# Weaver School's approach to Strong Foundations

We believe that every child deserves the very best start to their learning journey. This starts from those early days in Reception class and continues throughout KS1 and beyond.

At Weaver Primary School, we are committed to developing the essential **knowledge, skills** and **attitudes** that enable our children to become confident and independent learners. Through high-quality teaching, meaningful experiences and a nurturing environment, we ensure that the 'Weaver child' develops the building blocks they need to thrive.

## What makes our foundations strong?

Our staff place particular importance on encouraging children to explore, question and discover. The following foundational knowledge and skills are practised through high-quality opportunities, so that our children become fluent.



### Communication and language

- building the skills, confidence and creativity to communicate effectively
- using the SHREC approach to encourage meaningful interactions between our younger pupils and adults in the classroom

### A love of reading and language

- developing confident readers who enjoy books and language.
- ensuring those children who have not secured word reading fluency are given opportunities to practise
- learn new words each week which link to our text and choose actions together as a class to help remember new vocabulary





### Early writing

- Through our phonics scheme, Read, Write, Inc, pupils have the opportunity for daily practise of spelling and letter formation until they are fluent
- Drawing Club and Curious Quests bring the magic of stories into the classroom. These approaches aid fine motor control, early writing, vocabulary and imagination

## Early mathematics

- developing secure number knowledge, fluency and problem-solving skills
- using routines and familiar songs to keep knowledge fresh in children's minds
- organising new learning so that it builds on what has previously been taught and understood
- focusing on the Important knowledge and drawing the children's attention to the mathematics in their play





## Learning behaviours

- Helping our children to develop independence and a positive attitude towards challenges, using the language of Growth Mindset
- Encouraging the children to develop their ability to focus and screen out distractions
- Using the language of emotional regulation and developing strategies to help through Zones of Regulation

## Care and belonging

- Creating a safe, supportive environment where every child feels valued and knows that they are part of the Weaver family



**By securing these foundations, we aim to ensure that every child is well prepared for the next stage of their education and beyond.**