

Intent, Implementation and Impact of EYFS at Booth Wood Primary School



Curriculum Intent

At Booth Wood Primary School, we recognise that the Early Years is the first step into school life, and it is here where we must get it right in order to promote a love of lifelong learning. From our reception children through to Year 6 we aspire to ignite a passion for lifelong learning, developing great thinkers who embrace challenges.

We provide a curriculum that promotes children to be independent, confident and resilient and allows all children to flourish and progress from their starting points, regardless of background, circumstances or needs. By designing a curriculum that considers children's interests, we hope to inspire all our children to enjoy learning and to reach their full potential.

Booth Wood has different cultures and backgrounds. This allows our children to be sensitive to the fact we are all unique and different, which is something to be proud of. Our curriculum ensures we cover a wide range of festivals and celebrations to allow our children to compare similarities and differences and provide hands on learning experiences and links within our local community.

To ensure all our children make outstanding progress, we take into consideration each child's unique starting points and meet children's individual needs through our planning to ensure the correct support is given and any gaps within learning are addressed. We pride ourselves on our early intervention and strong links with outside services to ensure all children are receiving the correct support.

Implementation

To ensure all our children make progress, the most important thing is that our children are safe, secure and most of all happy in Reception. All our practice is guided by the four overarching principles of the EYFS:

- **Unique Child** – Every child is a unique child who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident, and self-assured.

At Booth Wood, we get to know our children and our families well. We understand our children are all different and learn at different rates. We therefore work with individual children through their interests and play to work on individual next steps to ensure we move their learning forward. We know that before learning can take place our children have to feel secure and confident. We use the Leuven Scales of well-being and involvement to ensure our children are settled before moving forward with their academic learning.

- **Positive Relationships** – Children learn to be strong and independent through building positive relationships.

By getting to know our children's interests, likes and dislikes, we work hard to ensure secure relationships between children and staff. We also appreciate and know that parents are the child's first educator and know the most about their child. We aim to work closely with parents in a 2 way partnership between home and school. We try to involve parents through workshops, events, keep them up to date via parents' evenings and have an open door policy to provide excellent communication on a day to day basis.

- **Enabling Environments** – Children learn and develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs and there is a strong partnership between practitioners, parents and carers.

We are constantly evaluating and adapting our learning environments to fit with children's interests and to build upon skills. We aim to use lots of open-ended resources to develop curiosity, imagination and language and vocabulary. Our environments are owned by the children, and we encourage independence to access resources and use them how they wish.

- **Learning and Development** – Children develop and learn in different ways. The framework covers the education and care of all children in Early Year's provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities

We use a range of adult led and child-initiated learning opportunities to follow the needs and interests of the children. We know our children well and understand their barriers to learning and next steps to ensure progression for all.

The curriculum provides a play-based learning environment, where our skilled practitioners carefully scaffold learning during child-initiated tasks, combined with focussed teaching and basic skill group time. We know that children do not learn in a linear way and there are many strands to our young children's learning and ensure that our teaching is carefully sequenced to develop progress.

The children in Reception are provided with vast opportunities to explore both indoor and outdoor provision. They engage in planned, focussed activities as well as self-initiated and free flow activities. The learning experiences within our Early Years are linked to the seven areas of learning and development within the EYFS. These areas are split into three prime areas and four specific areas. The three prime areas are those which the children should develop first and are considered most essential for the healthy development of our children.

These include:

Prime areas:

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and emotional development.

Specific areas:

Literacy

Maths

Understanding of the world

Expressive arts and design.

Impact

We hope through our broad and balanced curriculum our children learn to believe in themselves and be proud of their local community. They understand the importance of their actions and the part they play in the diverse wider world. Through a strong self-belief leading to a positive physical and mental well-being our children are equipped to take risks and overcome any challenges they may face. Children will leave Early Years as compassionate individuals with a developing understanding that everyone should be valued and respected. We hope memorable learning experiences allow our children to retain knowledge, apply skills and develop links in their understanding and to achieve to the best of their ability. In turn, children leave Early Years with a developing independence and confidence, ready and excited to continue their learning journey in year 1.