# Early Years Foundation Stage

## Development and Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

At Northgate, during the Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) the children's development is assessed using the following:

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<tr><th colspan="4">Prime areas</th></tr>
<tr><td>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</td><td>Physical Development</td><td colspan="2">Communication and Language</td></tr>
<tr><td>Children develop skills in building relationships, managing their self (including understanding the need for good health and hygiene) and self-regulation.<br></td><td>Children develop their gross and fine motor skills through many activities.<br></td><td colspan="2">Children develop their listening, attention understanding of key ideas, as well as their speaking skills.<br></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Literacy</td><td>Mathematics</td><td>Understanding the world</td><td>Expressive arts and design</td></tr>
<tr><td>Children develop skills in word reading and comprehension as well as early writing.<br></td><td>Children develop a deep understanding of numbers to 10 and they work out numerical patterns.<br></td><td>Children learn about the world around them including people, culture and communities, the past and the present and also the natural world.<br></td><td>Children develop skills in making things by creating with materials. They also learn about being imaginative and expressive in their play.<br></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Playing and Exploring</td><td>Active Learning</td><td colspan="2">Thinking Critically</td></tr>
<tr><td>Finding out and exploring. Playing with what they know. Being willing to 'have a go'</td><td>Being involved and concentrating. Keeping trying. Enjoying achieving what they set out to do.</td><td colspan="2">Creating and having their own ideas. Making links. Choosing ways to do things.</td></tr>
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