

## **FOUNDATION UNIT CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

At this stage, the girls' learning is planned through the six main areas of learning. These can be found below. Learning activities may often result in girls gaining knowledge and understanding in more than one area. Emphasis is given to girls initiating their own learning through play and exploration. Parents are encouraged to contribute to their daughter's learning through activities suggested by the teacher. Parents receive regular feedback on their daughter's progress throughout the Foundation Stage.

### **PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

This area of learning is about emotional well-being, knowing who you are and where you fit in, and feeling good about yourself. It is also about developing respect for others, social competence and a positive disposition to learn.

### **PROBLEM SOLVING, REASONING AND NUMERACY**

This area of learning includes: counting, sorting, matching, seeking patterns, making connections, recognising relationships and working with numbers, shapes, space and measure. Mathematical understanding is developed through stories, songs, games and imaginative play, so that children enjoy using and experimenting with numbers, including numbers larger than 10.

### **COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY**

This area of learning focuses on communication: speaking and listening in different situations and for different purposes, being read a wide variety of books and reading simple texts and writing for a variety of purposes.

### **CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

Creativity is fundamental to successful learning. Being creative enables the girls to make connections between one area of learning and another, and to extend their understanding. This area of learning includes: art, music, dance, role-play and imaginative play.

### **KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD**

In this area of learning, girls develop the crucial knowledge, skills and understanding which help them to make sense of the world. This forms the foundation for later work in science, design and technology, history, geography and information and communication technology.

### **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

Physical development is about improving skills of co-ordination, control, manipulation and movement. Physical development has two other very important aspects. It helps the girls gain confidence in what they can do and enables them to feel the positive benefits of being healthy and active. Effective physical development helps the pupils develop a positive sense of well-being.