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Welcome to Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)





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At St-Ann's, we believe the early years of a child's education lay the foundation for all future learning.

Our EYFS provision is designed to nurture every child's curiosity, creativity, and love for learning. We provide a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment where children thrive through play, exploration, and meaningful interactions with adults and peers.



What is EYFS?

The **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** covers the education and care of children from birth to the age of five. It focuses on developing key skills in the following seven areas of learning:

1. Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Encouraging self-confidence, independence, and respect for others.
Helping children develop friendships and regulate their emotions.

1. Communication and Language (CL)

Developing children's speaking, listening, and understanding skills.
Supporting the development of vocabulary and early literacy.

2. Physical Development (PD)

Enhancing gross and fine motor skills through a range of physical activities.

Promoting healthy lifestyles and self-care.



1.Literacy (L)

1. Encouraging early reading and writing skills.
2. Phonics, storytelling, and engaging with books.

2.Mathematics (M)

1. Developing number sense, counting, shapes, and patterns.
2. Exploring problem-solving and early mathematical thinking.

3.Understanding the World (UW)

1. Stimulating curiosity about the world around them.
2. Learning about people, places, technology, and the environment.

4.Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

1. Encouraging creativity through art, music, dance, and role play.

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Our EYFS Curriculum

At St –Ann’s, our EYFS curriculum is carefully designed to support and challenge each child at their own pace. We offer a balanced approach to learning that combines **structured activities** and **child-initiated play**. Our curriculum is delivered through structured themes and hands on, play based learning that support each area of the EYFS framework.



Curriculum Intent

Our EYFS curriculum is designed to create a holistic learning environment that promotes curiosity, resilience, and foundational knowledge across all areas of development. We aim to foster a strong foundation across all areas of development by exploring a range of themes that are meaningful and relevant to children. Through our curriculum we intend to -

- Foster communication language and literacy skills through systematic phonics instruction, story telling, and opportunities for emergent writing.
- Encourage physical development with structured activities that build both gross and fine motor skills, setting the stage for writing and active engagement.
- Develop mathematical understanding through hands on meaningful activities that help children connect abstract concepts to real world applications.
 - Instill curiosity about the world by exploring themes such as people and communities, Life cycles and our bodies enabling children to make connections to their own lives and the broader community.

Our curriculum themes, such as All about me, Celebrations, people who help us and growing and changing, are carefully chosen to align with children's interests and developmental stages. These themes allow for cross curricular learning opportunities that encourage children to explore, investigate and reflection the world around them.



Curriculum Implementation



Our curriculum is delivered through a combination of structured, thematic week, Hands on activities and spontaneous play, all designed to meet the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework requirements.

We implement our curriculum through-

- **Weekly Themes and Project Questions-** each term we explore thematic questions that guide our weekly activities. For example “What is a celebration?” introduces children to different cultural festivals and special events, while “Who lives in the woods?” connects them to nature and wildlife.
- **Key Texts and Stories** – carefully selected books such as “The Colour Monster” and “SuperWorm” support each theme, fostering a love for reading and building comprehension, language and storytelling skills.
- **‘WOW’ Moments and Real-World Experiences** – we incorporate memorable experiences like trips to the woods, farm visits, and special visits from the community helpers (e.g. firefighters or police officers) These moments deepen understanding, build curiosity, and encourage children to connect their learning to real world settings.



- **Focused personal, Social and Emotional Development** - Using the Ten Ten PSHE program, we promote children's emotional literacy, friendship skills and respect for others. Themes like sharing, turn taking, and understanding feelings are woven throughout the year, equipping children with essential life skills.
 - **Progressive Communication and Language Development** - We engage children in rich vocabulary and language activities, including daily storytelling, role play, and group discussions. This includes listening to and retelling stories, asking and answering questions, and participating in small group activities that build confidence in communication.
- **Physical Development**- Throughout the year, we emphasize both gross and fine motor skills through a mix of activities, from outdoor play to activities like cutting, drawing and mark making.



Curriculum Impact



Our curriculum ensures that by the end of EYFS, children are confident, resilient, and enthusiastic learners, who are well-prepared for Key Stage One.

Throughout thematic approach and focus on holistic development, we see the following impacts-



Strong Personal, Social and Emotional Skills- Children demonstrate increased

Self- confidence, independence and the ability to manage their emotions. They understand the

importance of friendships, show empathy, and display positive behaviour towards others.

Advanced Communication and Language Skills –Children leave EYFS with a rich vocabulary and confidence to express themselves clearly. They are able to listen attentively, follow instructions, engage in discussions and ask insightful questions.

Improved Literacy and Numeracy Foundations- Through exposure to phonics storytelling, and mathematical concepts embedded in maths mastery unit and each theme, children develop

Essential early literacy and numeracy skills that positions them for success in Year 1.

Heightened Curiosity and Knowledge of the World – Experiences such as nature trips, exploring community roles, and seasonal changes help children develop an understanding and respect for the world around them, fostering curiosity and a desire to learn.

Enhanced Physical Development – Through a balance of outdoor activities, fine motor exercises, and structured play children improve both gross and fine motor skills, enabling them to become physically active and agile learners.

By delivering an engaging well rounded curriculum, we see children develop s enthusiastic, well rounded learners, ready to embark on the next stage of their educational journey with confidence, curiosity, and essential skills for lifelong learning.



The Importance of play in the EYFS and how it supports learning.



Play is at the heart of learning in EYFS. Through play, children develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and social interaction. Our indoor and outdoor learning environments are designed to inspire curiosity and creativity, offering children opportunities to engage in imaginative play, hands-on activities, and cooperative learning.

How We Assess Children's Learning



We use a combination of observation and ongoing assessments to track children's progress and ensure we are meeting their individual needs.

Each child's development is captured in their **Learning Journal**, which includes photographs, observations, and examples of their work.

We hold regular parent-teacher meetings to share updates on progress, and parents are always welcome to discuss their child's development with

us.

Parental Involvement



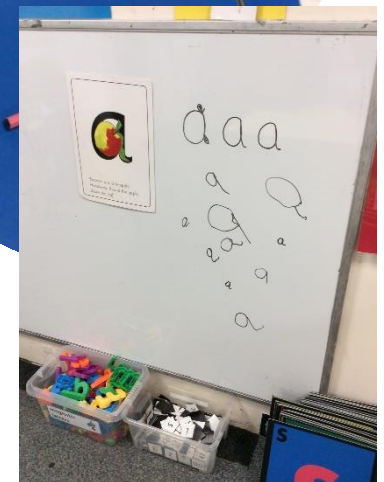
We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are vital to children's success. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's learning journey through:

- **Regular updates:** Parents can view their child's learning journal and receive updates on their progress.
- **Parent workshops:** We offer workshops to help parents support their child's learning at home, such as phonics or early literacy skills.

Outdoor Learning



Outdoor learning plays a key role in the EYFS at our school. We believe that spending time outside enhances children's physical, emotional, and social development. Our outdoor areas are equipped with resources that support all areas of learning, from climbing for physical development to mud kitchens for creative play. Children are encouraged to explore, discover, and engage in hands-on activities that promote curiosity and learning.



Phonics fun! 🖍️ abc We're learning single letter sounds and practicing writing them—building strong foundations for reading and writing! ✨

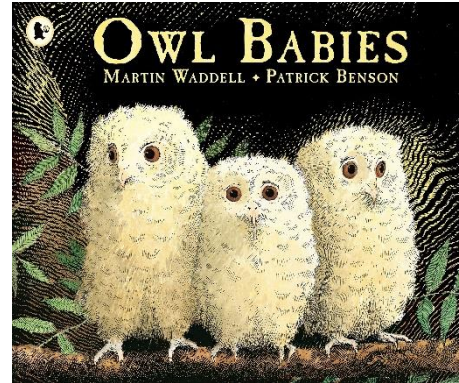
We used the noticing lens to describe what nouns mummy owl noticed while hunting for the baby owls supper.



We sorted the nouns into correct noun group.

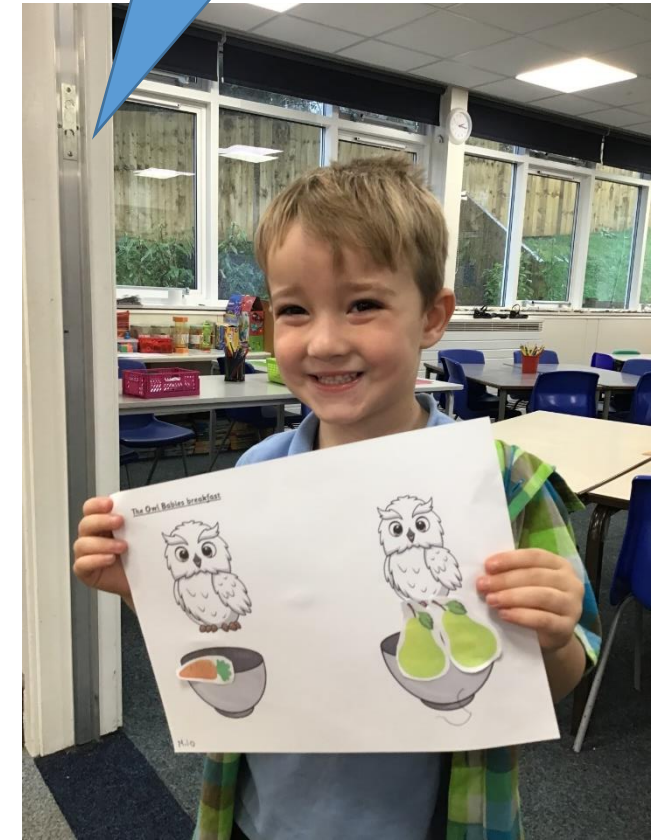
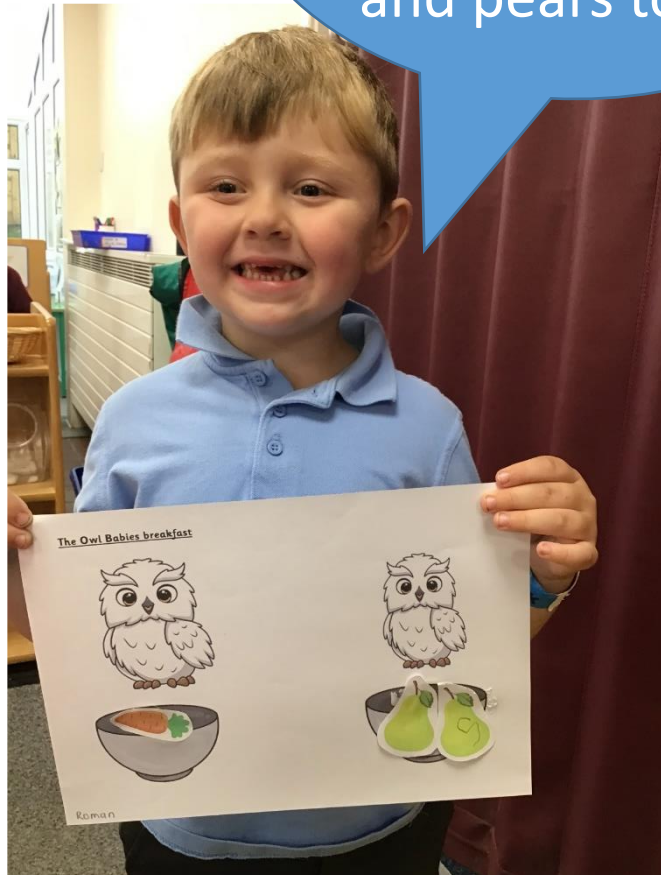
We have been learning all about plural nouns.

We have been feeding the baby owls. I gave a carrot to Sarah and pears to Bill.

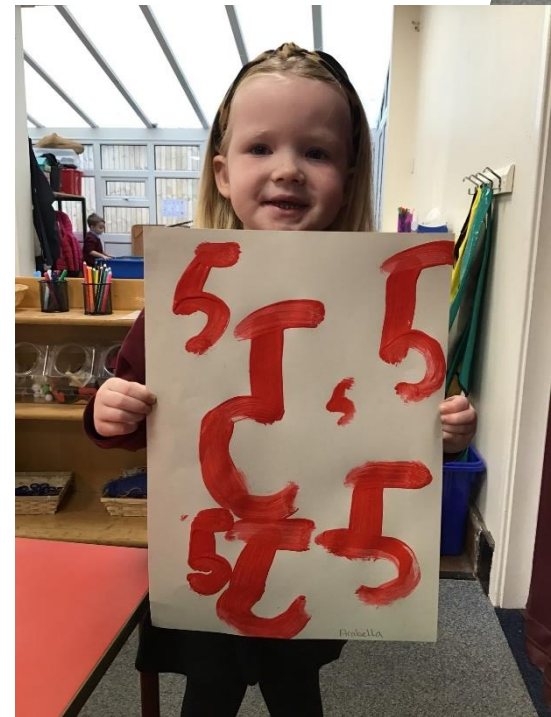


You need to add S to the end.

We have been helping Mummy owl feed her baby owls their supper, using what we know about plural nouns.



Exploring numbers and patterns!
12 34 🌈 We're practicing writing numbers, creating colorful repeating patterns, and counting carefully—building our maths skills one step at a time! ✨



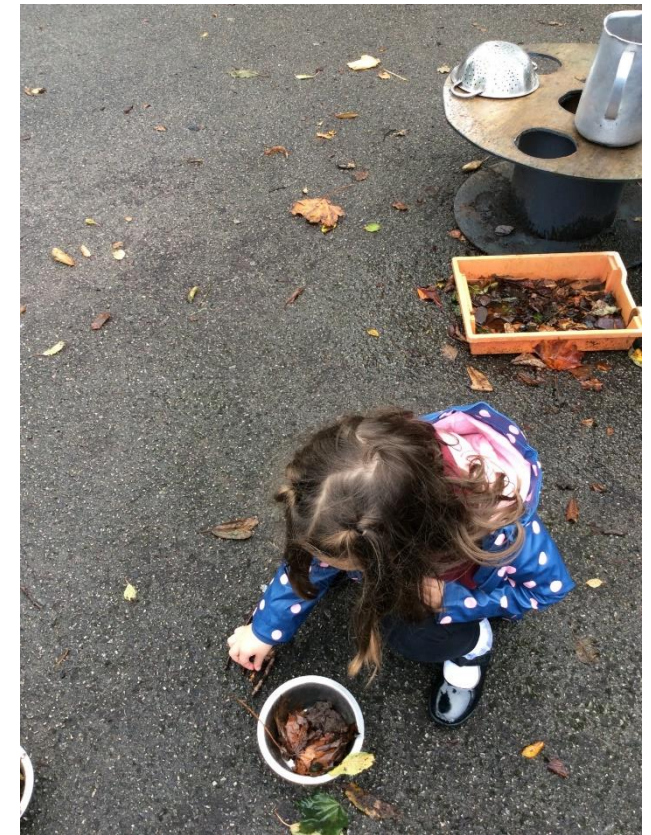
Whoo's ready for an adventure?

🌳 Balancing on Baby Owl's branch and tidying up the nest with our exciting obstacle course—building strength, coordination, and teamwork!





Cooking up a feast for Baby Owl!
🍲 Mud kitchen fun as we mix, mash, and create a delicious supper—imaginative play and creativity at its best! 🌿 🍁 ✨



We need lots of leaves to make it warm.



He will feel so warm and happy!

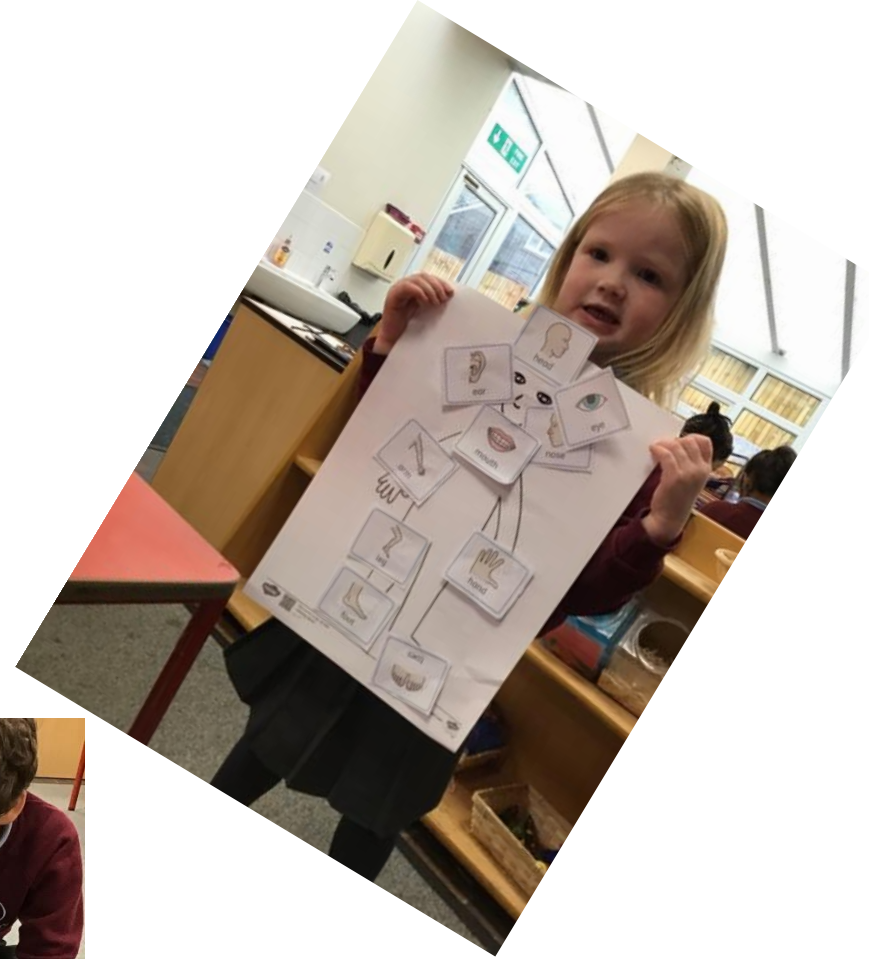
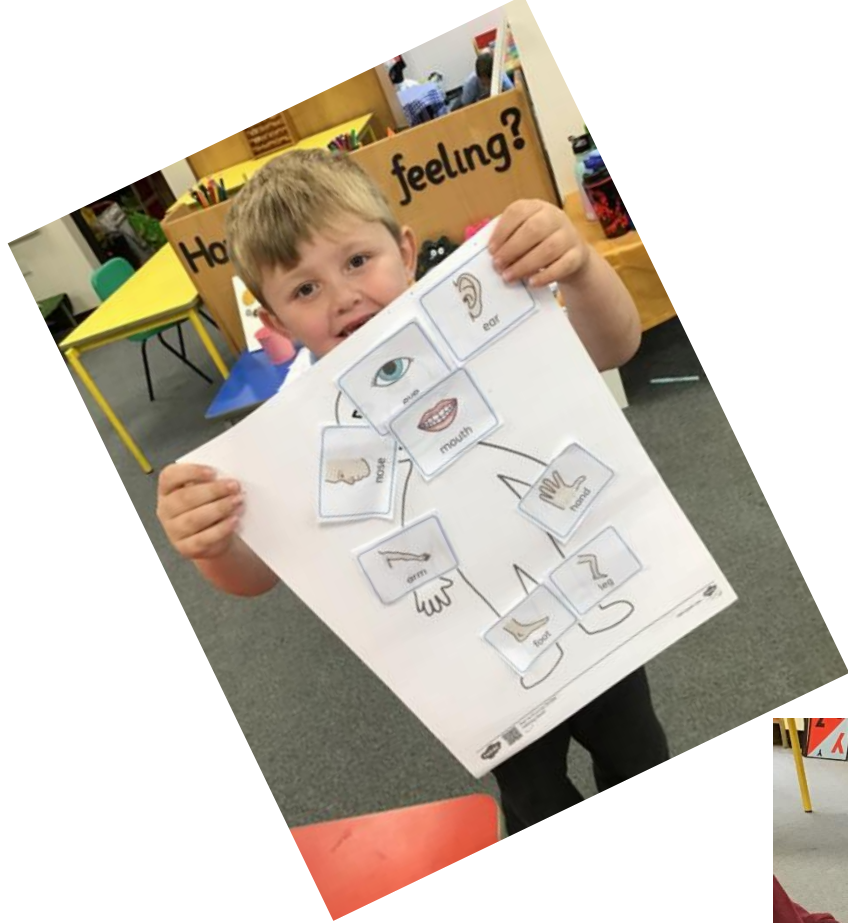


Helping Mr. Hedgehog get ready for winter 🍂 🐾 —we're building a cosy hibernation house using leaves!





Snip, snip! ✂️ 🍂 We're practicing our scissor skills to create spiky hedgehogs using autumn leaves—crafty fun and fine motor learning combined!



Exploring our amazing bodies! 👧👦 EYFS fun as we learn about different body parts, what they do, and how to keep them healthy! 💪👣

A baptism candle.

This is a baptism candle we give it to the baby at a baptism.

We have been learning all about a baptism celebration

