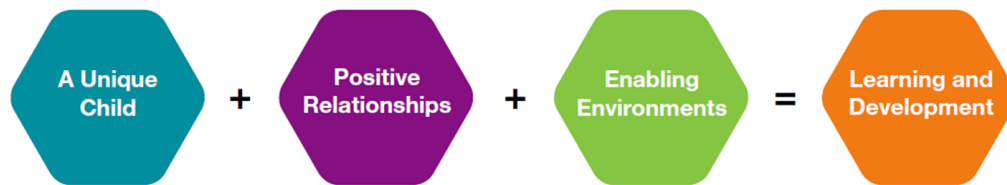
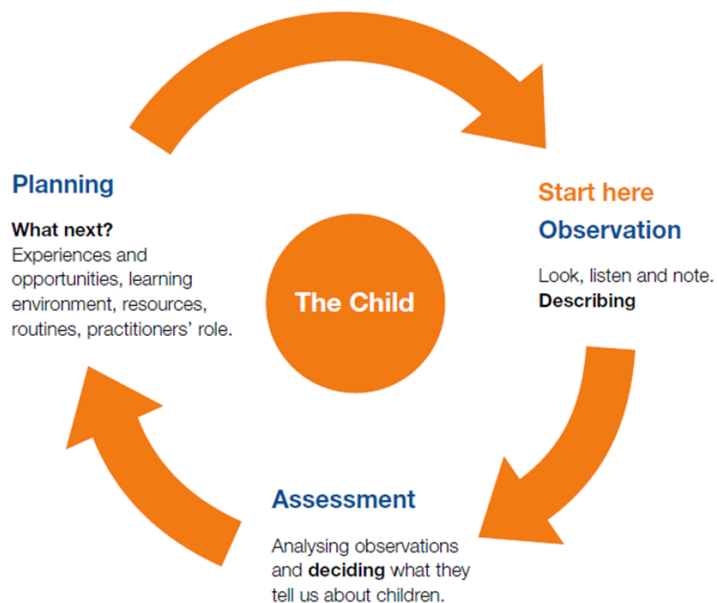


What is the Foundation Stage?

These important themes underpin the Foundation Stage at Oakmeadow in FS1 Nursery and FS2 Reception.



We support the learning and development of our children by observing them as they play and planning fun activities based on their interests.



The areas of development

Prime areas are fundamental, work together, and move through to support development in all other areas.

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

Specific areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

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

The characteristics of effective learning

The Unique Child reaches out to relate to people and things through the **Characteristics of Effective Learning**, which move through all areas of learning.

- playing and exploring
- active learning
- creating and thinking critically

At Oakmeadow Foundation Stage...

- ◆ We value the individuality of each and every child
- ◆ We work flexibly as a team to meet the needs of our children
- ◆ We adapt our purpose built environment to make learning exciting
- ◆ We aim to secure strong family links and we value your support
- ◆ We change our expectations of the children as the year progresses
- ◆ We identify the needs of each child as early as possible in a baseline assessment so that we can provide additional support as necessary
- ◆ We work with agencies outside school to provide the best possible provision for you and your child
- ◆ We want your child to achieve their full potential
- ◆ We recognise that children develop at their own rates and in their own ways



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