



A PARENT'S GUIDE  
TO THE

EARLY YEARS  
FOUNDATION STAGE

AT

SHOBNAL PRIMARY &  
NURSERY SCHOOL

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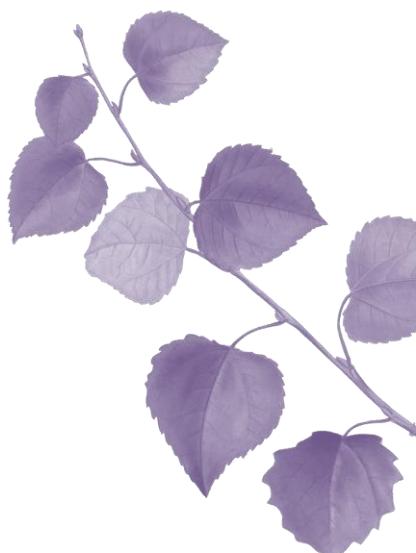
# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Throughout the Nursery and Reception Years your child will partake in an ambitious curriculum which is designed in a sequential way to ensure progress towards our end of year curricular goals. These are called our 'Magnificent Seven'.

At Shobnall Primary & Nursery School our curriculum incorporates everything we want the children to experience, learn and be able to do. It meets all the requirements of the educational programmes in the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and has the flexibility to allow us to respond quickly to children's new interests and/or needs.

The intent for our children is for them to enter the next stage of their education ready to tackle new challenges with confidence and have a positive mindset. We believe every child should have strong foundations to be independent, happy, lifelong learners.



# THE SEVEN AREAS OF LEARNING

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 interconnected areas of learning and development.

Children should mostly develop the 3 prime areas first. These are:

**COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE**

**PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in 4 specific areas.

These are:

**LITERACY**

**MATHEMATICS**

**UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD**

**EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN**

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. At Shobnall Primary & Nursery School our experienced EYFS teaching team ensure that tasks and challenges are suited to your child's unique needs and interests.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking. Our environment indoors and outdoors is continually enhanced with resources designed to scaffold and maximise learning.



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# OUR SCHOOL VALUES

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Our values make us who we are and help us to stay focused on what we do and how we do it. At the heart of our vision is the desire to provide our children with the best experiences and outcomes. Our school is dynamic, harmonious and values-led. The values underpinning our vision support our children in being happy and self-confident individuals, with strong morals and a ‘can-do’ attitude. We encourage all stakeholders to encourage our children to respect the rights of others, aspire for success, aim for excellence and achieve their full potential as a vision we can all live.

This is reflected in our mission statement;

**“Happy children, inspired learners”**

When children begin with us in the EYFS they quickly become happy and inspired learners who demonstrate kindness to others as well as being creative, imaginative, knowledgeable and curious about the world around them.



## HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

Building positive relationships with the families of Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, creating a partnership of trust between children, parents and practitioners begins in the Early Years. We understand that when parents hand over part of the care and teaching of their child to the staff in our setting it is a big step. We pride ourselves on creating an environment that is warm and welcoming. Each day leads to a deeper knowledge and understanding of each child and their family.

All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development, and have a really long lasting effect on your child's learning as they progress through school. You are your child's first educators and we greatly value any input, opinions and information you can share with us about your child. Working together as partners will set the scene for your child to thrive at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School.

### PLAY OUTDOORS!

Run, jump and climb.

Bake together.

Let your child see you writing for a purpose, for example a shopping list or birthday card.

Play games that encourage turn taking and sharing.

Share a book.

Play board games, counting jumps and games with dice and dominoes.

Sing and recite Nursery Rhymes.



Talk about seasonal changes and grow seeds or bulbs together.

Talk to your child at any available opportunity and tell them what you are doing.

# HOW CAN I FIND OUT HOW MY CHILD IS GETTING ON?

As well as our open-door policy, we provide many opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in their child's education and find out how your child is getting on.

These include:

- Access to Seesaw online learning journal. This provides parents/carers with real time access to observations teachers have taken in class.
- Parent Consultations - in the Autumn and Spring term, you will be invited to discuss your child's progress. A summary of their development will be discussed with you and how you can support their learning at home.

- When your child is 5 (At the end of the EYFS) – in the Summer term of the reception year in school, teachers complete an assessment which is known as the EYFS Profile. This assessment is carried out by the reception teacher and is based on what they, and other staff caring for your child, have observed over a period of time. A written report will come home towards the end of the Summer term and opportunities are given for you to come in and discuss this with the class teacher.

Throughout your time at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, you can find information on our school webpage, and a weekly headteacher newsletter will be emailed to you containing school news.



# **THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL**

You can find further documentation  
on our website about our school,  
EYFS provision and our curriculum  
and progression across the school.