



EYFS

Intent

At Westfields Infant School we want children to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies to access the next stage in their learning in addition to developing the positive attitudes, skills and habits so they are well equipped for the future.

We believe children's first experiences of school should be happy, positive and should nurture a lifelong love of learning. At Westfields Infant School we work hard to create an indoor and outdoor learning environment that inspires the children to investigate, question and challenge themselves. Our flexible and engaging curriculum aims to provide a wide variety of opportunities for our children to develop as independent, resilient and enthusiastic learners. All learning opportunities are aimed to promote learners who can confidently communicate their wants and needs. We plan opportunities for children to learn through play as we know that children learn best through active learning. Adults work alongside the children skilfully observing, extending, supporting and facilitating each child's learning to enable them to fulfil their potential.

We believe that every child is unique and is valued as an individual. Through working in partnership with pre-school settings, parents and carers we identify children's prior learning and experiences. We take each child's unique starting point and encourage them to make progress at their own rate, taking into consideration the different needs of the whole child. We intend to continually develop and adapt our teaching and learning to match each child's differing needs.

We prepare the children for their transition to KS1, actively supporting them throughout their final term in Reception with opportunities to ensure they are ready and excited about the next steps in their learning.

The Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage states there are seven areas of learning and development and that all areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected. The prime areas: communication and language; physical development and personal, social and emotional development are important for building a foundation for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. The prime areas are also strengthened through the learning in the four specific areas: literacy; mathematics; understanding the world and expressive arts and design.