

St Peter's Darwen EYFS "Sowing the Seeds of Tomorrow" Matthew 13:1-23



Why are the Early Years so important?

Children are born ready, able and eager to learn. They actively reach out to interact with other people, and in the world around them. Development is not an automatic process, however. It depends on each unique child having opportunities to interact in positive relationships and enabling environments.

Development Matters



What Does Learning Look Like in the Early Year

At St Peter's the intent of the Early Years Curriculum is to provide frequent learning opportunities that are appropriate to a child's age and stage of development along the way. Practitioners use their understanding of child development to support children as they practise and refine their skills and knowledge in all areas of their learning and development. We support children, using teaching skills and a balance of adult-led and child-initiated experiences. Accurate and timely assessment ensures that the activities provided suit children's needs, interests and abilities.

Practitioners know that individual children have made progress from their starting points. We are confident that the implementation of activities and experiences provided meet their intent at each stage of a child's development. Ultimately, we aim to ensure that children have gained the knowledge and skills required for the next stage of their education.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Alongside the curriculum children are encouraged to develop the **Characteristics of Effective Learning** to develop their attitude to learning and prepare them for the next stage of their education

Exciting Experiences

We are keen for all children to experience the Awe and Wonder of the Local Environment and the World around them so we organise a range of trips and visits from a train trip to Entwistle reservoir to a visit to Manchester Airport.



We are a part of a Christian Community

Our Christian values are evident throughout the Early Years Curriculum. Right from the start of their Learning Journey at St Peter's children are encouraged to be part of the school's Christian family. This begins when they meet their year 6 gardeners who help lead them on their journey through Reception into year 1 with a variety of shared activities.

What the Children Think

I like learning outdoors

We go to lots of good places

We like stories and books

