

EYFS

Intent

Appledore FSU is Nursery and Reception children learning together through child led topics. They are involved in the planning each week through discussions of their ideas for activities and questions that they would like answered. Our children will experience the seven areas of learning in many different ways throughout the year, whether this is indoors in the setting, outdoors, in our Jungle or in the wider community. They are allowed time to revisit the skills and build on them. Our children are happy independent learners.

The provision planned for to meet the contextual needs specific to Appledore School include supporting the children to become independent, supporting children with SALT needs and managing the widening range of parental expectations.

As part of our whole school curriculum planning and provision FSU are known as 'Explorers.' We want our children to be curious and ask questions about their learning and the wider world around them.

Implementation

We have planned activities throughout the Continuous Provision allowing children to explore and further develop their own learning with adults supporting them and guiding them as well as developing the children's abilities to initiate their own learning within the Continuous Provision going with their own interests.

Examples of implementation to meet the specific contextual needs include:

- Having activities set up to support the children's independence. From early on in the year children in Reception come into the classroom on their own saying their farewells to the grown ups at the bottom of the steps. The children can come in and complete their morning jobs quickly. We have a 'help yourself' snack area where children can practise pouring their own milk and water and help to mop up any spillages. We also support children with the expectations they quickly become able to put coats, shoes and socks on independently. We have a Nursery Provision nearby where some of the children come from and the timetable is quite rigid. We find these children ask the adults for a lot of support and guidance when they first start school as they aren't use to the flexibility of 'learning through play'
- The FSU has a close working relationships with the SALT team that supports some of our children and we use their resources to carry on their guided work throughout the week/month. Our TA's are trained with SALT resources and there are quiet rooms to work in and we timetable regular sessions for our TA's to work the targeted children. We frequently email the SALT team direct to ask questions or ask for further questions which they are happy to respond to.

- Parents have many different views of where their child should be when starting school. Some parents think they should be able to read and write on entry whereas others have the opinion that they need not play a part in supporting their child's early reading. We invite parents to termly Phonics and Maths Evenings and explain what this learning looks like and how the parents can support their child. We also hold termly parents meetings with each family showing them the Development Matters document, their on entry data, the progress they are making and where their child needs to be by the end of the school year.

Impact

Children have had a good starting point in their school life and are ready for Key Stage One. Our children are keen to learn, often bringing in their own learning from home to show us in school. Transition to starting school is smooth as the children from our Nursery are arriving back to the same building, we just need to settle the small handful of children that come from a different setting. Transition to Year One is also smooth as from May half term we plan weekly visits to the classroom so that the children can work with their new teacher and get to know their new environment.

Our data is largely in line with Nationals each year.

Comments from parents about the FSU include:

- "The atmosphere is really nurturing towards our children."
- "M's experience in Dolphins was one that allowed her to flourish and thrive in a creative, engaging and stimulating environment."
- "She was previously shy and reserved when it came to talking, sharing ideas and performing in front of her peers. After a short while in Dolphins through a combination of child and adult initiated tasks A really came out of her shell."
- "With a growth in confidence my child was equipped with the tools to enjoy learning phonics, and in turn, beginning to read."
- "The whole team are committed to nurturing and developing the whole child by planning and providing really exciting learning opportunities and adapting these to meet the interests of the children."
- "The communication with parents is really positive and informative. From more formal curriculum meetings to quick chats which are never too much trouble."

Our aspirations for the children leaving our Nursery

EAD

Children will be offered daily opportunities to explore the creative arts. They will have a wide range of materials and equipment to play with to develop their fine motor skills, their imagination and their creativity.

PD

Children will begin to make healthy choices about their lifestyles. Children will have access to a wide range of fine and gross motor activities. They will learn to use a range of tools.

C and L

Children will have stories read to them. They will be encouraged to talk about every day experiences and events special to them.

UW

Children will learn about the people and places in their own local community. They will be encouraged to explore and respect the natural world

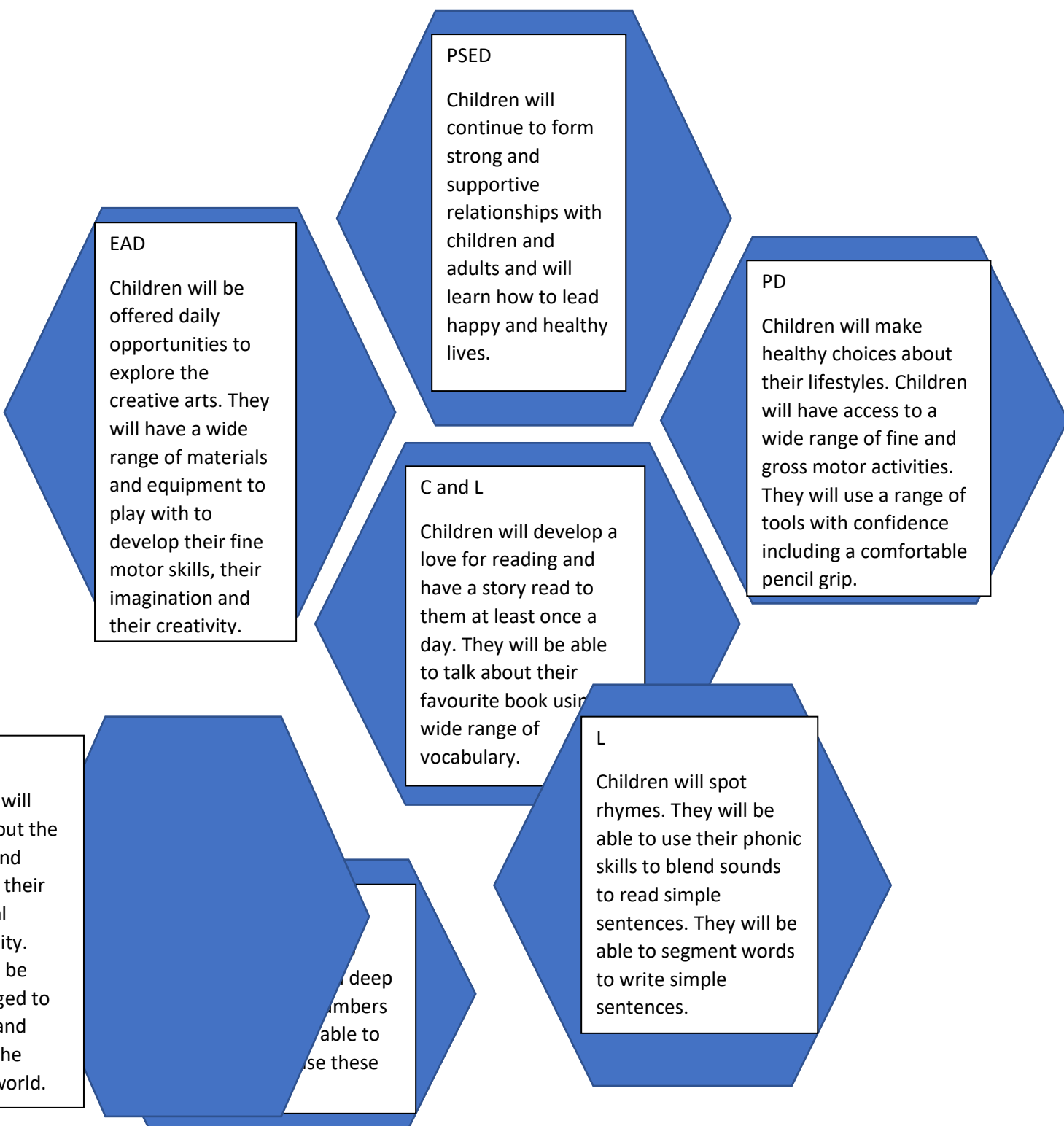
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Children will be encouraged to mark make using a range of tools. They will begin to have an awareness of sounds and begin to write the letters in their name.

N

Children will be able to recognise and have a deep understanding of numbers to 5. They will start to subitise these numbers.

Our aspirations for children leaving our Reception Class.



Progression of skills for Phonics/Literacy in Nursery

Environmental Sounds

Instrumental Sounds and Body Percussion

Rhythm and Rhyme

Voice Sounds and Alliteration

Progression of skills for Phonics/Literacy in Reception

Autumn 1	S,a,t,p,l,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,uk,u,e,r,h,b,f,l,ff,ll,ss
Autumn 2	Revision of previous J,v,w,x,y,q,z,zz Ch,sh,th
Spring 1	Revision of ch,sh,th Ng,ee,ai,oa,oo,or,ar,ow,oi,ur,er Revision of above
Spring 2	lgh,ear,air,ure
Summer 1	Revision of phase 3 Phase 4
Summer 2	Revision of phase 3 within phase 4

Tricky words

Autumn 1	Read I, the, go, to no, Spell I, the
Autumn 2	Read previous plus me, he, we, she, be Spell above plus go, to no
Spring 1	Read previous plus all, are, they, was Spell previous plus me, he, we, she, be
Spring 2	Read previous plus you, her, do, so Spell previous plus all, are, they
Summer 1	Read previous plus have, said, like, were, there Spell previous plus her, was, you
Summer 2	Read previous plus what, when, come, some, out, one Spell previous do, so

Maths Skills
(Nursery)
We are Explorers
Plan and introduce new vocabulary related to....

Shape, space and measure

Numbers to 5

Patterns

Name and describe 2D shapes.

Understand position

Make comparisons to size, weight, length and capacity.

Recite, count and order

Subitise to 3

Compare quantities

Solve real world problems

Talk about and identify patterns in the world around them.

Notice and create repeating patterns

Maths Skills
(Reception)
We are Explorers
Plan and introduce new vocabulary related to....

Numbers to 5

Subitise to 5

Compare quantities (more than, less than, equal to)

Recall number bonds to 5 and 10.

Solve real world problems

Patterns

Notice and create repeating patterns

Odds and evens

Recall double facts

Sharing

Shape, space and measure

Name and describe 2D and 3D

Make comparisons to size, weight, length and capacity.







