

Landewednack CP School

EYFS Strategy Updated 2025



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Glossary of Key Terms

Continuous Provision – These are the learning areas and resources that are available to the children at all times for open ended play and learning.

Enhanced Provision – The extra material and resources teachers or practitioners provide for their children that enhance the continuous provision.

Busy Learning Time – This is what we call the time where children are in continuous provision and are selecting their own learning.

Provocation – This is something that provokes and invites learning, interest, creativity and thoughts.

Adult Directed Time – This may be a planned learning input or intervention however we try to incorporate interventions into interactions whenever possible.

Our Vision

At Landewednack, we are committed to excellence and this value is the foundation of everything we do. Our aim is to provide a happy, stimulating environment where every child will be given the best possible opportunities to achieve their full potential and an education which will nurture their needs as individuals. We strive for all our children to be confident communicators and to develop the foundational knowledge that they need to succeed. We constantly review our provision and in consultation with parents and our wider community, we strive to retain our family ethos whilst also equipping our children for the future. We hope to encourage a shared commitment to the success of our children, where parents have a positive role in complimenting and supporting the work of the school.









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Staff Structure
Puffins Class Little Lizards

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We encourage staff to spend time in the other class throughout the year to support transition and continuity between classes.

The Role of the Adult

We strongly believe that there is nothing our adults could be doing that is more important than interacting with the children. During busy learning time all adults should be with the children interacting and moving their learning forwards. At times, adults may be observing learning and communication between the children and stepping in when it is appropriate. We make sure that children have the opportunity to talk and feel listened to. Adults also provide new learning inputs throughout the day but during continuous provision, they are talking and interacting with our children and deepening their learning.

We follow a 5 step cycle to structure our interactions with children. This is inspired by Greg Bottrill and can be found on

the following page.

Adults will also be aware of the children's next steps and be focusing on the children that have been highlighted on the assessment doughnuts. More information about the doughnuts and next steps can be found on pages 23 and 24.





Key statistics on early years and literacy

- •"Children who struggle with language at age five are five times more likely to fail to reach the expected standard in English aged 11 (23% vs 4%).
- •In 2019, 175,000 five-year-olds in England started primary school without the communication, language and literacy skills expected for their age." (National Literacy Trust, 2024).

"Communication and language approaches involve intentionally acting to develop young children's understanding of language and their ability and confidence to use language, and other strategies, to communicate effectively. They are based on the idea that children's language development benefits from approaches that support communication through talking and non-verbal expression." (EEF, 2024).

Quality Interactions

Inspired by Greg Bottrill, this is how we aim to structure our interactions with the children during continuous provision.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Adventure	Gσ	Mouth Movement Mind	Spiral	Storify
Tell the children what your adventure is going to be. "I'm going to have an adventure at the playdough table."	Go there	Chat Share your thought process out loud. Move to get the resources that you need to enhance learning.	Encourage children to spiral and share their language, creativity and inventions.	Tell the story and share the joy. Photograph it and share with families. *iPad only comes out at step 5.

Learning Environment Rationale

Our learning environments have been designed to be neutral and well organised to support the children to develop independence in their learning. Each area of learning has been considered in the design of our spaces and our learning spaces are continually developed and adapted to meet the needs of our children. Our outdoor spaces have been developed to be suitable in all weather and to act as a blank canvas with organised resources for the children to develop their own learning which is of course enhanced by the adults in the setting. We are very privileged to have a large outdoor space that is shared between the Nursery and Reception/Year One class, and we make use of the school field once a week for a bikes and trikes session.

We have carefully considered the resources available to our children and continually observe and reflect on how the spaces are being used and adapt them accordingly. We have high expectations of our children and teach them to respect their learning environments and resources as we believe this is an important life skill. All children are expected to tidy up at the end of a session and the organisation of resources is the key to the success of this. Adults model how to use each of the learning environments, and this is a key part of our transition into Nursery and School.







Little Lizards Classroom



Puffins Classroom



Our Outdoor Learning Environment



Our School Field



Displays

Our displays are for the children and therefore they do not involve lots of text that the children cannot read. We carefully select what we have on display and use displays as an opportunity to display learning and encourage reflection. Our displays are intentionally neutral to keep the environment calm and purposeful.







Both classes have a Learning Means the World display that they add to each week. The content from this is moved into the floor book at the end of each half term so that children can look back and revisit their previous learning.



Little Lizards Class Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:30-09:00	Children Arrive Busy Learning				
09:00-09:15	Welcome Story Maths	Welcome Story Maths	Welcome Story Maths	Welcome Story Maths	Welcome Story Maths
09:15-10:20	Outdoor Learning				
10:20-10:30	Tidy up				
10:30-11:00	Snack Phonological Awareness				
11:00-11:40	Busy Learning				
11:40-12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-13:00	Toothbrushing and Nappy Changing				
13:00-13:15	UTW/EAD Input		UTW/EAD Input	UTW/EAD Input	UTW/EAD Input
13:30-14:40	Busy Learning (outside at 2pm).	Bikes and Trikes	Busy Leaming (outside at 2pm).	Busy Learning (outside at 2pm).	Busy Learning (outside at 2pm).
14:40-15:00	Tidy up time				
15:00-15:00	Singing	Singing	Singing	Singing	Singing
15:15	Home time				

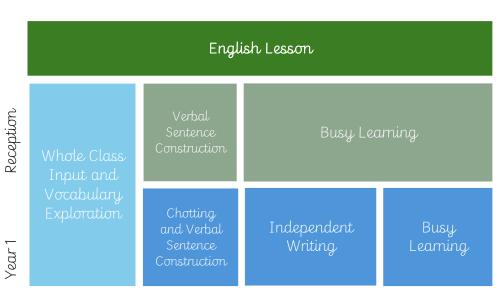
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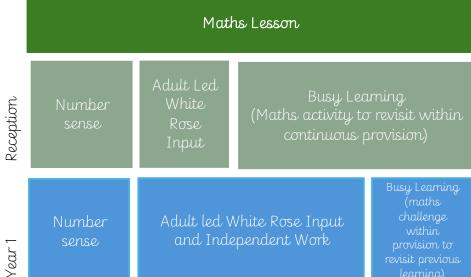
Puffins Class Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:30-08:50	Morning Jobs	Morning Jobs	Morning Jobs	Morning Jobs	Morning Jobs
08:40-8:50	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome
	Story	Story	Story	Story	Story
	English	English	English	English	English
09:15-10:20	Outdoor Learning (Y1	Outdoor Learning (Y1	Outdoor Learning (Y1	Outdoor Learning (Y1	Outdoor Learning (Y1
	English and Maths	English and Maths	English and Maths	English and Maths	English and Maths
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10:20-10:30	Tidy up	Tidy up	Tidy up	Tidy up	Tidy up
10:30-10:40	Story	Story	Story	Story	Story
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10:40-11:20	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
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11:20-11:40	Reception Maths	Reception Maths	Reception Maths	Reception Maths	Reception Maths
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11:45-13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00-13:30	P.E.	P.E. (Y1)		P.E.	P.E.
	Toothbrushing	Toothbrushing		Toothbrushing	Toothbrushing
13:30-13:45	UTW/EAD Input	Reception Bikes and		UTW/EAD Input	UTW/EAD Input
13:30-14:40		Trikes.			
	Busy Learning	\/1 C		Busy Learning	Busy Learning
	(outside at 2pm).	Y1 Computing PHSE	Wild Tribe	(outside at 2pm).	(outside at 2pm).
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14:40-14:55	Tidu un tima	Tidu un tima		Tidu un tima	Tidu un tima
14.40 14.55	Tidy up time Home things ready	Tidy up time Home things ready		Tidy up time Home things ready	Tidy up time Home things ready
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14:55-15:15	Assembly	Assembly		Assembly	Assembly
15:15	Home time	Home time	Home time	Home time	Home time

Puffins Class Timetable

Here are two examples of how learning is further divided within the timetable to meet the needs of both year groups in the class. These are examples of lessons in the Autumn term but this develops alongside the children's needs throughout the year.





Activities are set up in provision to give children an opportunity to revisit and explore learning from the previous week.

Behaviour Management

In EYFS we have high expectations of the children and expect all of them to follow our Diamond Rules.

If children are behaving in a way that is not following these rules we will follow these two simple steps.

- 1. Warning. We will get down to the level of the child and explain in an age-appropriate way why their behaviour is not acceptable.
- 2. If behaviour continues after this children will have a few minutes reflection time away from busy learning.

We usually find this is enough for our children but if behaviour is more extreme, we will continue to follow the school behaviour policy.



Our Diamond Rules are:

- Show respect for everyone and everything
- Show good manners at all times
- Follow instructions with thought and care.

SEND Provision

We have high expectations for all of our children, and we aim to make our setting as inclusive as possible to meet the needs of all children. The adaptations we make include:

- Visual timetables in both classrooms
- Clear boundaries
- Consistent routines
- Open and honest parent communication
- Regular conversations with our SENDCo
- Access to sensory learning opportunities
- Speech and Language screening for all children when they start school and nursery
- Cosy, calm, communication friendly spaces

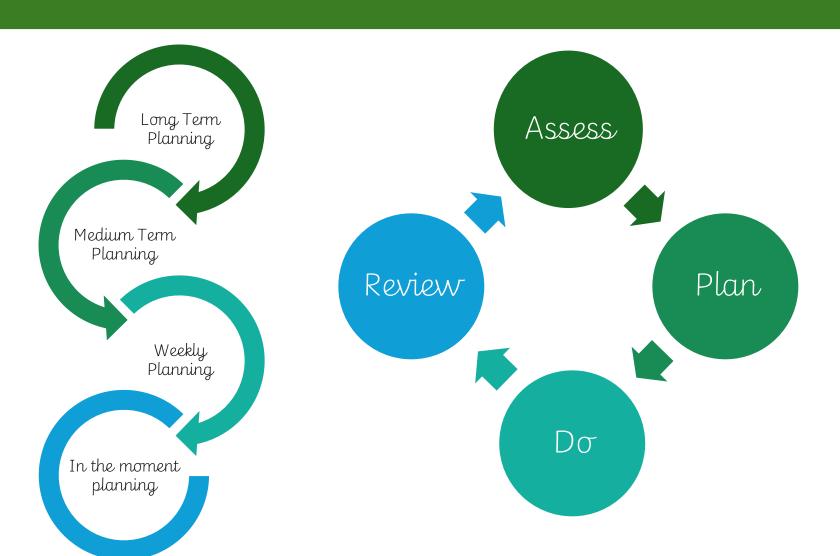
More specific adaptations for individual children may include:

- IEPs
- Use of now and next boards
- Individual timetables
- Interventions including speech and language, social stories and RWI tutoring
- Meetings with outside agencies who are supporting children
- Chunking of lesson content
- Traffic light cards
- Makaton,



Alongside the rest of the school we use Padlet to record children's IEPs and specific adaptations that we make for our children with SEN. This means it is simple to share information with our SENDCo and that all staff are aware of the support that individual children are receiving.

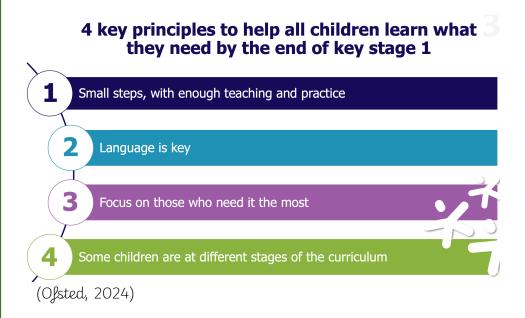
Planning Cycle



Foundational Knowledge

In the Early Years at Landewednack School our main priority is ensuring that the children have the foundational knowledge and skills that they need to access the curriculum as they move through school. What children learn when they are young has a profound and lasting impact and we know how important it is to get this right for all children.

Our curriculum is carefully planned to ensure that adults intentionally teach key learning and that nothing is left to chance for our children. We support our children to develop foundational knowledge through our tailored direct teaching, our planned and incidental interactions and careful assessment of what children know and can do.





(Ofsted, 2024)

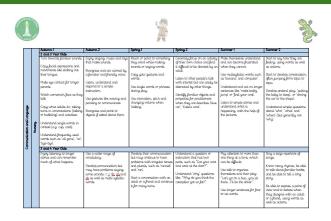
Executive Function

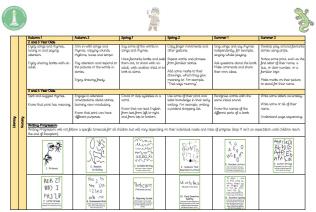
Executive functioning skills are fundamental for children to be able to learn successfully. This is what we do to support our children to develop executive function.

- We have clear and consistent routines so that children know what to expect.
- We model planning, organisational and time management skills.
- We support the children in making positive decisions by thinking about the impact on others.
- We encourage children to play strategy games to support them to develop flexible thinking and working.
- We create calm learning spaces with limited distractions.
- We make sure that the children have regular learning breaks.
- We check in with the children encouraging them to stay on task.
- We keep our teaching inputs short and interactive.
- We support the children to set specific goals and provide praise when children have completed tasks.
- We break activities down into small manageable steps.
- We provide explicit feedback.
- We give children warnings and prepare them when a task is coming to the end.
- We avoid introducing more than one concept at a time.
- We encourage children to pay attention to others and ask questions if they do not understand something.

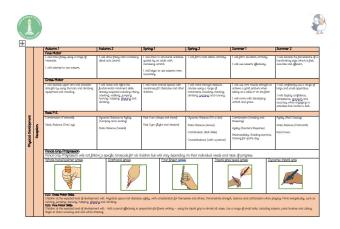


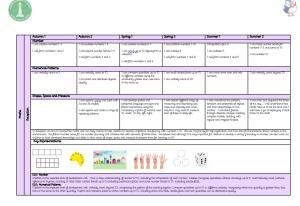
Long-Term Planning





Our long-term planning documents outlines the curriculum that we want our children to learn and achieve throughout the year. This planning was written using Development Matters as a starting point and has been sequenced and added to based on the knowledge of our children and our specific setting. We have a separate long-term plan for both our Nursery and Reception/Year 1 class. The plan has separate sections for each area of learning and contains a progression of skills for key elements such as pencil grip, writing and drawing.

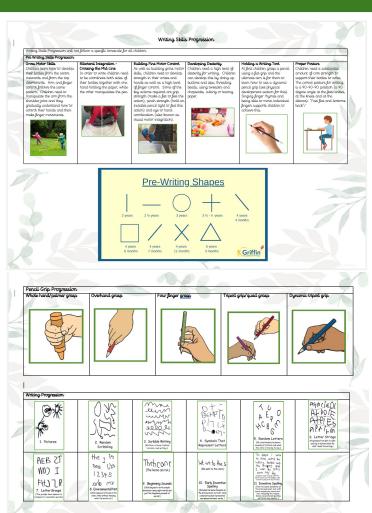




Progression of Skills

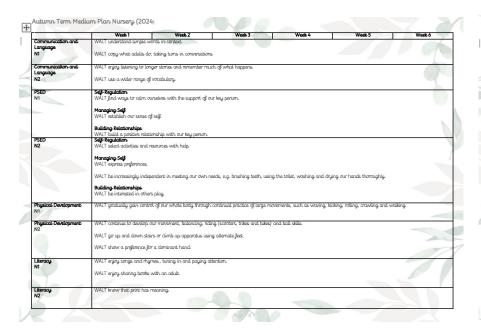
Our long-term planning document includes Progression of Skills sections that are on display in the classrooms to provide continual reference for staff.





Medium-Term Planning

Our Medium-Term planning is a document that shows what we want the children to learn across each half term. This is directly used for weekly planning. This is also on display in both classrooms for staff to refer back to.



Phonological Awareness	General sound discrimination General sound discrimination		00			Do
Maths N1	WALT combine objects like s WALT put objects inside oth	itacking blocks and cups. ers and take them out again.				9
Maths N2	More than, Jewer than same	-WALT make large and small collectionsWALT make collections the same. Explore and Build. with Shapes and Objects -WALT explore and play. with shapesWALT show interest in simple differences between shapes.	-WALT put shapes and blorks into positionsWALT select shapes for a reasonWALT begin to explore and describe natural shapes and objectsWALT find and collect objects for a purpose.	Explore Repeats WALT listers to repeats in songs and stories WALT start to join in songs with repeats WALT start to join in with repeats WALT clap along to songs.	-WALT make line patterns with own sequencesWALT chose bloths to build roads and towersHear and Say Number Names	
Understanding the World N1	WALT explore the environment in Autumn.		WALT make connections between the features of our family and other families.		WALT notice differences bet	ween people.
Understanding, the World N2	WALT take care of aurselves:	WALT identify and talk about our senses:	WALT understand the key features of the lifecycle of a human.	WALT begin to make sense of our own life stony and family history.	WALT show interest in different occupations (nurse).	
Expressive Arts and Design N1	WALT show attention to sounds and music	WALT join in with songs and rhymes, making some sounds.	WALT notice patterns with :	strong contrasts.	WALT explore paint using fi	ngers and other body po
Expressive Arts and Design N2	WALT take part in simple pr even though they are not si	etend play, using an object to milar	represent something, else	WALT join different materia	is and explore different textur	s.

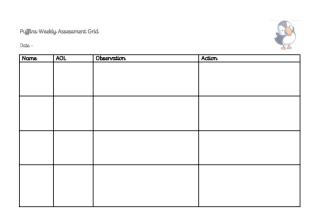
Weekly Planning

Our weekly planning is completed in three stages: assessment, continuous provision planning and weekly adult-led planning. All staff are able to have an input in the assessment section and then planning is completed and shared with all staff ready for the following week.

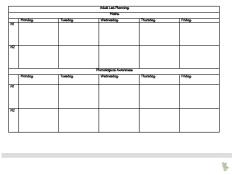
Assessment Document – What have we noticed this week?

Continuous Provision
Document – What
enhancements and adult
led activities are we
going to provide?

Weekly overview of adult led learning sessions-What new learning are we going to cover? (taken from MTP)



Continuous Provision Planning					
ommunication and Language	PSED	Physical Development	Resources		
teracy	Maths-	Understanding the World	Expressive Art and Design		



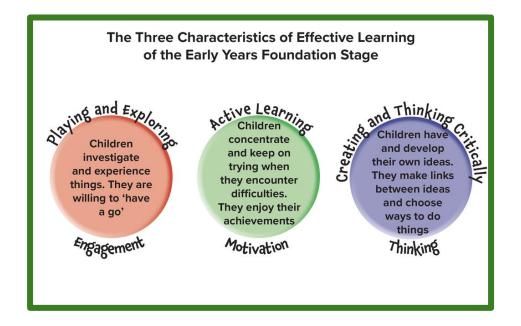
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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N2				
Resources	I			

These documents are displayed in the classrooms each week

In the Moment Planning

Staff are also constantly assessing and planning for the children within continuous provision time. Staff may introduce new language to the children or get resources to further their learning. We believe it is important to follow the needs and interests of the children and so there is an element of our planning that happens in the moment. We also make sure that children have access to learning opportunities and resources that allow them develop each of the Characteristics of Effective Learning.





Busy Learning

Our curriculum is carefully planned so that adults directly teach children the skills and knowledge that they need. However, there is huge benefit in children learning independently through their own play which is carefully facilitated by adults. Within the classroom learning opportunities will be provided for children to revisit their previously taught knowledge but children also need time to play and explore and discover their own interests. In this way nothing is left to chance. All children are directly taught the information they need to know and they are also given the time to embed this new learning whilst developing key skills such as executive function. During this time adults will spend their time with the children who need it most ensuring that they have accessed different areas of the classroom whilst supporting their communication through high quality interactions. Adults will also use the next steps board in the classroom to adapt their interactions with specific children.

During busy learning time, as well as revisiting previous learning our main focus is for children to

- Explore and make sense of the world around them
- Learn to focus their attention
- Learn to communicate and cooperate with others

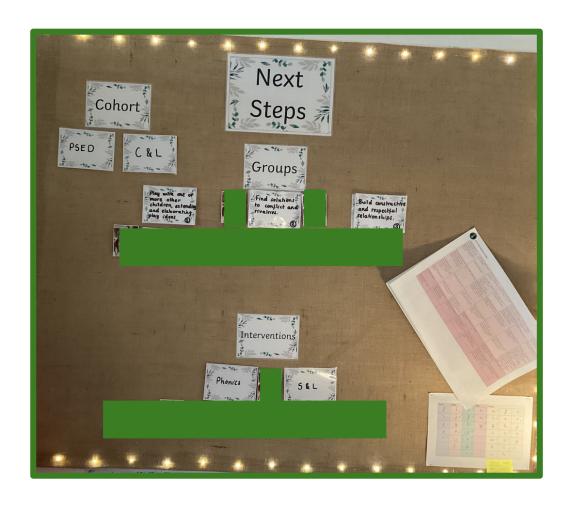






Next Step Boards

We have next steps boards for the children in both classrooms. Next steps are selected based on the current needs of the children and are selected to guide adult interactions. We select next steps by looking at our progression of skills documents and thinking about the specific needs of the children. The next steps are supported within provision and through interactions rather than interventions whenever possible. The next steps are updated as and when.



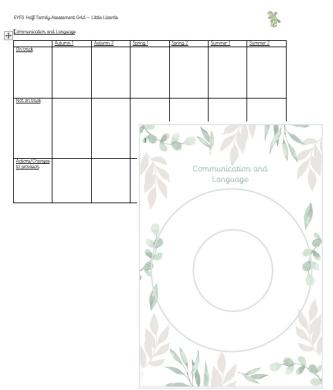
Assessment

Weekly Assessment

Weekly assessment takes place as part of the planning cycle. Each week we think about the children and identify any specific children or areas of learning that we are going to plan for.

Half termly Assessment

Each half term we sit together as a team and complete an assessment document that identifies whether children are emerging or on track for each area of learning. This information is then transferred onto the doughnuts which are put up in each class. The doughnuts identify the children that are emerging and need support; these children are then prioritised within busy learning sessions.



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Yearly Assessment

All of this information feeds into the EYFS profile at the end of the Reception year.

Nursery staff also complete the 2 year-old check and have a meeting with parents to discuss their findings. Parents are given an opportunity to comment on their child's development.

Communication and Language

What Communication and Language looks like in EYFS at Landewednack School

- Lots of stories and songs throughout the day
- Snack time is a talking time where children sit together with adults and have conversations
- Adult led input sessions throughout the day to encourage and model new language
- Daily phonological awareness sessions
- Adult modelling and support within provision
- Quiet, cosy spaces and communication friendly spaces to promote communication
- Home corner for children and adults to role play
- Adult interactions are prioritised during busy learning
- Weekly show and tell for Star of the week (Reception)
- Daily literacy input (Reception)
- Children have a floor book to look back and discuss their previous learning
- Regular speech and language interventions (Nursery and Reception)







Personal, Social and Emotional Development

What PSED looks like in EYFS at Landewednack School

- High expectations and modelling of behaviour
- · Routines to promote independence e.g. snack time.
- Daily toothbrushing
- Healthy snack and encouraging healthy eating at lunchtime
- School Diamond rules
- Weekly PSED focused session (Reception)
- Support with developing independence with toileting
- Access to quiet calm spaces and sensory resources to support emotional regulation
- Support to manage risks effectively
- Lots of opportunities for children to have as many experiences as possible to help children to build their cultural capital
- We incorporate British values by encouraging independence and self-directed learning (individual liberty), teaching and modelling respect (mutual respect), voting for our story time book (democracy)
- Emotions basket (Nursery)
- Talking through and naming feelings and emotions
- PSFD linked stories.
- Supporting of talking about diversity and consideration of diversity when selecting books







Physical Development

What Physical Development looks like in EYFS at Landewednack School

- Daily P.E. sessions (Reception)
- Daily dough disco (Reception)
- Weekly bikes and trikes sessions
- Access to the fitness trail (school field)
- Trips and local walks
- Fine motor activities available in provision
- Access to resources in provision including mark making materials and scissors.
- Gross motor resources in the outdoor area
- Free flow for children to have access to large spaces
- Opportunities for children to explore their physical boundaries and take risks in a safe and controlled manner









Expressive Art and Design

What Expressive Art and Design looks in EYFS at Landewednack School

- Creative area in the classrooms with resources for children to be creative and make/paint/junk modelling etc.
- Focus on process over product
- Regular art sessions
- Weekly music lessons (Puffins)
- Opportunities to perform e.g. Christmas play, harvest, Hall for Cornwall, Feet Beat.
- Access to musical instruments within provision
- Small world opportunities to be imaginative and expressive
- Mark making materials outside (large scale painting, different materials for transient art).
- Stage outside for children to perform.
- · Creative activities during Wild tribe
- Construction opportunities inside and out.
- Dance opportunities within P.E.











Understanding the World

What Understanding the World looks like in Early Years at Landewednack School

• Investigation resources within provision (bug pots, magnifying glasses etc.)

• Weekly Wild Tribe sessions (Reception)

Regular understanding the world lessons/activities

• School trips and visitors (cultural capital)

Weekly Open the Book assembly at the chapel (Puffins)

Role play and dressing up for different occupations

Books including diversity and non-fiction

Observing the weather and seasons

• Opportunities for growing and caring for plants throughout the year in our outdoor area





Maths

What Maths looks like in EYFS at Landewednack School

- Daily maths adult-led sessions
- Maths area in the classroom with maths resources for children to explore
- Large hands on maths opportunities outside
- Number rhymes sung throughout the day
- Lots of maths discussion throughout the day including at key times of the day e.g. snack time.
- Adults encouraging problem solving within provision.
- 10 frames and 5 frames used for key elements of daily routine (Puffins)
- Adult guidance and modelling throughout the day
- Visual numbers











Literacy

What Literacy looks like in EYFS at Landewednack School

- 5 stories a day
- Daily phonics/phonological awareness session
- Daily book voting
- Core texts planned throughout the year
- Reading corner
- Daily English lesson (Reception)
- Mark making and writing materials available within provision
- Weekly Mystery reader sessions (Reception)
- Story time is prioritised
- Small world opportunities for children to create and tell their own stories
- Storytelling, songs and rhymes
- Fine and gross motor opportunities within provision
- Dough disco
- Both classes have a favourite 5 set of books that are read to the children over and over again to support them to develop a love of reading and familiarity with these texts.



Communicating with Parents

We recognise the importance of parents and carers in a child's developing stages. As a primary care provider, they are their child's first educators and we greatly value any input, opinions and information they can share with us about their child's learning and progress.

Parents are able to talk to a member of school staff at the beginning and end of each school day. We use ClassDojo to share photos of learning and to communicate with parents via messages.

All parents are assigned a Key Person who will work closely with the parents and child to build strong Nursery-Home relationships and to act as a link between the parents and school. Parents are able to book a meeting with their Key Person at any point in the year to discuss their child's development. We also share useful information with parents about how they can support their children's learning and development at home.



We have parents' evenings in the Autumn and Spring term and children in Puffins class also receive an end of year report.

We hold an open afternoon each term to allow parents to come into school and experience an afternoon in the setting, to look at our floor book and to celebrate learning.

Transition

Transition into Nursery

On a Wednesday morning parents of children between the ages of 0 and 5 are able to come and spend the morning in Little Lizards for a stay and play session. Before children start Nursery their parents are offered a parent meeting or home visit. When children first start Little Lizards they are offered a gradual transition into the Nursery. A bespoke plan will be put in place depending on the needs of each individual child. Parents are asked to complete an 'All About Me' sheet before their child starts Nursery so that staff are aware of each child's like and dislikes as well as any developmental or health concerns. This allows staff to to tailor the environment to suit the children and make sure that their needs are met from day one.







Transition into School

We pride ourselves on our transition from Nursery to Reception as it works seamlessly and ensures the best possible start for our children. For the last three years all of our Reception starters have come from our school nursery and this means that they already know the school staff and school expectations. Miss Gulley starts teaching the Nursery children phonics in the summer term and information is regularly shared at our EYFS staff meetings. Children are offered the opportunity to attend transition days and parents are invited to an information session in the Summer term before their child starts school. We also offer the opportunity for a home visit or parent meeting in school to all parents.

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