
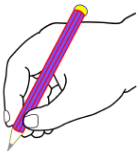







Expectations for the end of Early Years

The **seven areas of learning** outlined in the Early Years Curriculum lead into 17 'Early Learning Goals' (ELG). These ELG's state the government expectation for Reception children at the end of their first year of school. Whilst these end goals are relevant to bear in mind, it is important that children do not miss out on the many developmental steps along the way.

The characteristics of learning running through and underpinning **all seven areas** of learning and development focus on processes rather than outcomes. The three characteristics to which all learning is measured are identified as **playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically**.

Your child will be learning many new skills and we will be working with you on how best to support and help your child to achieve or exceed the goals by the end of the year.

7 Areas of learning		Aspect	Early Learning Goals
Communication and language 	ELG 1	Listening and attention	Early Learning Goal Children listen attentively in a range of situations. They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.
	ELG 2	Understanding	Early Learning Goal Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.
	ELG 3	Speaking	Early Learning Goal Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.
Physical Development 	ELG 4	Moving and handling	Early Learning Goal Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.
	ELG 5	Health and self-care	Early Learning Goal Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.
Personal, social and emotional development 	ELG 6	Self-confidence and self-awareness	Early Learning Goal Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. They say when they do or don't need help.
	ELG 7	Managing feelings and behaviour	Early Learning Goal Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules. They adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride.
	ELG 8	Making relationships	Early Learning Goal Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others. They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity. They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.

Literacy 	ELG 9	Reading	Early Learning Goal Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.
	ELG 10	Writing	Early Learning Goal Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.
Mathematics 	ELG 11	Numbers	Early Learning Goal Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.
	ELG 12	Shape, space and measures	Early Learning Goal Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. They recognize, create and describe patterns. They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.
Understanding the world 	ELG 13	People and communities	Early Learning Goal Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.
	ELG 14	The world	Early Learning Goal Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.
	ELG 15	Technologies	Early Learning Goal Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes.
Expressive arts and design 	ELG 16	Exploring and using media and materials	Early Learning Goal Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them. They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
	ELG 17	Being imaginative	Early Learning Goal Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.

At the end of the reception year, a 'good level of development' is defined by the government as achieving all the goals numbered 1 – 12. For this we would expect children to be independently demonstrating these skills (i.e. without support). The final goals (numbered 13-17) are also significant and count towards an overall score of developmental progress for each child. We realise that all children are individual and may require different levels of support in moving forward towards or beyond these goals during the year.