

Small
Steps
Big
Futures

Willow Tree Primary School

NURSERY

FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE



Curious
Confident
Kind

We follow the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** framework. Our foundational knowledge in Nursery supports your child to develop independence, build confidence and gain the skills they need for lifelong learning.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE



- Enjoys listening to stories and talking about them
- Joins in with songs and rhymes
- Uses talk to share ideas and explore new words
- Asks questions and responds to others
- Begins to express needs and feelings

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- Builds positive relationships with adults and peers
- Shows kindness and considers others
- Begins to understand feelings
- Gains confidence to try new activities
- Begins to manage own needs with support

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT



- Develops gross motor skills through active play
- Climb, balance, run, push and pull
- Uses hands and fingers to explore and manipulate
- Begins to develop pencil control
- Understands the importance of healthy choices

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD



- Explores the natural world and changes around them
- Talks about people and communities
- Notices similarities and differences
- Explores technology in everyday life
- Shows curiosity and asks questions

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN



- Enjoys music, movement and dancing
- Explores a variety of materials and textures
- Uses imagination in pretend play
- Creates using a range of media
- Shares creations and ideas

EARLY SKILLS FOR LEARNING

We build the foundations for key skills through play, exploration and everyday experiences.



MARK MAKING
Enjoying making marks and scribbles freely



BUILDING STRENGTH
Activities to strengthen hands and fingers through play



DOUGH DISCOVERY
Using fingers to squeeze, roll and pinch to build strength and control



HAND SKILLS
Using tools to pick up, thread and manipulate objects



THREADING
Posting, threading and lacing to improve coordination



EARLY WRITING
Beginning to form shapes, lines and simple patterns

Every moment matters in Nursery. Through love, play and high quality interactions, children build the foundations for the future.



growing, learning, achieving together