



The Early years Foundation Stage (EYFS) The [Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\)](#) sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. All schools and Ofsted-registered early years providers must follow the EYFS, including childminders, preschools, nurseries and school reception classes.

The [Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) framework](#) supports an integrated approach to early learning and care. It gives all professionals a set of common principles and commitments to deliver quality early education and childcare experiences to all children.

As well as being the core document for all professionals working in the foundation years, the EYFS framework gives mums and dads confidence that regardless of where they choose for their child's early education, they can be assured that the same statutory commitments and principles will underpin their child's learning and development experience.

(Foundation Years website)

At Little Smarties we continually assess the children and use this information to inform our planning of each individual child. The staff plan activities that cover a wide and varied curriculum, providing a range of opportunities. We plan from a theme-based curriculum and work from children's individual learning styles and interests also.

Every 3 months we will send home your child's 'My Steps Forward' page and encourage your feedback on their learning and development. This will overlap with Tapestry, our online assessment system, as this will continue to record each child's progress and allows you also to add your comments and record experiences your child is having outside nursery. 'My Steps Forward' aims to provide both us and yourselves the opportunity for communication as your child continues their learning pathway.