



North Wingfield Primary & Nursery Academy

EYFS Intent, Implementation and Impact Statement September 2023

Intent

Our curriculum is designed to recognise children's prior learning, both from previous settings and their experiences at home. We work in partnership with parents, carers and other settings to provide the best possible start at North Wingfield Primary & Nursery Academy, ensuring each individual reaches their full potential from their various starting points. Our curriculum has been designed to enable children to succeed through co-operative and collaborative learning principles. As such, there is a strong emphasis on the Prime Areas of learning; Physical, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication and Language, including Oracy.

At North Wingfield Primary & Nursery Academy, we recognise that oracy not only improves academic outcomes, but is a life skill to ensure success beyond school, in life and future employment. Oracy develops **children's thinking and understanding, which in turn promotes self-confidence**, resilience and empathy which **support the child's well-being**. Our enabling environments and warm, skilful adult interactions support the children as they begin to link learning to their play and exploration right from the start.

We believe that high level engagement ensures high level attainment. We therefore provide an engaging curriculum that maximises opportunities for meaningful cross-curricular links and learning experiences, as well as promoting the unique child by offering extended periods of play and sustained- shared thinking. We **follow children's interests and ideas to foster a lifelong love of learning both in and outside of school**. By the end of the Reception year, our intent is to ensure that all children make at least good progress from their starting points and are equipped with the skills and knowledge to have a smooth transition into Year 1.

Implementation

Each half term, EYFS staff introduce a new theme to provide inspiration for learning, whilst providing the flexibility for children to follow their own interests and ideas. Children learn through a balance of child-initiated and adult-directed activities. The timetable is carefully structured so that children have directed teaching during the day. The timetable changes throughout the year to take into consideration the changing needs of the children. These sessions are followed by small focused group work. This means the adult can systematically check for understanding, identify and respond to misconceptions quickly and provide real-time verbal feedback which results in a strong impact on the acquisition of new learning.

Children are provided with plenty of time to engage in 'exploration' throughout the variety of experiences carefully planned to engage and challenge them in the provision. The curriculum is planned for the inside and outside and we strive to give equal importance to learning in both areas.

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and our aim is to encourage a love of reading right from the start. In EYFS we have our focus books each half term. The aim is to expose children to a diverse range of books and rhymes that not only develop a love of reading, but have been chosen specifically to develop their oracy, vocabulary and comprehension. These five books will be embedded in our provision through activities, story sessions and on display for children to access independently. Through this, children begin to internalise new vocabulary, language patterns and begin to retell stories. There is cohesion and consistency with our approach to align with the whole school.

- **The inclusion of high-quality** texts which are age and stage appropriate

- **Modelled reading and re-telling** opportunities across each session
- **Structured comprehension questions based on Blooms Taxonomy**
- **A focus on Tier 1, 2 and 3 Vocabulary**
- Dedicated Phase 1 Monster phonics sessions in FS1
- **Dedicated Monster phonics sessions** in FS2
- **Co-operative learning behaviours** which develop oracy and interdependence

Phonics

Both Nursery & Reception follow the DfE accredited Monster Phonics programme to ensure consistency across the school. In Nursery children focus on Phase 1 which concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills and lays the foundations for the phonic work which starts in Phase 2. The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills, prior to GPC.

In Reception, children are quickly introduced to Phase 2 and then Phase 3 where they will develop GPC and segmenting and blending skills to decode words. During the Summer term, children may move on to Phase 4 if they are ready. Children are encouraged to read at home and are listened to regularly in school. They are given books that match their phonic knowledge in order for them to apply their learning with the aim of becoming successful, confident and fluent readers.

Mathematics

In Nursery our curriculum supports children to become confident with mathematical processes using number up to 5 and beyond. This enables the children to develop skills and knowledge in a systematic way and develops the foundations that will be built upon in Reception and beyond. In Reception, we also follow the White Rose Scheme of work which is divided into 3 weekly units **and supports children's transitions into Year 1.**

High quality learning environments and meaningful interactions with adults, support children in developing mathematical thinking and discussion. Pupils learn through games and tasks using concrete manipulatives and pictorial structures and representations which are then rehearsed applied and recorded within their own child-led exploration. Children in Reception develop fluency, revisit key concepts and address misconceptions throughout the year. In Nursery, children develop a love of maths through games, songs, rhymes, and play using concrete manipulatives. There is a focus on the following counting principles: **subitising, one to one correspondence, stable order and cardinal principle. Children's fine manipulative skills** are a focus to develop 1-1 correspondence so children count each object only once.

Wider Curriculum

Our wider curriculum is taught through the learning areas; 'Understanding of the World' and 'Expressive Arts and Design.' EYFS staff have a good understanding of how ELG's feed into the National Curriculum through our robust planning and CPD opportunities. In reverse, colleagues throughout the school are also **aware of the key ELG's that link to each foundation subject and the progression of the subject.** Exciting, purposeful and contextual activities are planned to build on **children's natural curiosity.** For example, building a Bi-plane for their Amelia Earhart **enables them to think like a 'Scientist' and 'Engineer' as they** explore a range of materials and test out their own ideas. Building further on our oracy focus, children will be encouraged to employ subject specific language and terminology in foundation subjects, and such vocabulary will be modelled, both verbally and orally, by supporting practitioners. Our inclusive approach means that all children learn together, but we have a range of additional intervention and support for children who may not be reaching their potential, or are showing a greater depth of understanding and need further challenge. This includes, for example, sessions for developing speech and language, social skills,

fine motor skills, phonics, and mathematics. In addition, we sometimes have some children on EHCPs, where bespoke plans are devised to meet their developing needs.

Regular monitoring of teaching and learning by SLT and the EYFS leader ensure staff develop good subject knowledge. The EYFS leader ensures staff receive CPD specific to Early Years to develop their practice. **For example, we offer cluster CPD facilitated by 'Early Excellence', based on our children's needs,**

Impact

Baseline: Prior to children starting, staff spend time speaking to the child's parents, previous settings and read any relevant documentation to gain an understanding of the whole child and where they are at. During the first half term in Nursery or Reception, all staff use ongoing assessments, observations and conversations with the child to develop a baseline assessment. This identifies each individual's starting points in all areas so we can plan experiences to ensure progress.

The following baseline assessments are also carried out. The RBA (Statutory Reception Baseline Assessment) **This assessment focuses on 'Language, Communication and Literacy,' and 'Mathematics.'** The purpose of this is to show the progress children make from Reception until the end of KS2.

ECaT (Every Child a Talker) is an evidence-based oral language intervention for children who show weakness in their oral language skills and who are therefore at risk of experiencing difficulty with reading. The assessment informs us if the child is at expected for their age or requires intervention from trained ECaT practitioners.

Ongoing Observation: All ongoing observations are used to inform weekly planning and identify children's next steps. This formative assessment does not involve prolonged periods of time away from the children and excessive paper work. Practitioners draw on their knowledge of the child and their own expert professional judgements through discussions with other practitioners, photographs and physical examples such as a child's drawing / mark making. Some observations are uploaded using Class Dojo and shared with the parents and carers, other evidence is kept in the child's 'Busy Book' or Class Floor Books.

Assessment:

Phonic assessments are carried out in Reception using the Monster Phonics Tracker every half term to **quickly identify pupils that are not making expected progress. Our aim is for children to 'keep up' rather than 'catch up' where possible. Assessments are completed three times per year and shared with parents,** whereby the Class Teacher updates the progress children have made.

In Summer Term 2, the EYFSP is completed where teacher judge whether the child has met each of the 17 **ELG's. They will be assessed as either 'emerging' or 'expected.'** Whilst there is no judgement to state if a child is exceeding beyond an ELG, teachers, have a duty to provide a narrative for both parents and the Year 1 teacher.

Impact is also evident through our successful transitions into Year 1. EYFS staff have a good **understanding of how ELG's link** to the National Curriculum, and through our robust planning and delivery across the spectrum of subjects - both core and foundation - children leave the EYFS stage with the skills, knowledge and confidence to continue their journey as scientists, historians, artists and geographers.

