

Early Years Foundation Stage – Development Matters Statements

PRIME AREAS		
Personal, Social, Emotional Development		
<p><i>Making Relationships:-</i> 30 – 50 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas</li> <li>• Initiates play, offering cues to peers to join them.</li> <li>• Keeps play going by responding to what others are saying or doing.</li> <li>• Demonstrates friendly behaviour, initiating conversations and forming good relationships with peers and familiar adults</li> </ul>	<p><i>Self-Confidence &amp; Self-Awareness:-</i> 30 – 50 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can select and use activities and resources with help.</li> <li>• Welcomes and values praise for what they have done.</li> <li>• Enjoys responsibility of carrying out small tasks.</li> <li>• Is more outgoing towards unfamiliar and more confident in new situations.</li> <li>• Confident to talk to other children when playing, and will communicate freely about own home and community.</li> <li>• Shows confidence in asking adults for help.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Managing Feelings &amp; Behaviour: -</i> 30 – 50 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aware of own feelings, and knows that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings.</li> <li>• Begin to accept the needs of others and can take turns and share resources, sometimes with support from others.</li> <li>• Can usually tolerate delay when needs are not immediately met, and understands wishes may not always be met.</li> <li>• Can usually adapt behaviour to different events, social situations and changes in routine.</li> </ul>
<p>40 – 60+ months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say.</li> <li>• Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others.</li> <li>• Takes steps to resolve conflicts with other children, eg finding a compromise.</li> </ul>	<p>40 – 60+ months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions.</li> <li>• Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities.</li> </ul>	<p>40 – 60+ months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understands that own actions affect other people, eg becomes upset or tries to comfort another child when they realise they have upset them.</li> <li>• Aware of the boundaries set, and of behavioural expectations in the setting.</li> <li>• Beginning to be able to negotiate and solve problems without aggression eg when someone has taken their toy.</li> </ul>
Communication & Language		
<p><i>Listening &amp; Attention: -</i> 30 – 50 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them.</li> <li>• Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.</li> <li>• Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Understanding:-</i> 30 – 50 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understands use of objects.</li> <li>• Shows understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind' by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture.</li> <li>• Respond to simple instructions.</li> <li>• Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how'</li> </ul>	<p><i>Speaking: -</i> 30 – 50 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts</li> <li>• Can retell a simple past event in correct order</li> <li>• Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focusing attention – still listen or do, but can shift own attention.</li> <li>• Is able to follow directions.</li> </ul>	<p>questions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions why things happen and give explanations</li> <li>• Uses a range of tenses</li> <li>• Uses intonation, rhyme and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others.</li> <li>• Uses vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them.</li> <li>• Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.</li> </ul> <p>Uses talk in pretending that objects stand for something else.</p>
<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity.</li> <li>• Two – channelled attention – can listen and do for short span.</li> </ul>	<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responds to instructions involving a two – part sequence.</li> <li>• Able to follow a story without pictures or props.</li> <li>• Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion.</li> </ul>	<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words.</li> <li>• Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.</li> <li>• Links statements and sticks to a main theme or intention.</li> <li>• Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas. Feelings and events.</li> <li>• Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play.</li> </ul>

**Physical Development**

<p><b>Moving &amp; Handling:-</b> 30 – 50 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moves freely and with pleasure and confidence in a range of ways, such as slithering, shuffling, rolling, crawling, walking, running, jumping, skipping, sliding and hopping.</li> <li>• Mounts stairs, steps or climbing equipment using alternate feet.</li> <li>• Walks downstairs, two feet to each step while carrying a small object.</li> <li>• Runs skilfully and negotiates space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Health &amp; Self-Care:-</b> 30 – 50 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can tell adults when hungry or tired or when they want to rest or play.</li> <li>• Observes the effects of activity on their bodies.</li> <li>• Understands that equipment and tools have to be used safely.</li> <li>• Gains more bowel and bladder control and can attend to toileting needs most of the time themselves.</li> <li>• Can usually manage washing and drying hands.</li> <li>• Dresses with help, e.g. puts arms into open-fronted coat or shirt when held up,</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can stand momentarily on one foot when shown.</li> <li>• Can catch a large ball.</li> <li>• Draws lines and circles using gross motor movements.</li> <li>• Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors.</li> <li>• Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers, no longer using whole-hand grasp.</li> <li>• Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control.</li> <li>• Can copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name.</li> </ul>	<p>pulls up own trousers, and pulls up zipper once it is fastened at the bottom.</p>
<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiments with different ways of moving.</li> <li>• Jumps off an object and lands appropriately.</li> <li>• Negotiates space successfully when playing racing and chasing games with other children, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles.</li> <li>• Travels with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment.</li> <li>• Shows increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it.</li> <li>• Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials.</li> <li>• Handles tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control.</li> <li>• Shows a preference for a dominant hand.</li> <li>• Begins to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines.</li> <li>• Begins to form recognisable letters.</li> <li>• Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <p>Eats a healthy range of foodstuffs and understands need for a variety in food.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually dry and clean during the day.</li> <li>• Shows some understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health.</li> <li>• Shows understanding of the need for safety when tackling new challenges, and considers and manages some risks.</li> <li>• Shows understanding of how to transport and store equipment safely.</li> <li>• Practices some appropriate safety measures without direct supervision.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SPECIFIC AREAS</b></p>	
<p><b>Literacy</b></p>	
<p><i>Reading:</i> –  <b>30 – 50 months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities.</li> <li>• Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration.</li> <li>• Recognises rhythm in spoken words.</li> <li>• Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups.</li> <li>• Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in</li> </ul>	<p><i>Writing:</i> –  <b>30 – 50 months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint.</li> <li>• Ascribes meanings to marks that they see in different place</li> </ul>

<p>rhymes and stories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured.</li> <li>• Suggests how the story might end.</li> <li>• Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.</li> <li>• Describes main story settings, events and principal characters.</li> <li>• Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment.</li> <li>• Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos.</li> <li>• Looks at books independently.</li> <li>• Handles books carefully.</li> <li>• Knows information can be relayed in the form of print.</li> <li>• Holds books the correct way up and turns pages.</li> <li>• Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continues a rhyming string.</li> <li>• Hears and says the initial sound in words.</li> <li>• Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them.</li> <li>• Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.</li> <li>• Begins to read words and simple sentences.</li> <li>• Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books.</li> <li>• Enjoys an increasing range of books.</li> <li>• Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers</li> </ul>	<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.</li> <li>• Begins to break the flow of speech into words.</li> <li>• Continues a rhyming string.</li> <li>• Hears and says the initial sound in words.</li> <li>• Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.</li> <li>• Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.</li> <li>• Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.</li> <li>• Writes own name and other things such as labels,captions.</li> <li>• Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p>	
<p><b>Numbers: -</b> <b>30 – 50 months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses some number names and number language spontaneously.</li> <li>• Uses some number names accurately in play.</li> <li>• Recites numbers in order to 10.</li> <li>• Knows that numbers identify how many objects are in a set.</li> <li>• Beginning to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures.</li> <li>• Sometimes matches numeral and quantity correctly.</li> <li>• Shows curiosity about numbers by offering comments or asking questions.</li> <li>• Compares two groups of objects, saying when they have the same number.</li> <li>• Shows an interest in number problems.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Shape, Space &amp; Measure: -</b> <b>30 – 50 months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows an interest in shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects.</li> <li>• Shows awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment.</li> <li>• Uses positional language.</li> <li>• Shows interest in shape by sustained construction activity or by talking about shapes or arrangements.</li> <li>• Shows interest in shapes in the environment.</li> <li>• Uses shapes appropriately for tasks.</li> <li>• Beginning to talk about the shapes of everyday objects,</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separates a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same.</li> <li>• Shows an interest in numerals in the environment.</li> <li>• Shows an interest in representing numbers.</li> <li>• Realises not only objects, but anything can be counted, including steps, claps or jumps.</li> </ul>	<p>e.g. 'round' and 'tall'.</p>
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<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise some numerals of personal significance.</li> <li>• Recognises numerals 1 to 5.</li> <li>• Counts up to three or four objects by saying one number name for each item.</li> <li>• Counts actions or objects which cannot be moved.</li> <li>• Counts objects to 10, and beginning to count beyond 10.</li> <li>• Counts out up to six objects from a larger group.</li> </ul> <p>Selects the correct numeral to represent 1 to 5, then 1 to 10 objects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counts an irregular arrangement of up to ten objects.</li> <li>• Estimates how many objects they can see and checks by counting them.</li> <li>• Uses the language of 'more' and 'fewer' to compare two sets of objects.</li> <li>• Finds the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them.</li> <li>• Says the number that is one more than a given number.</li> <li>• Finds one more or one less from a group of up to five objects, then ten objects.</li> <li>• In practical activities and discussion, beginning to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.</li> <li>• Records, using marks that they can interpret and explain.</li> <li>• Begins to identify own mathematical problems based on own interests and fascinations.</li> </ul>	<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe shapes.</li> <li>• Selects a particular named shape.</li> <li>• Can describe their relative position such as 'behind' or 'next to'.</li> <li>• Orders two or three items by length or height.</li> <li>• Orders two items by weight or capacity.</li> <li>• Uses familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.</li> <li>• Uses everyday language related to time.</li> <li>• Beginning to use everyday language related to money.</li> <li>• Orders and sequences familiar events.</li> <li>• Measures short periods of time in simple ways.</li> </ul>
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**Understanding The World**

<p><b>People &amp; Communities:-</b> <b>30 – 50 months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows interest in the lives of people who are familiar to them.</li> <li>• Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience.</li> <li>• Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends.</li> <li>• Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The World:-</b> <b>30 – 50 months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.</li> <li>• Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.</li> <li>• Talks about why things happen and how things work.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Technology: -</b> <b>30 – 50 months:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows how to operate simple equipment, e.g. turns on CD player and uses remote control.</li> <li>• Shows an interest in technological toys with knobs or pulleys, or real objects such as cameras or mobile phones.</li> <li>• Shows skill in making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images.</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows some of the things that make them unique, and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.</li> <li>• Shows care and concern for living things and the environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows that information can be retrieved from computer</li> </ul>
<b>40 – 60+ months:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines.</li> </ul>	<b>40 – 60+ months:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.</li> </ul>	<b>40 – 60+ months:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes a simple program on a computer.</li> <li>• Uses ICT hardware to interact with age-appropriate computer software.</li> </ul>

### Expressive Arts & Design

<p><b>Exploring &amp; Using Media &amp; Materials:-</b>  <b>30 – 50 months:</b>          Enjoys joining in with dancing and ring games.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sings a few familiar songs.</li> <li>• Beginning to move rhythmically.</li> <li>• Imitates movement in response to music.</li> <li>• Taps out simple repeated rhythms.</li> <li>• Explores and learns how sounds and colours can be changed.</li> <li>• Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent objects.</li> <li>• Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things.</li> <li>• Uses various construction materials.</li> <li>• Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces.</li> <li>• Joins construction pieces together to build and balance.</li> <li>• Realises tools can be used for a purpose.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Being Imaginative:-</b>  <b>30 – 50 months:</b>          Developing preferences for forms of expression.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses movement to express feelings.</li> <li>• Creates movement in response to music.</li> <li>• Sings to self and makes up simple songs.</li> <li>• Makes up rhythms.</li> <li>• Notices what adults do, imitating what is observed and then doing it spontaneously when the adult is not there.</li> <li>• Engages in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences.</li> <li>• Builds stories around toys, e.g. farm animals needing rescue from an armchair 'diff'.</li> <li>• Uses available resources to create props to support role-play.</li> <li>• Captures experiences and responses with a range of media, such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words.</li> </ul>
<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b>          Begins to build a repertoire of songs and dances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explores the different sounds of instruments.</li> <li>• Explores what happens when they mix colours.</li> <li>• Experiments to create different textures.</li> <li>• Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects.</li> <li>• Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.</li> <li>• Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources.</li> <li>• Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately.</li> <li>• Selects appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary.</li> <li>• Selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they</li> </ul>	<p><b>40 – 60+ months:</b>          Create simple representations of events, people and objects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiates new combinations of movement and gesture in order to express and respond to feelings, ideas and experiences.</li> <li>• Chooses particular colours to use for a purpose.</li> <li>• Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play.</li> <li>• Plays alongside other children who are engaged in the same theme.</li> <li>• Plays cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative.</li> </ul>

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