

# Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Within Early Years at Cowes Primary, our aim is to provide a welcoming, lively and stimulating atmosphere in which young children may grow, feel secure and realise their full potential. All children develop and learn at different rates and in different ways. We provide a curriculum based on each child's interests and their stage of development.

At Cowes Primary School we take every child's learning forward from their time at home and pre-school experiences. We understand that their learning begins long before they join us. It is very important that we continue to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding, working together with parents and carers.

The children learn to be confident and independent underpinned by a caring and secure relationship, while being encouraged to take controlled risks and to 'have a go'.

We provide a rich, varied, stimulating and child centred learning environment to support, engage and extend every child's learning. The children are encouraged to take part in a range of activities; shared tasks or independently where they have the opportunity to consolidate what they have learned in earlier child initiated activities.

All areas of learning are connected and all are equally important. We use the children's interests and engaging topics to plan a range of learning opportunities to ensure that all areas of the curriculum are covered. We have an indoor and outdoor learning environment providing stimulating opportunities on a daily basis.

The children feel happy and secure within the setting and are confident with all staff. This is illustrated by how enthusiastically they share their learning with others and how they approach visitors, welcoming them and showing their pride in what they have achieved.

We have excellent opportunities for transition as the majority of our pupils come from Blackberry Lane Pre-school. The pre-school children regularly visit us to make use of the interactive white boards and other resources. They have taken part in our themed events and all of the EYFS staff meet with the pre school children on a regular basis.

Cowes Primary Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) has been identified as a model of good practice by the Local Authority and is a special place to be, where we learn and have fun together!

