**Intent**

At Church Lane Primary School and Nursery we offer a tailor made curriculum that supports the 7 Areas of Learning stated in the ‘Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage.’ We do this by starting from the child- what do they already know? What do they want to discover? Where do they need to go next?

Our overall aim is to ensure every child progresses through each area of learning at their own pace, building on their next steps to ensure they achieve their Early Learning Goals by the end of Reception.

The Prime Areas:

* Personal, Social and Emotional Development
* Communication and Language
* Physical Development

The Specific Areas:

* Literacy
* Maths
* Understanding of the World
* Expressive Arts and Design

To ensure our children become competent and confident learners and achieve their full potential we will offer an ambitious, broad and language-rich curriculum. Our curriculum will have a blended approach where ‘in the moment planning’ runs alongside our planned curriculum (what we want our children to learn to succeed).

Our highly skilled practitioners will also:

* Provide a playful learning environment that provides the balance of adult led and child-initiated activities through the interests of individual children. We strongly believe that opportunities for interest-based learning accelerates progress due to high levels of engagement.
* Offer real life experiences that build cultural capital (what children already know).
* Develop a well-rounded child by ensuring all areas of learning have an equal importance.
* Ensure building blocks are in place so every child is ready for their next step of their journey e.g. Nursery to Reception and Reception to Year 1.
* Build on next steps in the moment- this is key for every child to progress and achieve.
* Targeted support for children with SEND, Pupil Premium and EAL.
* Offer a carefully planned curriculum that runs alongside our interest- based provision e.g Seasons/Different cultures and Religions/key aspects of child development (Please see our Curriculum overview and our termly maps).
* Provide a language rich environment through our love for story books, poems and songs. This is paramount to ensure children foster a love of life-long reading and knowledge is supported through the books we read.
* Areas of Learning will be underpinned with a variety of story books.
* Ponder, wonder, question, challenge, facilitate are just a few teaching strategies that will be used across EYFS. These interactions will ensure children are stretched and moved on in their learning.
* Ensure the ‘Characteristics of Effective Learning’ are fully embedded through our engaging, open-ended and creative learning environments.
* Encourage children to set their own goals
* Promote our school values through our daily routines.