

## **Child Profiles And The Early Years Foundation Stage**

### **Introduction**

Twice a term the teachers will send home your child's profile. This document sets out the framework on which our curriculum is based, and every child will be helped and encouraged to develop their skills in each of the areas outlined. The staff carry out regular observations on your child and record them appropriately in this document. This is an ongoing process during your child's time with us and you will, therefore, not see observations in every area straight away.

### **What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?**

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) covers the years from birth to five
- The last year of the EYFS is your child's Reception year after they leave nursery
- Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.
- Children should mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first. These are:
  - **Communication and Language;**
  - **Physical Development;**
  - **Personal, Social and Emotional Development.**

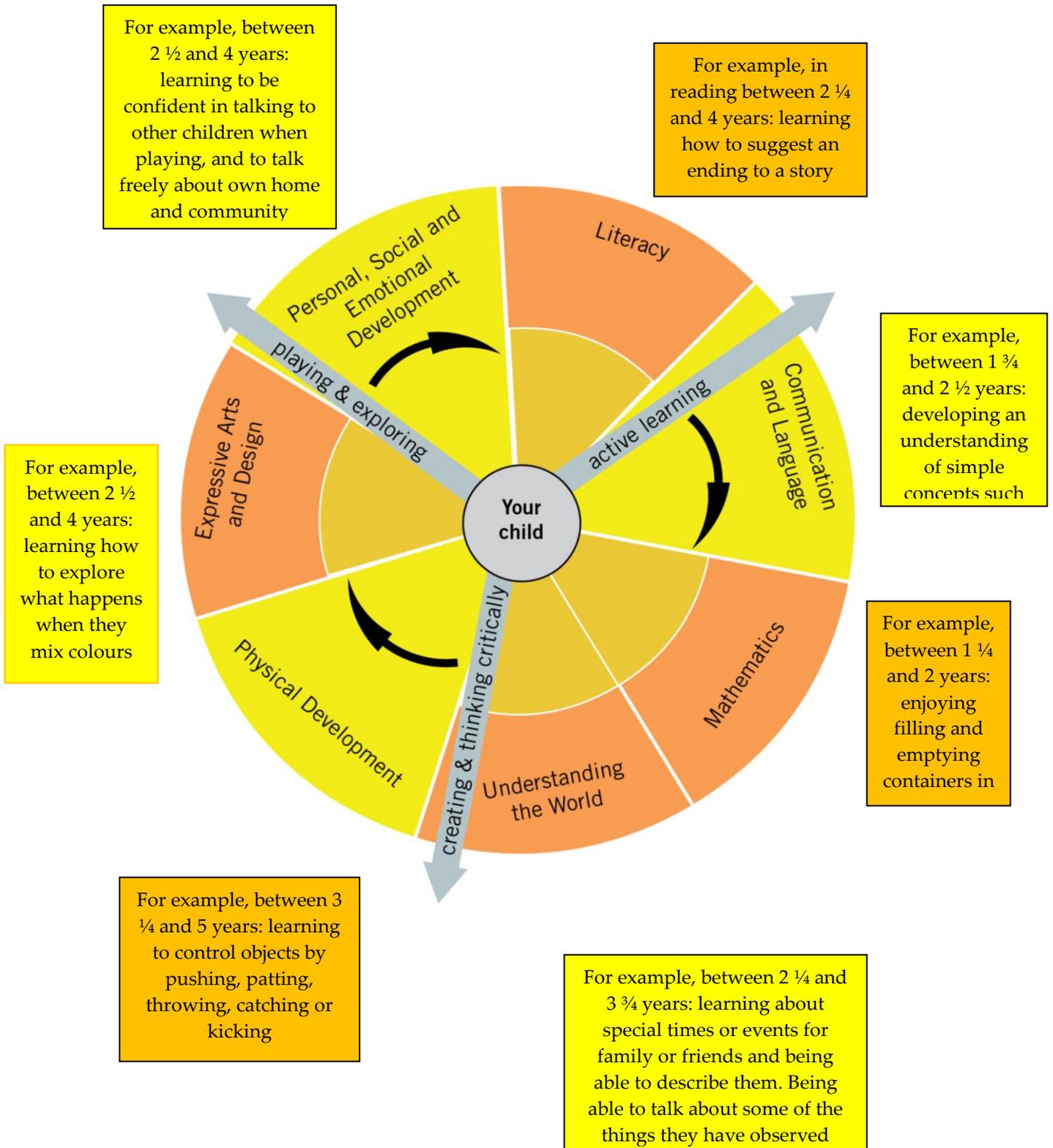
These prime areas are those most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**. These are:

- **Literacy;**
- **Mathematics;**
- **Understanding the World;**
- **Expressive Arts and Design.**

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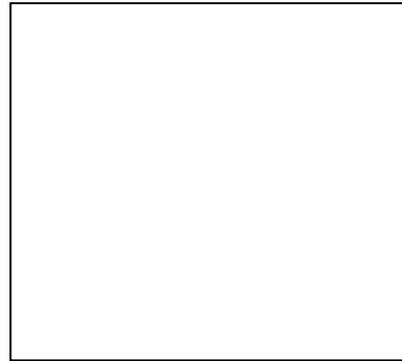
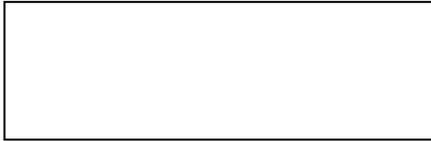
This diagram gives examples of the areas of learning and development and shows the links between the way in which your child learns and what they learn.



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### How can I find out how my child is getting on?

Every child has a key teacher. You child's key teacher is:



### The role of the key teacher:

- Your main point of contact within the class
- Responsible for your child's settling in and to ensure their safety and happiness
- To plan your child's learning and development
- To record you child's progress and to keep a record of it through the child profile
- To share this progress with you and have regular meetings and updates when requested.

### What is the Child Profile?

- It is a progress record that is linked to the age of your child in months
- It is an overview of their progress and achievements through observations, photographs and samples of work
- It is an open document that may also include notes from home

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## Parents as Partners

You are your child's first and most enduring educator. We encourage you to contribute to this profile by adding your comments on the 'Home Record'

### Home Record

<b>Communication and Language</b>	<b>Physical Development</b>	<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	
<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Understanding the World</b>	<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>