

EYFS

The quote 'play is the highest form of research' by Albert Einstein, underpins our Early Years ethos at Forest Park. Well-planned and purposeful learning experiences are provided daily, encouraging our young children to learn effectively through play. Learning takes place in our fabulous provision areas both inside and outside of the classroom, where children are encouraged to drive their own learning forward through our 'planning in the moment' approach. Well-planned play is crucial to children's learning in the Early Years and in this way, learning can be both challenging and fun!

Our children follow the Read Write Inc. scheme to support early reading and writing and we work hard to foster a love of reading in our Foundation Stage through quality story times and stimulating and exciting reading areas. We aim to provide children with firm mathematical foundations through interactive and practical activities both inside and outside of the classroom. Our children interact with quality resources through our continuous provision, which encourages them to make independent choices and celebrates child initiated learning.

We believe that happy children will become willing and able learners and we therefore place significant importance on the wellbeing and emotional growth of our children. We also work hard to develop our children's early language skills, providing a range of activities to support speech and language along with broadening our children's vocabulary. Our children are constantly encountering new experiences, which they try to make sense of and understand. As they do so, they ask questions and develop their skills and confidence, building on what they already know, along with developing their communication skills. We celebrate similarities and differences between ourselves and others, learning about what makes us special and unique. We develop our sense of identity as individuals and within our friendships and we work hard to create a sense of belonging and community. Above all, the Foundation Stage is about our children having fun, playing and learning together as they develop their relationships, confidence and self-esteem.