Our Early Years Curriculum

Specific Areas

Literacy

Maths

Understanding the world

Expressive arts and design

Prime areas

Personal social Emotional development

Physical Development

Communication & Language

Play and Exploration

Active Learning

Creativity and Thinking Critically

Enabling Environment

Positive Relationships (role of the adult)

Characteristics of Learning
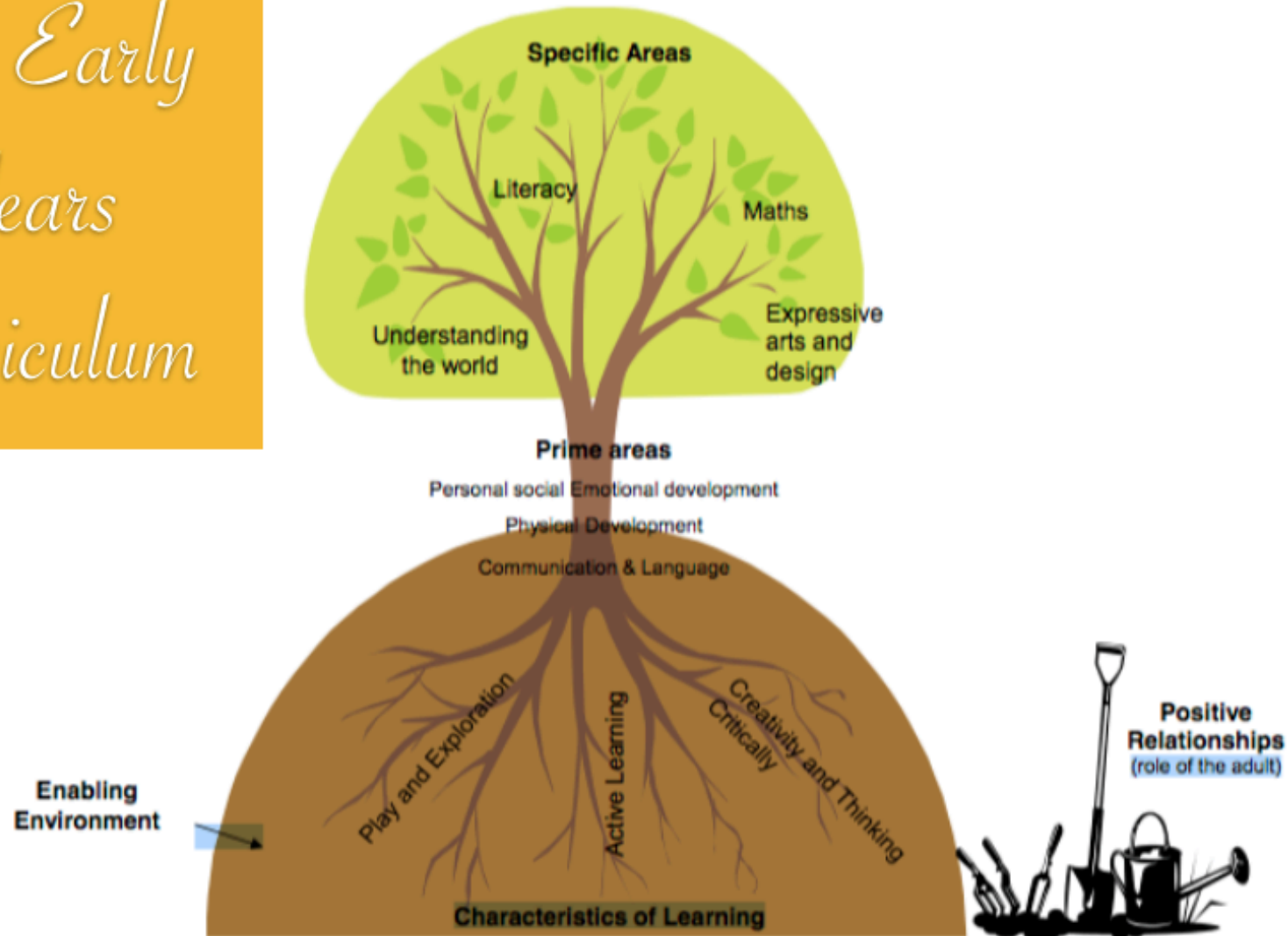
Our first priority is developing the 'Characteristics of Learning' and helping children become secure within the Prime areas.
If these areas are strong , they should then thrive within the specifics of areas of learning

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and exploring – engagement

Finding out and exploring
Playing with what they know
Being willing to 'have a go'

Active learning – motivation

Being involved and concentrating
Keeping trying
Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically – thinking

Having their own ideas
Making links
Choosing ways to do things

More information on the Characteristics of Effective Learning to follow!

Our aim is for our children to be happy, enthusiastic and confident.

We develop positive attitudes to learning!

Area of Learning and Development	Aspect
Prime Areas	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Making relationships
	Self-confidence and self-awareness
	Managing feelings and behaviour
Physical Development	Moving and handling
	Health and self-care
Communication and Language	Listening and attention
	Understanding
	Speaking

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We help develop:
- Sociable and confident children who express their needs and ask for help. Children who work together
- Children who empathise with others and help.

Physical Development

- Children who are physically and emotionally strong and healthy.

Communication and Language

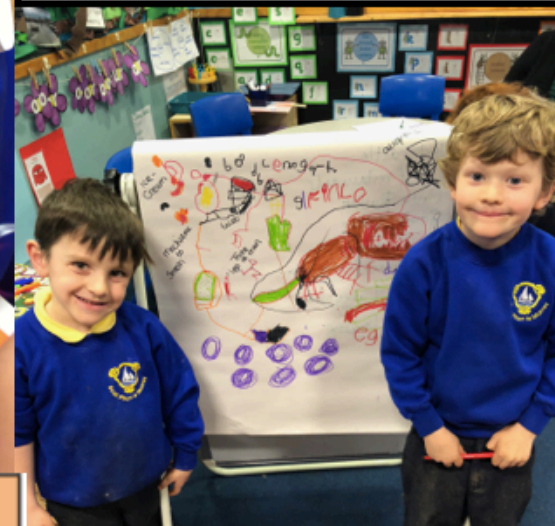Children who are confident to speak out, question and explain themselves.

Literacy

We develop a love of reading and writing. Children who love books and retell stories. We sing lots and lots to develop the understanding of rhyme and sounds in words. We then link sounds to letters to help independent reading and writing.

Mathematics

We provide lots of opportunities for children to count and develop their understating of number, shape, size and measure. Lots of opportunities are given to encourage children to problem solve and explain their thinking

Specific areas

Literacy	Reading
	Writing
Mathematics	Numbers
	Shape, space and measure
Understanding the World	People and communities
	The world
	Technology
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring and using media and materials
	Being imaginative

Understanding the World

We help children make sense of their physical world and their community by giving them opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

We encourage children to use their imagination and a range of skills to create with a wide variety of materials.