

EYFS Key Vocabulary

The table below gives a summary of the vocabulary that children are exposed to in EYFS in each of the different curriculum areas in preparation for accessing the National Curriculum from Year One. However due to the nature of teaching in Early Years we recognise that this is not a definitive nor exhaustive list. Children are immersed in a language rich environment whereby they are exposed to new vocabulary through quality interactions with adults who promote questioning, reasoning and independent thinking, access high quality texts as part of their daily learning and engage with the resources in the environment where vocabulary will be modelled and taught through more spontaneous learning opportunities.

EYFS Key Subject Vocabulary	
Communication and Language	talk, tell, say, whisper, shout, copy, look, listen, explain, describe, question, answer, ideas, repeat, What? When? Where? Why? How?, instructions,
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	emotions, feelings, happy, sad, angry, calm, scared, frightened, upset, loved, frustrated, miserably, furious, anxious, worried, nervous, excited. Family, love, friend, share, unique, similar, different, diversity, special, rule, challenge, mistake, try, right, wrong, fair, listening, truth, team, festival, celebration, belief, independence/independently, healthy, exercise,
Physical Development	<p><u>Key concepts</u> Competence Performance Creativity Healthy Active Lifestyles Evaluation</p> <p><u>Gymnastics</u> Movement, exercise, stretch, slide, balance, control, travel, straight, tuck, start, finish, roll, safe(ly), safe(ly) still, position, apparatus, hold, perform, gymnastics, practise, landing, turn, skill, danger, risk, exercise</p> <p><u>Games</u> Space, games, change, direction, control, aim, roll, carry, throw, catch, target, bounce, kick, freeze, stretch, crouch, jog, run, hop, skip, slow(ly), fast, backwards, forwards, one/two handed, avoid, pass/passing, team, speed, rules, instructions, working together,</p> <p><u>Dance</u> timing, marching, direction, dance, repeat, perform, control, speed, action, mirror, follow, copy, tip-toe, stomp, clap, high, low, individual, partner, group, performance, differently</p> <p><u>Equipment</u> Apparatus, ball (football, tennis ball, basket ball), bib, net, racket, bean bag, hoop, mat, cone, kit</p> <p><u>Fine motor</u> press, squeeze, grip, pinch, push, point, pat, roll, hand, palm, finger, wrist, fist,</p>
Literacy	<p>Story, read, rhyme, traditional tale, fiction, non-fiction, list, letter, card, label, word, sentence, question, capital letter, finger space, full stop, line, author, page, information, facts, illustrations, retell</p> <p><u>Phonics</u> Sound, name, phoneme, grapheme, digraph, trigraph, tricky word, decode, sound out, sound buttons, segment, sound talk, blend,</p>

<p>Maths</p>	<p><u>Number</u> count/subitise, order, ordinal, compare, forwards, backwards, numerals, digit, one more, one less, equal, more than, less than (fewer)</p> <p><u>Addition and subtraction</u> Add, plus, altogether, total, take away/minus, number bonds, part, whole, digit,</p> <p><u>Multiplication and division</u> Double, half, twice as many, equal, unequal, share, group, odd, even</p> <p><u>Measurement (measure and length)</u> Measure, wide(er), narrow(er), compare, long(er)(est), short(er)(est), length</p> <p><u>Measurement (height, weight and capacity)</u> Height, long(er)(est)/short(er)(est), weight, capacity, heavy, light, heavier than, lighter than, big/bigger/biggest, full, empty, more than, less than, half/ half full,</p> <p><u>Measurement (height, weight and capacity)</u> Time, quicker, slower, earlier, later, before, after, first, next, last, today, yesterday, tomorrow, afternoon, evening, day, week, hour, minutes</p> <p><u>Geometry – (properties of shapes)</u> 2D shapes, rectangle, square, circle, triangle, characteristics, 3D shapes, cuboid, cube, sphere, curved, straight, flat,</p> <p><u>Geometry – (position and direction)</u> Under, over, between, around, through, on, into, next to, behind, beneath, order, repeat, patterns, on top of</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p><u>Art</u> Artist, pens, pencils, crayons, pastels, chalk, paint, colour, mix, water, change, light, dark, print, pattern, brush, pallet, shade, portrait, landscape, background, detail, shape, design, create, model, join, fold, scrunch, cut, paper, card, tissue, material, clay, tools, hard, soft, malleable</p> <p><u>DT</u> Design, make, create, plan, join, hold, secure, fix, glue, tape, cut, scissors, shape, size, position, decorate, change, why, together, instructions, material, texture, measure, bake, mix, safely,</p> <p><u>Music</u> Music, sound, dance, tempo, move, action, rhythm beat, instrument, percussion, fast, slow, high, low, loud, quiet, pulse, constant, compose, perform, shake, tap, bang, strum, repeat, steady composer,</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p><u>History</u> Calendar, past, present, the future, yesterday, today, tomorrow, year, day, time, parents, grandparents, change(d), same, different, remember, old, new, now, then.</p> <p><u>Geography</u> Home, environment, map, places, country, world, England, London, Ashford, Africa, holiday, journey, glove, animals, buildings, river, forest, beach, hot, cold, warm, weather; sun, rain, fog, snow, windy, season; Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, protect, culture, celebration, festival</p> <p><u>Science</u> Working scientifically: science, experiment, observe, find out, explain, reason, why Body; head, arms, legs, hands, feet, shoulders, face, eyes, ears, mouth, tongue, teeth, heart, blood, brains, bones, skin, skeleton, skull, healthy/unhealthy, senses;</p>

touch, smell, sight, taste, hearing, animals, minibeasts, insects, seasons; Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, weather: sun, rain, fog, windy, snow, hot, cold, freezing, cloudy, wet, light, dark, habitat, lifecycle, grow, change, different, same, material, plastic, wood, metal, glass, magnetic, smooth, hard/soft, mix, float, sink, waterproof, pollution, rubbish, recycle, protect, environment.

Additional curriculum Areas

RE people, culture, community, religion, belief, Christian, church, Christianity, Christmas, Easter, cross, God, Jesus, Creation, Incarnation, Salvation

Computing Computer, iPad, tablet, App, button, mouse, screen, keyboard, Google, information, internet, save, search, safety, online, password, camera, photo, video.

MFL Language, English, French, German, Spanish community, culture, greeting, world

