Holy Trinity Rosehill CofE
Primary School

Early Years
CURRICULUM STORY

Let Your Light Shine

Building strong foundations for future learning through play, relationships, communication and discovery.



Our Vision

'Let Your Light Shine'



We are blessed to be a Church of England School with a vision for everyone to 'let your light shine' as found in Matthew 5:16 (the Sermon on the Mount).

We value everyone in our school as unique individuals with skills and talents which we nurture and seek opportunities for them to grow.

We strive to equip everyone with the skills they need to flourish in God's beautiful world.

Everyone in our school has a voice and is truly valued for all that they bring to our school family and the wider world.

Our Values

We have five values that are celebrated, lived out and enable everyone in our Early Years and school to flourish. They inform our vision, development, provision and practice.











Friendship

Emotional Well Being:
Our children and families feel secure in their relationships with us. We make them feel emotionally connected so they can make secure attachments and develop trusting friendships.

‘A sweet friendship refreshes the soul’
Book of Proverbs 27:9



Compassion

Inclusivity:
We welcome and support all children and families as equal partners and learn from them. We adapt and improve our provision to ensure our compassion ‘enables’ all.

‘Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.’ First Epistle of Peter 3:8



Endurance

Love of Learning:
We support our children and families to develop their effectiveness and endurance as lifelong learners. In our school community we are all learners who recognise that making a mistake is a learning opportunity.

‘You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.’ Hebrews 10:3



Forgiveness

Personal Journeys:
Everyone comes to our school with a journey to share so we listen and use it to celebrate individuality. Making a mistake is forgiven and provides a learning opportunity.

Forgiveness can take patience and courage. ‘For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you.’ Matthew 6:14-15



Thankfulness

Creativity:

We are thankful for and celebrate imagination, problem solving, unique thinking and artistic creativity. We take the lead from individuals and nurture their inspiration.

‘I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.’ Psalm 9:1



Our Curriculum Aims in EYFS

Our distinctive ethos is found in our values, our collective worship, our teaching of Religious Education and our curriculum.



Embrace learning and the joy it brings



Have the freedom to explore and grow as part of our school community



Experience an exciting and ambitious curriculum allowing children to know more and remember more



Equip everyone with the skills and values to let their light shine in life and our community



Be happy and healthy citizens

Our curriculum is designed around the educational programmes within the EYFS Statutory Framework and provides the strong foundations children need to thrive in school and beyond.

Our EYFS Curriculum Drivers

Strong foundations for future learning

Communication & Language

Listening
Speaking
Vocabulary
Conversation
Language Rich

Reading & Writing

A love of stories
Motor skills
Phonics
Correct formation
Pencil grip
Mark making

Relationships & Wellbeing

Confidence
Independence
Self-Regulation
Resilience
Belonging

Faith, Values & RE

Awe & Wonder
Belonging
Compassion
Reflection
Spiritual Growth

Early Maths Skills

Number Sense
Pattern
Mathematical
Talk
Problem Solving
Routines

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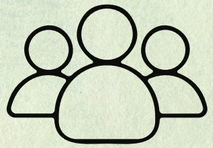
Our Early Years Curriculum Aims



Belong

We nurture secure relationships and a strong sense of belonging so every child feels safe, valued and confident.

Relationships
Belonging
Confidence
Resilience
Passionate & trained staff



Explore

We inspire curious minds, encouraging children to ask questions, discover and make sense of the world around them.

Meaningful Experiences
Investigation
Exploration
Discovery Through Play



Flourish

We provide the knowledge, skills and experience children need to build strong foundations for future learning and to ‘let their lights shine’.

Reading & Writing
Early Mathematical Thinking
Creativity
Knowledge & Skills
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Through strong foundations in communication, reading, mathematics, relationships and spiritual development, children are supported to belong, explore and flourish.

The Principles That Guide Our Practice

Unique Child

At the heart of everything that we do, there's a unique child ready to shine.

Every child is unique
High expectations
Inclusive practice
Individual strengths and interests



Positive Relationships

Warm, respectful and trusting relationships are at the heart of our practice.

Secure attachments
Partnership with families
Key person approach
Belonging and trust



Enabling Environments

We provide rich, stimulating environments both indoors and outdoors, where children can explore, discover.

Indoor and outdoor learning
Open-ended resources
Rich vocabulary environments
Opportunities to explore



Learning & Development

We provide meaningful, play-based experiences that build knowledge, skills and attitude children need for future learning.

Play-based learning
Meaningful experiences
High-quality interactions
Strong foundations

Characteristics of Effective Learning

These characteristics underpin learning across our Early Years curriculum and help children develop the confidence to let their light shine.



Playing & Exploring

Investigating and exploring
Having a go
Following interests
Taking risks in learning



Active Learning

Concentrating and persevering
Keeping on trying
Enjoying achievements
Developing resilience



Creating & Thinking Critically

Having ideas
Making links
Solving problems
Reflecting on learning

How Strong Foundations Are Built



Physical Foundations

The journey begins with movement.

Wiggle Me into a Squiggler
Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle
Squiggle Me into a Writer
Gross and fine motor development
Assessment and targeted intervention



Early Writing Foundations

From mark making to writing.

Child-initiated and adult-led opportunities
Pencil control and letter formation
Vocabulary-rich experiences
Purposeful mark making
Progression from Nursery to Reception



Early Reading Foundations

Developing confident readers from the very beginning.

ELS Foundation in Nursery
Stories, rhymes and songs
Listening and communication skills
Essential Letters and Sounds
Pure sounds, blending and recall
Fully decodable reading books
Home reading partnership
A love of reading

How Strong Foundations Are Built



Early Mathematical Thinking

Building secure mathematical foundations through exploration and teaching.

Shape, space and measure
Pattern and comparison
Number through play and routines
Mathematical language
White Rose Maths



Mathematical Foundations

From exploration to understanding, children build confidence and fluency in mathematics.

Mathematical Language
In play, provision & routines
White Rose Maths
Mastering Number
Number sense and subitising
Mathematical reasoning and problem solving

Working in Partnership with Families

Parents and carers are children's first educators

We recognise the important role families play in children's development and learning.
Through strong partnerships we:
Build trusting relationships
Share children's achievements and next steps
Support learning at home
Celebrate children's individual journeys
Work together to help every child flourish
At Holy Trinity Rosehill, we value open communication and meaningful collaboration to ensure every child has the best possible start to their learning journey.



Let Your Light Shine

Through strong foundations, meaningful relationships and rich learning experiences, children leave our Early Years equipped to belong, explore and flourish.

Confident learners. Curious thinkers. Shining lights.

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