

# Ottershaw Christ Church C of E Infant and Junior Schools



*Motivated to learn, empowered to achieve*

## The Early Years Foundation Stage



The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum provides the essential building blocks to develop engaged, confident learners.



Each child is encouraged to develop his/her independence through a range of activities that promote emotional, social health and wellbeing.

Developing key communication skills is embedded throughout our curriculum.



We support and encourage mark-making as a vital stepping stone towards writing.

We use the Jolly Phonics® scheme to teach phonics.



Children are encouraged to write independently in a wide range of meaningful contexts.

There are well planned practical opportunities to develop key mathematical skills.



We believe first hand experiences underpin all children's learning and to this end each child will be encouraged to actively explore and investigate using all of their senses both in the classroom and in our outdoor learning environment.

At Ottershaw Christ Church C of E Schools our Christian values are embedded within our curriculum. We believe that creativity is at the heart of learning. Our innovative curriculum enables children to make meaningful connections in their learning.

### **The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum**

In our Nursery and Reception classes we aim to develop happy, confident and independent learners by providing activities that foster curiosity and a love of learning.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is divided into 3 Prime areas of learning:

- Personal Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

and 4 Specific areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design