

Why is EYFS important at Priestsic Primary School?

At Priestsic Primary School, we know the Early Years Foundation Stage is a vital step in every child's educational journey as it gives them the building bricks for their education. It is an opportunity for us to embed the knowledge and the skills the children will require to be ready for school.

What does EYFS look like at Priestsic Primary School?

Our EYFS is an inviting, safe, calm and stimulating learning environment where children have opportunities to learn through play by initiating their own ideas with the continuous provision indoors and outdoors and through adult support, scaffolding and modelling. Our curriculum is based on high quality books and storytelling. Children take part in daily taught sessions as a whole group or class as well as in small groups or 1:1 teaching time with adults.

Our Foundation 1 and 2 settings have children who are happy and highly engaged in their learning and we support them in developing their relationships with others and give them the skills to be able to interact with their peers and adults.

What do our children say about our EYFS?

Children say they enjoy coming to school and learning lots of new things. They like it when they get to play in the continuous provision and have visitors at school. Story times are a favoured part of the day. They are enthusiastic and eager to learn and take part in all the activities offered to them.

Our EYFS rationale



How is our EYFS curriculum enhanced at Priestsic Primary School?

We provide children with first hand experiences and practical opportunities, where the children can explore and find out more and develop their natural curiosity.

We teach children to use their imagination and creativity to develop their thinking through finding their own ways to solve problems and individual approaches to activities.

We support children to become independent learners and develop resilience to strive to achieve their full potential, teaching them the skills to ensure their wellbeing now and in the future.

We prepare our children ready for school as well as ensuring our school is ready for our children to allow them a smooth transition into and out of our EYFS.

We pride ourselves on developing strong relationships with the children and their parents and carers to ensure we can personalise each child's learning.

We create an enjoyable curriculum where children have fun and develop a love of learning during their time in EYFS.

Ultimately, our EYFS curriculum is designed to:

- Raise our aspiration through all of the learning opportunities and give children a good starting point to their school journey.
- Celebrate diversity through finding out about a range of people, places, cultures and beliefs to broaden our horizons and learn about the world's rich tapestry.
- Improve our vocabulary through daily experiences in our EYFS provision, interactions with adults and peers and immersing ourselves in stories
- Promote our health and well-being through developing our knowledge, understanding and skills.