



Meare Village Primary School

'Four walls that hold tomorrow'

OVERVIEW OF EARLY YEARS



Why this subject is important in our school:

At Meare Village Primary school we focus on creating an Early Years environment where children are happy, safe and secure. Learning is the focal point of everything that we do and we are ambitious for all children to learn whatever their prior knowledge and background. We recognise children's prior learning and appreciate that children begin their school journey from different starting points. We aim to create an engaging, exciting and holistic curriculum that maximises cross-curricula links and builds strong foundations for the future.

We want children to have experiences and opportunities they may not have outside of school so they develop knowledge and skills, understand concepts as well as have the self-belief to succeed. Through an engaging and exciting curriculum children's imaginations are ignited and their learning takes on meaning and purpose. We endeavour to make the learning environment a place where the children can explore, investigate and learn through first-hand experiences. We strive to develop confidence; where children are challenged to develop their independence in their learning as well as independence in their decision making. We work in close partnership with parents and carers throughout the year to support the children's learning and help them to reach their full potential.

How this subject is organised in our school:

Reading is at the heart of all that we do at Meare. Vocabulary development and Early Reading are given the highest priority in Early Years and there is a focus on ensuring that children can communicate effectively and that they have a secure knowledge of phonics through fidelity to our phonics scheme 'Read, Write Inc'. This will give them the foundations for future learning, especially in preparation for them to become confident and fluent readers with a love of reading for pleasure. We have a reading spine of high quality texts which form the core of the creative curriculum at Meare.

In Maths we follow the White Rose Maths Mastery approach, alongside the Maths Hub 'Mastering Number' approach. There is an emphasis on key skills of number, calculation and spatial reasoning so that children develop breadth in their understanding of key mathematical concepts.

We follow an inclusive 'hands on' approach to learning, with all children learning together, however we do use a range of additional interventions to help support individuals and help all children to achieve their own goals.

How we will measure impact:

We measure progress throughout the school year, through formative and summative assessment of the children which is based on the teacher's knowledge of the individual child along with evidence gathered through observations and assessment.

The impact of our EYFS intent at Meare, is that we have happy, independent, inquisitive and well-rounded children who transition smoothly to Year 1. They are excellent role models for the other children in the school and have a secure sense of self and their value within the school community.