



EYFS at Downsway

EYFS Curriculum	Communication and language	Physical development	Personal, social and emotional development	Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the world	Expressive arts and design
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The Outdoors

Our outdoor environment is just as important as our indoor classroom and children have continual access to it in all weathers; the opportunities for learning and play outside are endless.

Focus Weeks

Focus Weeks allow us to personalise the learning to the individual. Within that week, the focus children will have two objectives to work on. We tailor the learning and activities to the individual, based on those objectives. Parents and children are involved in the planning for these special weeks.

Free-Choice

Lots of our learning activities promote free-choice and therefore the use of imagination. For example, the children can choose what art resources they would like to use at any given time, from paint, to gluing and sticking, to stencils, etc. One day they could create a farm at the small world area, the next day it could be a Superhero HQ. The choices and opportunities are endless.

Active Learning

Being physically active is an important part of any child's day, so not only do we have a P.E. session a week, we also have an active area, a climbing frame and access to trikes throughout the day in our classroom.

Themed Days

Every fortnight, Miss Gale transforms our classroom into an exciting and different theme. Our learning for the day is then based around this theme. Sometimes we fly in a rocket off to Space and other times we celebrate and dance with Foundation Fest!

WOW Moments!

Wow moments are engaging and motivating activities that get the children's imaginative juices flowing. It could be the start of a Science experiment, a visit from someone interesting, or a discovery of something new. Either way it gets the children talking and excited about their learning and allows us the opportunity to feed in new language and ideas.

Poetry

The poems we explore are taken from 'The Poetry Basket'. We learn, perform and enjoy them over and over again, with actions and expressions so that they remain in the children's memories. Another great way to improve the children's language and vocabulary.

In the Moment

Being 'In the Moment' is exactly what it says on the tin – being in the moment with the children. It allows us to spend quality time with the children, engaging in conversations with them, building on their language and vocabulary and extending their learning where appropriate.

Funky Fingers

Dough Disco wakes up our fingers and hands for the day ahead with a little sing and dance. Our malleable area enables children to manipulate the play-doh to create masterpieces from cupcakes with candles to aliens with googly eyes. Fine motor activities are readily available and support the children's fine motor ability in fun and engaging ways.

Favourite 5

Each term we focus on 5 favourite books. We re-read the books over the term to deepen the children's knowledge and understanding and increase their language and vocabulary. Key questions and exciting ideas are recorded in a floor book.

Story Time

Story time should not just be an end of the day filler activity. We share stories throughout the day, at different times of the day and in different locations of our school. Anytime is a good time for a story!

The Write Stuff

"These meaningful and engaging resources allow teachers and pupils to focus on developing talk, drama and emergent writing". The Write stuff puts great emphasis on improving communication, language and literacy for children in Early Years.