

# EYFS Development Matters 2020 Statements Children in Reception - Prime Areas

## Communication and Language

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.</li> <li>Learn new vocabulary.</li> <li>Use new vocabulary through the day.</li> <li>Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.</li> <li>Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.</li> <li>Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.</li> <li>Describe events in some detail.</li> <li>Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.</li> <li>Develop social phrases.</li> <li>Engage in story times.</li> <li>Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.</li> <li>Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.</li> <li>Use new vocabulary in different contexts.</li> <li>Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.</li> <li>Learn rhymes, poems and songs.</li> <li>Engage in non-fiction books.</li> <li>Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.</li> </ul>
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## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See themselves as a valuable individual.</li> <li>Build constructive and respectful relationships.</li> <li>Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.</li> <li>Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.</li> <li>Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally.</li> <li>Think about the perspectives of others.</li> <li>Manage their own needs.</li> <li>Personal hygiene</li> <li>Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-regular physical activity</li> <li>-healthy eating</li> <li>-toothbrushing</li> <li>-sensible amounts of 'screen time'</li> <li>-having a good sleep routine</li> <li>-being a safe pedestrian</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## Physical Development

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-rolling</li> <li>-crawling</li> <li>-walking</li> <li>-jumping</li> <li>-running</li> <li>-hopping</li> <li>-skipping</li> <li>-climbing</li> </ul> </li> <li>Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.</li> <li>Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming.</li> <li>Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.</li> <li>Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.</li> <li>Combine different movements with ease and fluency.</li> <li>Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group.</li> <li>Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility.</li> <li>Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming.</li> <li>Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.</li> <li>Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.</li> <li>Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-lining up and queuing</li> <li>-mealtimes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## Literacy

- Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.
- Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences.
- Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.
- Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme.
- Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.
- Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.
- Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.
- Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.
- Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.
- Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.

## Mathematics

- Count objects, actions and sounds.
- Subitise.
- Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value.
- Count beyond ten.
- Compare numbers.
- Understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers.
- Explore the composition of numbers to 10.
- Automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0-5 and some to 10.
- Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.
- Compose and decompose shapes so that children recognise a shape can have other shapes *within it*, just as numbers can.
- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.
- Compare length, weight and capacity.

## Understanding the World

- Talk about members of their immediate family and community.
- Name and describe people who are familiar to them.
- Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.
- Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.
- Draw information from a simple map.
- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- Explore the natural world around them.
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.
- Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
- Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.
- Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.
- Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.
- Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.
- Develop storylines in their pretend play.
- Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.