

Personal, Social and Emotional Wellbeing

This area of learning helps children to:

- Manage their feelings
- Make friends
- Share and takes turns
- Be independent and to interact with other children and adults.
- Become confident, safe, secure and ready to learn from new experiences.

Communication and Language

This area of learning helps children to:

- Listen and pays attention
- Communicate with others
- Develop vocabulary and speech
- Develop conversational skills.
- Develop listening and concentration skills.

Mathematics

This area of learning helps children to:

- Explore measures, capacity, shapes, opposites etc. through their play
- Learn about numbers and counting
- Helps children to count up to twenty and perhaps beyond
- Use mathematical words such as greater, smaller, heavier, lighter
- Develop skills in comparing and sorting objects.
- Understand shape and size including 2D and 3D shapes.

What is the EYFS?

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the compulsory framework used in the UK. This framework specifies requirements for learning and development, for safeguarding children and promoting their welfare. At IPS Almere we greatly value the importance that the EYFS plays in laying secure foundations for future learning and development.

In the EYFS there are seven areas of learning and development that shape the learning opportunities provided in our Early Years Unit. These are:

1. Communication and Language
2. Physical Development
3. Personal, Social and Emotional development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Arts and Design

In this Learning Overview, you can read more about the areas of learning and how they help your child to develop.

Understanding the World

This area of learning helps children to:

- Finds out about the world around them
- Talks about others around them
- Explores new things
- Understand their world (Geography), look at changes over time (History), explore and investigate (Science), develop designing and making skills (D&T), understand and use information and communication technology (ICT).

Physical Development

This area of learning helps children to:

- Use their motor skills and develop their balance
- Learn about healthy living
- Manage self-care independently
- Support their healthy development.
- Use a range of large and small equipment.
- Help them to develop a sense of space around themselves and others.

Literacy

This area of learning helps children to:

- Enjoy reading books
- Like making marks
- Start to explore phonics and letter sounds
- Begin to hear sounds in words and to link these sounds to letters.
- Develop pencil control and to begin to make marks on paper.
- Learn to read individual words.

Expressive Art and Design

This area of learning helps children to:

- Enjoy being creative and explore colour and colour changes.
- Play imaginatively
- Use materials to express themselves
- Explore shape and texture using all of their senses.
- Develop an interest in music, singing and music-making.
- Develop confidence