

The Winchcombe School

September 2022

Welcome to Foundation Stage 2



Seedlings Teacher: Mrs Tinsley

Saplings Teachers: Mrs Burrows & Mrs Tang

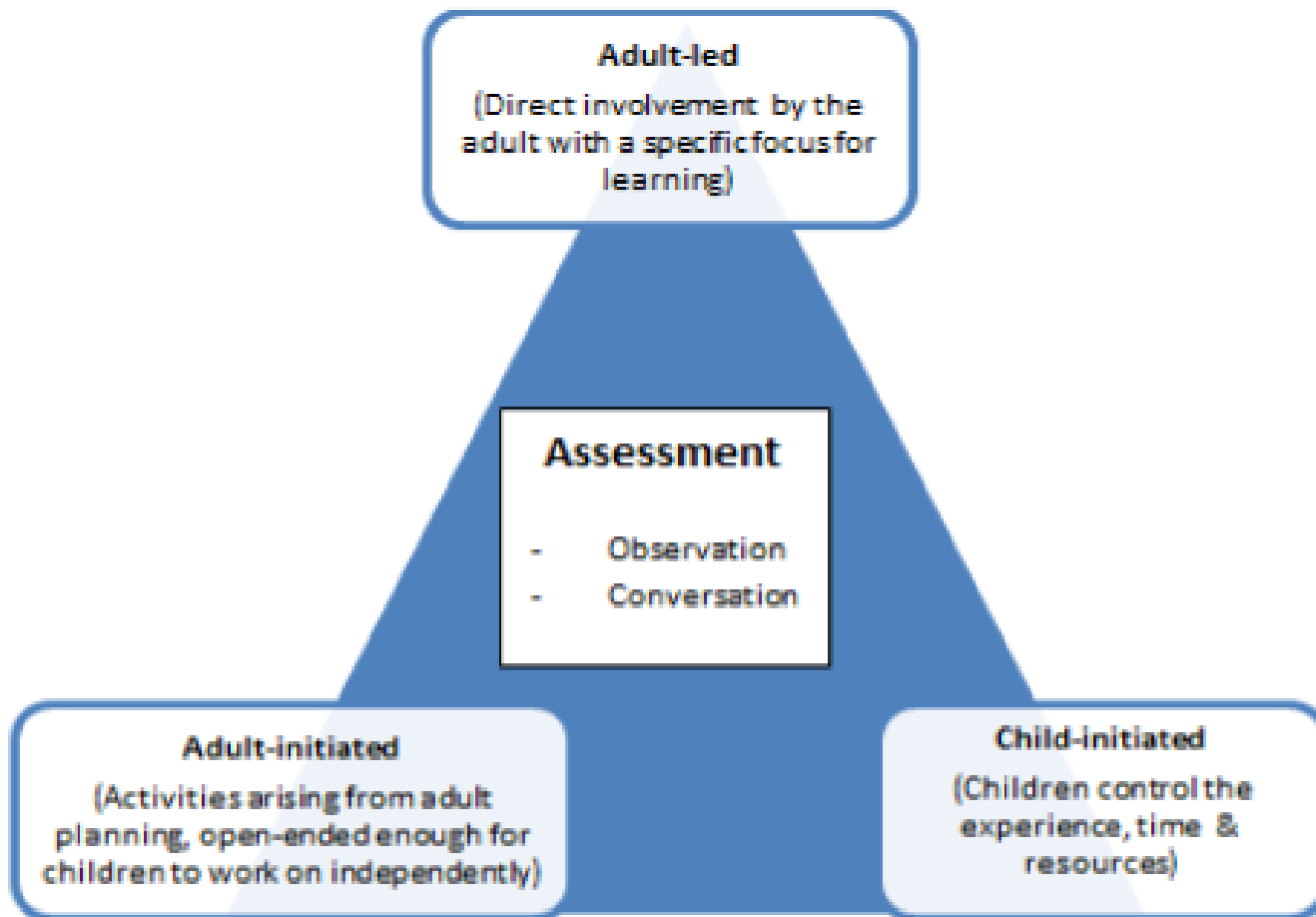
How do we learn in Foundation Stage?

- ▶ **It's not called Foundation Stage for nothing!** We aim to provide the highest quality care and education for all our children therefore giving them the strongest foundation for their future.

'Play is the highest form of research'
(Albert Einstein)



Our balanced and deep curriculum



'Children learn and develop well in enabling environments with teaching and support from adults, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time.'

EYFS Framework
2021

Areas of Learning – Inside & Out

Communication & Language	Personal, Emotional & Social Development	Physical Development	Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts & Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening, Attention and Understanding • Speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Regulation • Managing Self • Building Relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Motor Skills • Fine Motor Skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehension • Word Reading • Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number • Numerical Patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past and Present • People, Culture and Communities • The Natural World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating with Materials • Being Imaginative and Expressive

Monitoring progress

- ▶ Statutory Baseline Assessment during first 6 weeks – language, communication, literacy, maths
- ▶ Each of the 7 areas of learning has its own set of Early Learning Goals– during the year, through continual observation and interaction, children are assessed as to whether they are on track
- ▶ Children’s progress is monitored according to expectations in 2 publications to support the EYFS -**Birth to Five Matters** and **Development Matters**
- ▶ If we have any concerns, we will let you know straight away and work with you to help

Lunch and Snack

- ▶ You can order your child's lunch from home or they can order it in school with us, using the SchoolMoney app
- ▶ Children do not need to bring snacks with them. We have fruit/veg milk and water available throughout the morning and afternoon



Expectations

We have high expectations of behaviour and attitudes to learning, in line with the rest of the school.

- ▶ In FS2, we follow the school classroom rules. The children also set their own 'Golden Rules'
- ▶ We celebrate **progress and improvement** in all areas, including behaviour.
- ▶ Children can earn Winchcombe Wonders which contribute to a whole school target.
- ▶ At the end of each week, a child is chosen to take the class toy home. This will be because they have shown improvement in an area specific to them.



Phonics

Learning to read doesn't start with matching letters to their sounds. Focusing on key communication and language skills will give your child the best foundation for future Literacy success.

We have already begun to teach phonics...

- ▶ Phonics begins with a focus on key communication and language skills. You can help with this at home!
- ▶ Daily phonics sessions – we use 'Floppy's Phonics'
- ▶ Revision of sounds already learnt, introduction of new sound **and** letter name.
- ▶ Simultaneous learning of letter formation – print!
- ▶ The children will bring home a folder which will contain their daily phonics learning and letter formation practice

Reading Books

We love reading!

- ▶ Please read daily **to** and **with** your child
- ▶ Talk about characters, plot, new vocabulary, punctuation
- ▶ Ask about character's feelings, predict what might happen next
- ▶ Books without words – important for story telling
- ▶ Reading books with words will be sent home when your child is ready
- ▶ We will be reading with your child as often as possible - at least one 'story snuggle' session and one session with a teacher or LSA per week



Reading Army!

- ▶ We are looking to build a Reading Army to help support children's reading across the school. If you have any time to give us and would be interested in helping, please contact the school office who will put you in touch with me or Mrs Alston.
- ▶ Nothing other than enthusiasm required. We will provide you with basic training.
- ▶ **Tel:** 01635 232780
Email: office@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk



Forest Adventures

- ▶ Takes place on a **Wednesday**, rain or shine!
- ▶ Requires old clothes, wellies and waterproofs
- ▶ Hat, gloves and warm socks
- ▶ Please bring a change of shoes
- ▶ The children take part in teacher-initiated and self-initiated activities outdoors, developing problem-solving, social, communication and physical skills



P.E.

- ▶ Takes place on a Thursday
- ▶ School P.E kits – t-shirts, black shorts, plimsolls and socks
- ▶ Children will get changed in the classroom to practise self-care skills
- ▶ Please name EVERYTHING!



Parents in Partnership

- ▶ We have an open-door policy.
- ▶ Please come and see us immediately if you have any questions, queries or concerns regarding your child.
- ▶ Nothing is more important to us than your child's happiness and well-being. You are the experts!
- ▶ Let us know if anything significant is happening at home.
- ▶ Please support your child's learning wherever you can – reading, writing, maths.
- ▶ We may need to contact you on occasions – First Aid, Celebration etc.
- ▶ Friends of Winchcombe – a very welcoming group who support the school.

Things you can do to support your child

- ▶ Encourage independence in dressing and undressing.
- ▶ Help them to use a knife and fork.
- ▶ Read daily with and to your child.
- ▶ Get physical – bikes, trikes, skipping, throwing and catching
- ▶ Count anything and everything!
- ▶ Encourage your child to recognise and write their name, using a capital letter.
- ▶ Encourage your child to talk and to express their feelings using full sentences
- ▶ Play board games – brilliant for language development, understanding of number and turn-taking.

S.M.I.L.E Sessions



The Winchcombe School S.M.I.L.E

Share. Make. Investigate. Learn. Explore.

You are warmly invited to our first SMILE session

Tuesday 4th October 2022

1:30-2:45 pm

There will be a short presentation on by members of the team, followed by a chance to stay, play and learn alongside your child. We hope you can join us!



Tapestry

We will soon be setting up an online learning journal for your child

- ▶ Wow moments only!
- ▶ Strong home-school links around your child and their learning
- ▶ You can share experiences with us
- ▶ You will receive an email asking you to activate your account
- ▶ Please do not share on social media!
- ▶ When your child leaves us, we will export a PDF copy of their journal



Questions and Queries

- ▶ Your turn! Please ask about anything that is unclear or you would like to know more about.
- ▶ If you have any further queries or questions, you can also contact us via the school office.
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Thank you so much for coming along today 😊