



Early Years Foundation Stage

At Stephen Freeman Primary School, our Intent for all children in the Early Years is to become secure and content individuals who have a deep love of learning.

We use the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and Development Matters.

Children develop quickly in the early years and a child's experiences between birth and five have a major impact on their future life chances. A secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all Early Years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe.

There are seven areas of learning and development that shape educational programmes in the early years (Nursery and Reception). All areas of learning are important and inter-connected. Three areas are particularly crucial for developing children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive.

The three prime areas are: communication and language, physical development, personal, social and emotional development.

Specific areas are: literacy, mathematics, understanding the world and expressive arts and design.