

FOUNDATION UNIT CURRICULUM INFORMATION

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Personal, Social and Emotional Development 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

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy 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

Communication, Language and Literacy includes: 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 Knowledge and Understanding of the World, 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.