

# EYFS Curriculum Knowledge and Skills

Diamond Class  
Pre-School & Reception  
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Caton  
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**EYFS Curriculum Knowledge and Skills Overview Diamond Class**  
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<b>Curriculum Learning</b>			
<b>Area of learning EYFS</b>	<b><u>3-4-Year Olds</u></b>	<b><u>Reception</u></b>	<b><u>ELG</u></b>
<b>Communication &amp; Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.</li> <li>• Pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult.</li> <li>• Use a wider range of vocabulary.</li> <li>• Understand a question or instruction that has two parts.</li> <li>• Understand 'why' questions.</li> <li>• Sing a large range of songs.</li> <li>• Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.</li> <li>• Develop their communication, whilst practising tenses and plurals.</li> <li>• Develop their pronunciation, whilst focusing on some individual sounds.</li> <li>• Use longer sentences of four to six words.</li> <li>• Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.</li> <li>• Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns.</li> <li>• Use talk to organise themselves and their play.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.</li> <li>• Learn new vocabulary and use in different contexts.</li> <li>• Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.</li> <li>• Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences using a range of connectives.</li> <li>• Describe events in some detail.</li> <li>• Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.</li> <li>• Engage in story times.</li> <li>• Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.</li> <li>• Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.</li> <li>• Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.</li> <li>• Learn rhymes, poems and songs.</li> <li>• Engage in non-fiction books and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Listening, Attention &amp; Understanding:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.</li> <li>• Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.</li> <li>• Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.</li> </ul>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Speaking</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.</li> <li>• Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.</li> <li>• Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.</li> </ul>
<b>Personal, Social &amp; Emotional Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See themselves as a valuable individual.</li> <li>• Build positive and respectful relationships.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Self- Regulation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show more confidence in new social situations and with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting.</li> <li>• Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.</li> <li>• Find solutions to conflicts and rivalries.</li> <li>• Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.</li> <li>• Remember rules without needing an adult to remind them.</li> <li>• Talk with others to solve conflicts.</li> <li>• Talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'.</li> <li>• Understand gradually how others might be feeling.</li> <li>• Be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g. using the toilet, washing and drying their hands.</li> <li>• Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.</li> <li>• Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.</li> <li>• Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally.</li> <li>• Think about the perspectives of others.</li> <li>• Manage their own needs independently. E.g. using the toilet independently, washing and drying hands thoroughly, brushing their teeth.</li> <li>• Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: - regular physical activity - healthy eating - toothbrushing - sensible amounts of 'screen time' - having a good sleep routine - being a safe pedestrian</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate.</li> <li>• Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.</li> </ul>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Managing Self</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.</li> <li>• Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly.</li> <li>• Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices</li> </ul>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Building Relationships</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others.</li> <li>• Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers.</li> <li>• Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Physical Development</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.</li> <li>• Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet.</li> <li>• Skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical statues.</li> <li>• Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.</li> <li>• Start taking part in some group activities which they make up for themselves, or in teams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired: - rolling - crawling - walking - jumping - running - hopping - skipping - climbing</li> <li>• Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.</li> <li>• Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions.</li> <li>• Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Gross Motor Skills</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others.</li> <li>• Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing.</li> <li>• Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Fine Motor Skills</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasingly be able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm.</li> <li>Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting. For example, they decide whether to crawl, walk or run across a plank, depending on its length and width.</li> <li>Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. For example, choosing a spade to enlarge a small hole they dug with a trowel.</li> <li>Collaborate with others to manage large items, such as moving a long plank safely, carrying large hollow blocks.</li> <li>Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.</li> <li>Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.</li> <li>Show a preference for a dominant hand.</li> <li>Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips.</li> </ul>	<p>and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combine different movements with ease and fluency.</li> <li>Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group.</li> <li>Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility.</li> <li>Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming.</li> <li>Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.</li> <li>Develop the foundations of a well formed, neat, handwriting style.</li> <li>Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: - lining up and queuing – mealtimes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.</li> <li>Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising').</li> <li>Recite numbers past 5.</li> <li>Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5.</li> <li>Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle').</li> <li>Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.</li> <li>Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.</li> <li>Experiment with their own symbols and marks as well as numerals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Count objects, actions and sounds.</li> <li>Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5.</li> <li>Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value.</li> <li>Count beyond ten.</li> <li>Compare numbers.</li> <li>Understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers.</li> <li>Explore the arrangement of numbers to 10.</li> <li>Automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0-5 and some to 10.</li> <li>Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.</li> <li>Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Number</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number.</li> <li>Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5.</li> <li>Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Numerical Patterns</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.</li> <li>Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solve real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5.</li> <li>• Compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than'.</li> <li>• Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids).</li> <li>• Understand position through words alone – for example, "The bag is under the table," – with no pointing.</li> <li>• Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.</li> <li>• Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.</li> <li>• Select shapes appropriately: flat surfaces for building, a triangular prism for a roof etc.</li> <li>• Talk about and identifies the patterns around them. For example: stripes on clothes, designs on rugs and wallpaper. Use informal language like 'pointy', 'spotty', 'blobs' etc.</li> <li>• Extend and create ABAB patterns – stick, leaf, stick, leaf and correct an error in a repeating pattern.</li> <li>• Begin to describe a sequence of events using language such as first, then.</li> </ul>	<p>cuboids) using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.</li> <li>• Compare length, weight and capacity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.</li> </ul>
<b>Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the five key concepts about print: - print has meaning - print can have different purposes - we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom - the names of the different parts of a book - page sequencing</li> <li>• Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: - spot and suggest rhymes - count or clap syllables in a word - recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother.</li> <li>• Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.</li> <li>• Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sounds.</li> <li>• Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.</li> <li>• Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme.</li> <li>• Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.</li> <li>• Enjoys a range of books.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Comprehension</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.</li> <li>• Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.</li> <li>• Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Word Reading</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; writing 'm' for mummy.</li> <li>• Write some or all of their name.</li> <li>• Write some letters accurately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can talk about stories and discuss the story sequence.</li> <li>• Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.</li> <li>• Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.</li> <li>• Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.</li> <li>• Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.</li> <li>• Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Writing</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.</li> <li>• Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.</li> <li>• Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Understanding the World</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.</li> <li>• Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.</li> <li>• Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.</li> <li>• Show interest in different occupations.</li> <li>• Explore how things work.</li> <li>• Plant seeds and care for growing plants.</li> <li>• Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.</li> <li>• Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</li> <li>• Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.</li> <li>• Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.</li> <li>• Continue developing positive attitudes and respect about the differences between people.</li> <li>• Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about members of their immediate family and community.</li> <li>• Name and describe people who are familiar to them.</li> <li>• Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.</li> <li>• Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.</li> <li>• Draw information from a simple map.</li> <li>• Understand that some places are special to members of their community.</li> <li>• Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.</li> <li>• Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.</li> <li>• Explore the natural world around them.</li> <li>• Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.</li> <li>• Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.</li> <li>• Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Past and Present</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.</li> <li>• Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.</li> <li>• Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>People, Culture and Communities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.</li> <li>• Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.</li> <li>• Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Natural World</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.</li> <li>• Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting</li> </ul>

			<p>environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Technology</b> (taken from birth to 5 matters guidance)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operate simple equipment such as remote-control toys, CD player and can navigate touch capable technology with support.</li> <li>• Shows an interest in technological toys such as tablets, cameras, iPad's.</li> <li>• Explore the use of bee bots.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes simple programmes on electronic devices.</li> <li>• Uses hardware to interact with age appropriate software.</li> <li>• Can create content such as videos or draw a picture on screen.</li> <li>• Develops digital literacy skills by being able to assess, interact and understand a range of technologies.</li> <li>• Can use the internet with adult supervision to find and retrieve information.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.</li> <li>• Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses etc.</li> <li>• Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.</li> <li>• Explore different materials freely, to develop their own ideas about how to use them and what to make.</li> <li>• Join different materials and explore different textures.</li> <li>• Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.</li> <li>• Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.</li> <li>• Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.</li> <li>• Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.</li> <li>• Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.</li> <li>• Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses.</li> <li>• Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.</li> <li>• Develop storylines in their pretend play.</li> <li>• Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Creating with Materials</b></li> <li>• Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.</li> <li>• Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.</li> <li>• Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Being Imaginative and Expressive</b></li> <li>• Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.</li> <li>• Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.</li> <li>• Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear etc.</li><li>• Explore colour and colour-mixing.</li><li>• Listen with increased attention to sounds. Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.</li><li>• Remember and sing entire songs.</li><li>• Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match').</li><li>• Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs.</li><li>• Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know.</li><li>• Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.</li></ul>		
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