

Our Curriculum

Grove Villa curriculum has been designed by our Early Years specialists, your child will get the very best start through our enriching curriculum. Grove Villa Nursery follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which sets the standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5-years-old.

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Our staff are level 3 qualified Early Years practitioners or qualified teachers. They use their knowledge and experience to provide planned activities and projects. We extend your child's learning through these and your involvement is paramount to achieve this. When we plan for your child's learning we really appreciate any feedback you can share about their interests, events at home, special celebrations or activities at nursery that have captured their imagination. The vital personal discussions you have with us help us to make sure we provide the very best for your child at Grove Villa.

It is in partnership with parents that we use our observations to plan future activities and projects around your children's current interests, needs and the world around them. This will help develop their independence and life skills for their future.

The EYFS was revised in September 2020 and was legally effective from 1st September 2021 for all providers of early years education and care. The Government's two key aims for the changes to the EYFS;

- **To improve outcomes at age five, particularly in early language and literacy**
- **Reduce workload so that practitioners can spend more time interacting with children in their care.**

Please click on the link below.



EYFS Statutory Guidance 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

The **Development Matters** offers a top-level view of how children develop and learn for all early years practitioners, including:

- childminders
- staff in nurseries
- nursery schools
- school nursery and reception classes in school

The guidance can help meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework. Please click on the link below to find out more information.

Development Matters

Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the early years foundation stage. We use this guidance to help us design our curriculum.

Within the EYFS Framework practitioners provide activities and make assessment judgements based on the seven areas of learning: 3 Prime Areas and 4 Specific Areas.

Prime

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Specific

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Research into early child development shows that children learn more rapidly during their first years than in later life; whilst all areas of learning are important and inter-connected, the three Prime areas that are crucial for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, building their capacity to learn and form relationships and thrive. The specific areas will enable them to be self-motivated learners who are confident to succeed.

Please click the following link for more information <https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/westdale/UploadedDocument/b47d251d-fe7e-4aae-a79f-bba351284727/4childrena-guide-for-childrens-learning-what-to-expect-when-1.pdf>

If you have any further questions about early education or the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) please talk to your child's key person who will be able to offer further information.

Useful links

Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage 2021	EYFS_framework_-_March_2021.pdf
Early Years Foundation Stage – Information for parents and Carers	t-par-590-a-parents-guide-to-the-statutory-framework-for-the-early-years-foundation-stage_ver_2.pdf
What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage: a guide for parents	What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf
What to expect, when? <i>Guidance to your child's learning and development in the early years foundation stage</i>	4childrena-guide-for-childrens-learning-what-to-expect-when-1.pdf
Huntingdon Library	https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/huntingdon-library-and-archives
Sure Start Children's Centre	https://www.gov.uk/find-sure-start-childrens-centre