wings and Travelling Things!
Summer Term 1	Animals	Mini-beasts
Summer Term 2	Growing Up and Moving On!	Growing Up and Moving On!

If you would like to know more about the Early Years the link below will direct you to an excellent website which is very informative for parents.

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/>

Click on the 'parents' tab to find all the information that you need.