

Understanding of the World

Past and Present ELG Children will: Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society; Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

People Culture and Communities ELG Children will: Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts, and maps; Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.

The Natural World ELG Children will: Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with Materials ELG Children will: Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form, and function; Share their creations, explaining the process they have used; Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

Being Imaginative and Expressive ELG Children will: Invent, adapt, and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher; Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and - when appropriate - try to move in time with music.

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any queries about the overall teacher assessment judgements that have been made.

Further information about the assessment arrangements for the EYFS can be found at:

[Early years foundation stage profile handbook - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

End of EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE Assessments

Explanatory Notes for Parents 2026



Your child is reaching the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This leaflet briefly explains the results which will be reported to you.

Early Years Foundation Stage

When a child is in the Reception class, teachers assess them throughout the year, to help them in planning for teaching activities and the “next steps” in learning. Assessment is informal and involves the teacher or support assistant working and interacting with the child and also observing the child in a variety of situations. The child is usually not aware they are being assessed.

Towards the end of the year, the teacher uses these informal assessments to reach a judgement for the **17 Early Learning Goals (ELGs)** in the EYFS Profile. They assess whether each child has achieved the ELG; this is expressed as:

- attaining “expected” (reaching the level of development expected for the end of reception),
or
- “emerging” (not yet attained the ELG).

The judgement is a 'best fit' of the different parts of each ELG and teachers will use their professional judgement to decide which judgement is the most accurate. The report for parents includes the teacher's assessments for all the ELGs. The report will also usually indicate learning “next steps” for the child as they continue into Y1. The 17 Early Learning Goals are:

Communication and Language

Listening, attention and understanding ELG: Children will: Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions; Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding; Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.

Speaking ELG: Children will: Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary; Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate; Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present, and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills ELG Children will: Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others; Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing; Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.

Fine Motor Skills ELG Children will: Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases; Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery; Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-Regulation - Children will: Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly; Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate; Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

Managing Self ELG Children will: Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge; Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly; Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet, and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.

Building Relationships ELG Children will: Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others; Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers; Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.

Literacy

Comprehension ELG Children will: Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary; Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories; Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play.

Word Reading ELG Children will: Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs; Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending; Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.

Writing ELG Children will: Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed; Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters; Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

Mathematics

Number ELG Children will: Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number; Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5; Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

Numerical Patterns ELG Children will: Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system; Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity; Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.