

As a mum or dad, how can I help with my child's learning?

All the fun activities that you do with your child at home are important in supporting their learning and development. These will have a really long lasting effect on your child's learning as they progress through school. Even when your child is very young and is not yet able to talk, talking to them helps them to learn and understand new words and ideas. If you make the time every day to do some of the following things with your child it will make a real difference to your child's confidence as a young learner.

Help your child:

- Sing nursery rhymes together
- Talk about the numbers, colours, words and letters you see when you are out and about.
- Allow your child to cut out and stick pictures from magazines.
- On a trip to the supermarket, talk about all the different packaging shapes and colours.
- Cook / bake together.
- Plant seeds or bulbs in a pot or garden patch.

- Use the weather - shadows, rain puddles, wind, mist and sun - to extend your child's vocabulary.
- Share a book.
- Talk to your child at every opportunity - e.g. what you are doing that day.

Further Information

If you need to discuss this further, please book an appointment to see your class teacher or the Head of KG1 and FS1.

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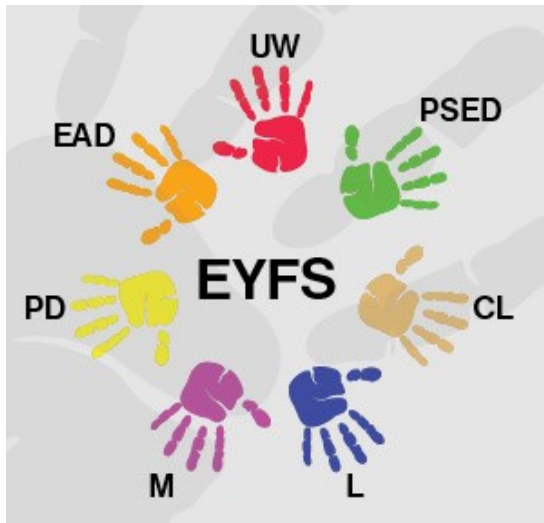
▶ Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



EYFS is a very important stage in your child's education as it helps your child get ready for school as well as preparing them for their future learning and successes. From when your child is born up to the age of 5, their early years' experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure. It should support their development, care and learning needs.

In KG1 and FS1 here at Al Basma British School we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum which sets standards for the learning, development and care of your child from birth to 5 years.

How your child will be learning:



The EYFS Framework explains how and what your child will be learning to support their healthy development.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development.

Prime Areas

- **Communication and language;**
- **Physical development; and**
- **Personal, social and emotional development.**

These prime areas are most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning.

As children grow, the prime areas help them to develop skills in:

4 Specific Areas

- **Literacy;**
- **Mathematics;**
- **Understanding the world; and**
- **Expressive arts and design.**

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The teachers will make sure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs. Learning is designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outdoors.

Assessments

The assessment in Early Years is based on classroom observation. The teacher will do this through daily formative assessments and two long formal observations per term. These will be compiled and recorded in a Learning Journey which you are welcome to look at any time and at every parents evening. You are also welcome to contribute to it, any learning that you observe at home.

We work towards **Early Learning Goals (ELGs)** which show the expected levels that your child should reach at age 5, usually the end of KG1.

If you want to know what the ELGs are, please talk to your child's teacher or the Head of KG1/FS1.

Reporting

At The end of every term, you will receive a detailed report of how your child is developing in all the areas of Learning and Development. It will also indicate what their next step would be in each of these areas in order to progress them.