



Howbridge Infant School

# Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

A guide for Parents and Carers



## What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which is how the Government and early years professionals describe the time in your child's life between birth and age 5.

At Howbridge Infant School your child's Early Years' experience will be happy, active, exciting, fun, and secure; and we will support their development, care and learning needs.

## What is the EYFS Framework – why do we have one?

The EYFS Framework is a legal document which nurseries, pre-schools, childminders and reception classes must follow. It sets out:

- The legal welfare requirements that must be followed to keep your child safe and promote their welfare
- The 7 areas of learning and development
- Assessments that will tell you about your child's progress
- Expected levels that your child should reach at the end of the reception year. These expectations are called Early Learning Goals (ELGs)

## How your child will be learning

Your child will be learning new skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of development.

**Prime Areas:** Communication and Language, Physical Development, and Personal Social and Emotional Development.

**Specific Areas:** Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. At Howbridge Infant School we ensure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs and interests. We plan activities where children can learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

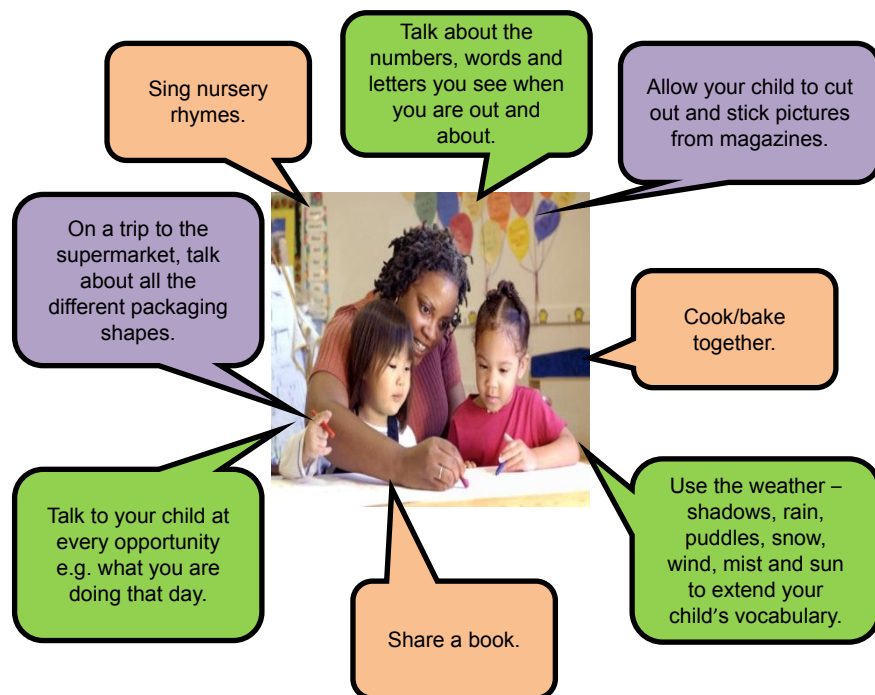


## What happens at the end of EYFS?

At the end of EYFS your child's teacher will complete an assessment of your child which is known as the EYFS Profile. This is based on observations, pieces of work that your child has completed, and your posts from Tapestry which have been collected throughout the year. All of the information is used to judge how your child is doing in the 7 areas of learning and development. At the end of the school year you will receive a report of your child's progress.

## How you can help your child with their learning?

All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development, and have a really long lasting effect on your child's learning as they progress through school. If you can make the time every day to do some of the following things with your child it will make a real difference to your child's confidence as a young learner.



## How can you find out how your child is getting on?

Your child's Key Worker will be their Class Teacher. They will be happy to discuss your child's progress and answer questions at any time.

Every child has their own online learning journal which documents their journey right the way through EYFS. This is called Tapestry. It will be a wonderful collection of your child's achievements, work, photographs and much more! You will have access to your child's learning journey at all times and you can also make comments on your child's achievements and experiences.

We value your input to and ask you to post on Tapestry your child's WOW moments at home too.

Our school website is also full of up to date information and we tweet regularly:

[www.howbridge-inf.essex.sch.uk](http://www.howbridge-inf.essex.sch.uk)

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