



Our Key Aspirations for all children in Early Years



Communication

We want our children to develop a **love of stories** and a **desire for reading**, which in turn will help them to progress their **language skills** and **widen their vocabulary**. We want them to be **inquisitive** about the world around them; thinking out loud, asking questions and making predictions. We want them to have the articulation and **confidence** to be able to **express themselves** and **have a voice** which they believe is worth being listened to. We want them to experiment with different characters and scenarios through **imaginative** play, in which their imagination is their only limit. We want them to be **good listeners** and to be **receptive** to other people's suggestions and experiences. We want our children to be able to **communicate their feelings and emotions** in a healthy way, as well as showing **empathy and understanding** towards others.

Independence

We want our children to understand the importance of **perseverance** and the rewards this can bring. We want them to have the **confidence to take risks** in their own learning and to show **courage** and **resilience** in the face of adversity. We want them to feel that they have the **freedom to experiment** with their own ideas and to **not fear failure**, as this can also be seen as a great learning opportunity. We want them to find their preferred form of **creative expression** and use this to the best of their ability in whichever direction it takes them. We want them to feel they can **rise to a challenge** when a problem need solving, **making links** in their learning and showing a '**can do**' attitude. We want our children to develop a **sense of ownership of their learning** and value the power it has.

Belonging

We want our children to feel part of their **school community**, understanding how together, we can support, encourage and motivate one another. We want them to also feel part of their **local community**; showing **respect**, consideration for all that live here. We want them to be **thankful** for the beautiful surroundings we have and **appreciate** all that **nature** has to offer and mindful about all they have to give. We want them to begin to understand the important part they have within the **wider world** and how the **choices** they make now and especially as they grow up, will have an impact on the Earth that we share. We want them to **follow their passions** and develop a **sense of self and purpose**, feeling **empowered** to speak their truth. We want our children to be **tolerant** towards themselves and others, having **kindness and empathy** at the heart of all they do.