

Moor First School

Early Years Curriculum

We have a bespoke EYFS curriculum, designed to consider our school's unique context. Children are offered learning opportunities based on physical development, language and social development, as well as core skills in literacy, maths, technology, etc. Communication and language development opportunities will underpin all provision and modelled teaching.

Encouraging creativity is central to this approach. This curriculum uses the environment around us which includes regular use of the Forest School, our extensive grounds and local community events. Our approach uses the Development Matters Framework, so that children transitioning into the Foundation Stage (Reception class) at Moor First are already working towards identified end points. This ensures consistency within the learning of all subjects, but also ensures children leaving the Foundation Stage are ready to enter the National Curriculum year groups with the appropriate skills and knowledge.

Staff ensure that all children are able to access a wide range of activities and opportunities. There will be a balance of child-initiated learning experiences, guided learning and direct teaching across the children's time within our Foundation Class which incorporates both Nursery and Reception children. These are available with the expectation that children are as independent as possible for their developmental stage. Resources which offer challenge are in every area of our newly modernised classroom environment and access to outdoor provision is all year round. Areas of learning are defined by resources and adult questioning and challenge.

Through constant observation by skilled staff, children are encouraged if they lack enthusiasm or motivation, developed to think for themselves and try new activities if they plateau in their play. All their learning opportunities will be enhanced to create interest and wonder. These opportunities to learn through play and exploration are shared to home through our online platform, Seesaw.