

Saplings' Progression of Skills For the Early Years Foundation Stage



"Do everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

At Ide Hill Church of England Primary School we seek the 'abundant life' that Jesus promised for all. Pupils, staff and families flourish within the caring community of our beautiful village. All are nurtured through the learning and experiencing of respect, responsibility and love, 'and the greatest of these is love.'



'The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards that all early years' providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children's 'school readiness' and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.' This document maps out the progression of skills for each area of learning, prime and specific. It is linked to the Saplings' Long Term Plan.

Skill	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6	ELG

The progression of skills has been mapped across the year. We aim for certain skills to be taught specifically in each term to ensure that there is a clear sequence and structure to this progression. We also understand that all children are unique. In order to personalise learning for individuals and provide the nurture that they need, the progression can also be viewed as follows:

Skill				

Although the progression remains unchanged, the term names have been removed to allow for flexibility and the development of each individual child.



Skill							ELG
			Communio	cation and Langua	ade		
Listening,	To understand how to listen carefully	,, 0	To ask questions to find out more	To retell a story	To understand questions such as who, what,	To have conversations with adults and peers	Listen attentively and respond to what they hear
Attention & Understanding	'	repeated phrases and actions	To remember key	To follow a story without pictures or	where, when, why and how and use them	with back and forth exchanges	with relevant questions, comments and actions
-	listening is important To be able to follow	To begin to understand how and	events in a story To begin to	props To listen and engage	To listen and engage with stories or non-fiction	To listen and engage with stories or non-	when being read to and during whole class discussions and small
		why questions	understand humour	with stories or non- fiction texts	texts	fiction texts	group interactions. Make comments about what they
	To follow routines and modelled talk "Good morning. How are you?"	To respond to instructions with more than one step	To understand a range of complex sentence structures	To make links with their	To make links with their own experiences from what they have heard/learnt in class	To make links with their own experiences from what they have heard/learnt in class	
			To continue to listen to a wide range of stories, rhymes and poems	heard/learnt in class			engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers
Speaking	To talk in front of a small group	To begin to answer questions in front of class		To use new vocabulary in different contexts	To link statements and stick to a main theme	To talk to different adults around the school or in small	Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their
	To talk to class teacher and TAs about	To use new	•	To engage in non-fiction books and learn new	To use talk to organise, sequence and clarify	groups	own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.
	•	• ·	sentences using	vocab	thinking, ideas, feelings and events	To recite poems or stories and use own	Offer explanations for why things might happen,
	To share family routines and special		conjunctions e.g. and, because	To ask questions to find out more	To develop talking in sentences using different	ideas to create new ones	making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction,
	occasions with others		To demonstrate use of past tense and use		tenses and conjunction	To use recently introduced vocabulary	rhymes and poems when appropriate. Express their
	To learn new vocabulary		he/she/him/her correctly			into their discussions To talk about	ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences including use of
			To recount things that have happened in			similarities and	past, present and future tenses and making use of



	their day or events	differences in the past conjunctions, with
	talked about in school	and present modelling and support
		from their teacher.
		To discuss future events
		To talk about why
		things happen
		To develop talking in
		sentences using a range
		of tenses and
		conjunctions
		and forth conversation, daily group and partner discussions, Circle Time, Show & Share sessions,
PSHE, sharin	g a wide variety of books, singing, T4W actions, helicopter stories, weekly in	terventions if needed, book vote and daily story



Personal, Social Emotional Development

Skill							ELG
	To recognise different	To talk about how	To focus during longer	To identify and	To control their emotions	To maintain focus	Show an understanding of
Self-Regulation	emotions	they are feeling	whole class lessons		using a range of	during extended whole	their own feelings and
					techniques	class teaching	those of others, and begir
olour		To begin to consider	To follow twostep	emotionally			to regulate their behaviou
Nonster/Zones of	people show emotions	the feelings of others	instructions		To set a target and reflect		accordingly. Set and work
egulation	To focus during chort	Ta adamt babayiayınta		-	on progress throughout	of three steps or more	towards simple goals,
	•	To adapt behaviour to a range of situations		and needs of others			being able to wait for what they want and control the
lurture Nook	whole class activities						immediate impulses when
	To follow onestep						appropriate. Give focusse
	instructions						attention to what the
							teacher says, responding
							appropriately even when
							engaged in activity, and
							show an ability to follow
							instructions involving
	L						several ideas or actions.
Managing Calf	To wash hands	To develop class	To begin to show		To identify and name	To understand the	Be confident to try new activities and show
Managing Self			resilience and	•	healthy foods	importance of	independence, resilience an
			perseverance in the			healthy food choices	perseverance in the face of
	•	need to have rules	face of challenge		To manage own basic		challenge. Explain the reaso
	wellies on				• •	To show resilience	for rules, know right from
		-		when needed during		and perseverance in	wrong and try to behave accordingly. Manage their
		0 1	and understand	day		the face of challenge	own basic hygiene and
			why we have them				personal needs, including
	independently	jumper/put back on		To follow class rules		To show a 'can do'	dressing, going to the toilet
			To have a go at	and be able to		attitude	and understanding the importance of healthy food
	To explore different		doing up a	explain why we have			choices
			coat/take off	them		To develop	
	Year R environment					independence to get	
			with increasing	To not to give up, be		ready for Forest	
	To choose and		independence	positive		School	
	follow class rules	To feel confident					
		using resources in					



		asking for help if	To practise doing buttons/buckles on shoes				
Relationships	adults when needed To gain confidence to speak to peers and adults	children who are playing with the same activity To begin to develop	a group with support To use taught	and compromise	with collaboration, turn taking and compromise To begin to develop relationships with other adults around	school To have strong	Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others. Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers. Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.



			Physic	cal Development			
Skill							ELG
Gross Motor Skills	space To stop safely To develop control when using equipment To follow a path and take turns To work cooperatively with a partner To begin to stay in time to music	To run and stop To change direction To jump To hop To explore different ways to travel To begin to stay in time to music To copy and create	actions To balance and safely use apparatus To jump and land safely from a height To develop rocking and rolling To explore traveling around, over and	hands To throw and catch with a partner To dribble a ball using feet	To throw with one hand and catch with two To move with control and coordination To develop accuracy when throwing to a target To throw and catch with a partner	To develop accuracy when throwing and practise keeping score To follow instructions and move safely when playing tagging games To learn to play against an opponent To play by the rules and develop coordination To explore striking a ball and keeping score Working co- operatively in a team	
Fine Motor Skills	dominant hand To apply correct pressure when using pens/paintbrushes	anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines To hold scissors correctly and begin	when using mark making tools To hold scissors correctly and cut	To hold scissors correctly and cut out large shapes To take more care when drawing, using more detail	To hold scissors correctly and cut out small shapes To take increasing care when drawing to colour within lines and add details	foundations for	Hold a pencil effectively in preparations for fluent writing- using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Use a range of small tools including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.



		cut along a straight	zigzagged line with	To write letters using		fluent handwriting	
c	lifferent shapes	and zigzagged lines	increasing	the correct letter	To write letters using	style	
			independence	formation (ascenders	the correct letter		
Π	o begin to use a	To use a tripod grip		and descenders) and	formation and control	To create drawings	
t	ripod grip when	when using mark	To thread small	begin to control the	the size of the letters	with details and	
L	using mark making	making tools and	beads, pegs etc	size of letters		colour inside the lines	
t	ools	preference for a			To paint using thinner		
		dominant hand	To write taught	To use tools safely	paintbrushes	To use a range of	
Π	o use tweezer to		letters using correct	and correctly		tools and equipment	
t	ransfer objects	To accurately draw	formation		To use smaller	in the environment	
		lines, circles and			construction toys like	effectively and safely	
Π	o thread large	shapes to draw	To use tools safely		lego blocks and		
k	beads	pictures	and correctly		meccano		
Π	o use tools	To write taught	To hold a knife and				
e	effectively in	letters using correct	fork correctly				
r	malleable resources	formation, using					
		enough pressure					
Π	o begin begin to	with pencil on					
c	opy letters	paper					
η	o hold scissors	To hold a knife and					
c	correctly and make	fork correctly					
s	nips in paper						
μ	o hold a knife and						
f	ork correctly						



				Literacy			
Skill							ELG
Comprehension	tell stories To sequence familiar stories To independently look at book, holding them the correct way and turning pages To understand that print has meaning and can be used for different purposes	To begin to answer questions about the stories read to them To enjoy and increasing range of books including fiction, non-fiction, poems and rhymes To recognise the title, author , illustrator and blurb To hear new new vocabulary	To begin to predict what may happen in the story To suggest how a story might end To show an understanding of new vocabulary or phrases To express a preference for a rhyme or story To recognise the title, author , illustrator and blurb To hear new vocabulary	To follow a story without pictures or props To recognise repeated words or phrases To talk about the characters in the books they are reading Introduce new vocabulary and understand meaning	they have read To recognise repeated words or phrases To know the difference between different types of text – poem, non-fiction To talk about characters and plot and develop their own narratives To use vocabulary that is influenced by their experiences of books To use new vocabulary/phrases and use new words in their discussions	reactions. With some prompting, begin to show understanding of some unfamiliar words or phrases from texts that are read aloud to them. To know that information can be retrieved from books Introduce new vocabulary and use new words in their own sentences independently, discussion and in their play	narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories. Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhyme: and poems and during role play
Word Reading	name	name	To read longer words including those with double letters	To read longer words including those with double letters To learn sounds:	short vowels and	To read words with phase 3 long vowel sounds with adjacent consonants	Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at leas 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their



	/s/ as in sun	/ck/ as in duck			To read longer words		phonic knowledge by
	/p/ as in pan			/ch/ as in chick		To read longer words	sound-blending. Read
	/a/ as in apple			/sh/ as in sheep	To read compound		aloud simple sentences and
	/n/ as in net			, ,	words		books that are consistent with their phonic
	/t/ as in tap		/v/ as in van	feather			knowledge, including some
	/m/ as in mouse		/w/ as in web	/n+g/ as in ring	To learn sounds:		common exception words.
	/i/ as in insect		/k+s/ as in fox	/ai/ as in train	/ar/ as in car	To learn sounds:	common exception words.
	/d/ as in dog			/ee/ as in bee	/or/ as in fork	wh,ph /ai/	
	/g/ as in goat	/l/ as in shell	/z/ as in zebra and	/igh/ as in light	/ur/ as in purse	alternatives (e.g. a-e,	
	/o/ as in octopus	/s/ as in dress	puzzle	/oa/ as in boat short	/ou/ as in owl	ay, a) /ee/	
	/k/ as in cat			/oo/ as in book long	/oi/ as in coin	alternatives (e.g. ea,	
	/k/ as in kite	letters, Two-syllable	/k+w/ as in queen	/oo/ as in moon	/eer/ as in ear	e-e, y) /igh/	
		words			/air/ as in chair /y+oor/	alternatives (e.g. y, i-	
	Tricky words:			Tricky words:	as in manure /uh/ as in	e, ie) /oa/	
	I, the, to, go, no,		he, she, we, me, be,		hammer	alternatives (e.g. o,	
	into	, , , , , , ,		was, my, you, her,		ое, о-е)	
		into	they, all, are	they, all, are	Tricky words:		
	To recognise initial				some, one, said, come,	To read longer	
		0 ,		To recognise initial,	do, so, were, when,	sentences containing	
			middle and end	middle and end	have, there, out, like,	Phase 4 words and	
	To begin to blend	end sounds	sounds	sounds	little, what	Tricky Words	
	sounds together to						
	0			To read sentences		To read books	
	-	0		containing Tricky	sentences containing	matching their	
		taught sounds	Words and digraphs	Words and digraphs	Phase 4 words and	phonics ability	
					Tricky Words	-	
				To read books			
		and the second sec		matching their	To read books		
		0	phonics ability	phonics ability	matching their phonics		
		taught sounds			ability		
		To read books					
		matching their					
		phonics ability					
	To copy their name	To write their name	To form lowercase	To form lowercase	To form lowercase and		Write recognisable letters,
Writing			letters correctly	letters correctly and	capital letters correctly		most of which are correctly
						correctly	formed. Spell words by



-	To give meanings to	To use the correct	To begin to write	begin to use capital	To begin to copy		identifying sounds in them
	the marks they	letter formation of	sentences using	letters correctly	letters using a lead in		and representing the
I	make	taught letters	fingers spaces		and lead out	a lead in and lead out	sounds with a letter or
				To write sentences			letters. Write simple
-	To copy taught	To write words and	To understand that	using finger spaces	To begin to write	I o begin to write	phrases and sentences that
	letters	labels using taught	sentences start with	and full stops	longer words which are	longer words and	can be read by others
		sounds	a capital letter and		spelt phonetically	compound words	
-	To write initial		end with a full stop	To spell words using		which are spelt	
	sounds	To begin to write		taught sounds	To begin to use capital	phonetically	
		captions using	To spell words using		letters at the start of a		
-	To begin to write	taught sounds	taught sounds	To spell some taught	sentence	To write sentences	
	CVC words using			tricky words correctly		using a capital letter,	
1	taught sounds		To spell some		To use finger spaces	finger spaces and full	
			taught tricky words	To begin to write own	and full stops when	stop	
			correctly	stories	writing a sentence		
						To spell some taught	
			To begin to write		To spell some taught	tricky words correctly	
			own stories		tricky words correctly		
						To read their work	
					To begin to read their	back and check it	
					work back	makes sense	
					To begin to write own	To begin to write own	
					•	stories	



				Maths			
Skill							ELG
Number	To recognise numbers 1-3	To recognise numbers 1-5	To recognise numbers 0-8	To recognise numbers 0-10	To recognise numbers to 20	To solve simple number problems	Have a deep understandi of number to 10, includin the composition of each
	To begin to subitise to 3 To find one more of numbers to 3	to 5 To find one more of numbers to 5	To find one more of numbers to 8	composition of 9 and 10 To practise number	To explore how to make numbers above	To recap the composition of each number to 10 To know addition and	number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or othe
	To find one less of numbers to 3	To find one less of numbers to 5	To find one less of numbers to 8 To explore the	To know addition	ten using tens and ones To match the number	subtraction facts to 10 To know doubling	aids) number bonds up to (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including
	To explore the composition of 2 and 3	composition of 4 and 5	composition of 6, 7 and 8 To match the	To find one more of numbers to 10	to quantity	facts	doubling facts.
			number to quantity	To find one less of numbers to 10			
				To estimate a number of objects			
Numerical Patterns	To say which group has more	To recognise 0-5 To compare	To begin to know number bonds to 5	To count to 20 To compare	To know number bonds to 10	beginning to count	Verbally count beyond 2 recognising the pattern of the counting system.
	To say which group has less		To recognise 0-10 To count to 15		To count to 25 To add numbers	To know that 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are odd	Compare quantities up t 10 in different contexts, recognising when one
	To compare quantities to 3	and unequal groups		even numbers /doubling/counting in 2s		To know that 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 are even	quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Explo and represent patterns
	To count to 5		To compare quantities to 8		To find the missing number	To double numbers	within numbers up to 10, including evens and odd double facts and how



	Τ		To make pairs To combine two groups of objects	10 To combine two groups of objects To take away objects and count how many are left To find the missing number	To order numbers e.g. 13, 15, 19 To find the missing number in an addition and subtraction sentence problems	numbers up to 10 To share quantities equally To combine groups of 2s, 5s and 10s, looking at patterns	quantities can be distributed equally
Shape, Space and Measure	capacity, length, height, size. To finish a repeating pattern of 2 objects or colours	name circles and triangles – 2D shapes To recognise shapes with 4 sides	To explore meaning of mass and compare with different objects using cubes To understand the meaning of capacity	some 3D shapes To explain why 3D shapes are different to 2D shapes	To use positional and directional language correctly To begin to explore symmetry and rotation	construct an object, considering space, shape and measure	There are no early learning goals that directly relate to shape, space and measure objectives. However, children will have experienced rich opportunities to develop their spatial reasoning skills in shape, space and measure



Understanding the World									
Skill							ELG		
Past and Present	own life-story To know how I have changed Begin to explore new vocabulary	past To know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on experiences and what has been read in class Begin to explore new vocabulary	around us. To know that the emergency services exist and what they do. To know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on experiences and	encountered in books read in class and storytelling To compare and contrast the past and present Begin to explore new vocabulary	characters and events encountered in books read in class and story telling Begin to explore new vocabulary and use it in context	To know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on experiences and what has been read in class Begin to explore new vocabulary and use it in context	Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now drawing on their experience and what has been read in class. Understand the past		
People, Culture and Communities	family structures and talk about who is part of their family To identify similarities and differences	To talk about how Hindus celebrate Diwali To talk about the Christmas Story and how it is celebrated within our own families/traditions	To know about people who help us within the local	To know that Christians around the world celebrate Easter. Begin to explore new vocabulary	To know that people in other countries may speak different languages/have different traditions and customs To talk about similarities and differences between our local community/environment	Begin to explore new vocabulary and use it in context	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction, texts and maps. Know some similarities and difference between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their		



	To know the name of the village the school is in.	To know that people around the world have different religions Begin to explore new vocabulary			Begin to explore new vocabulary and use it in context		been read in class. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (where appropriate) maps.
The Natural	To ask questions about the natural				To observe the growth of seeds and talk about changes	To know about and recognise the signs of Summer	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and
	environments Begin to explore new vocabulary	animals are nocturnal To know about features of the world and Earth Begin to explore new vocabulary	important processes and changes in the natural world	and animals To know that some animals are nocturnal To plant seeds	To know about features of my own immediate environment and how	To know that some things in the world are man-made and some things are natural To harvest grown fruit and vegetables To know some important processes and changes in the natural world	plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them including the season and changing states of matter.



			To know that some animals hibernate Begin to explore new vocabulary		Begin to explore new vocabulary and use in context	including states of matter Begin to explore new vocabulary and use in context	
Technology	toys such as IWB, iPads, toys with knobs, pulleys and buttons To learn about e- safety	operate simple equipment To draw pictures on IWB and begin to change colours To use the iPad to take pictures To learn about e-		programmes To learn about e- safety	To use Seesaw to add their own observations to their learning journey – taking pictures, adding text and saving To explore how a Bee- Bot works To use the internet with adult supervision to find and retrieve information To be able to explain why e-safety is important	To begin to give reasons why we need to stay safe online and how they would stay safe To use the BeeBots and program them to go forwards and backwards	There are no early learning goals that directly relate to computing objectives, though it is still expected that children will be introduced to appropriate technology and use it within their provision.
MFL				family in other countries and what language they speak To repeat modelled words and phrases:	To count to 10 in French To learn relevant words linked to children's interests To say my name is in French/German/etc/ Je m'appelle	To count to 10 in French To learn relevant words linked to children's interests when appropriate To answer simple questions: "What is your name? How are you?" in French/German/etc	



Skill							ELG
	To name colours	To use colours for a	To experiment with	To share creations	To know which prime	To know some	Safely use and explore a
Creating with		particular purpose	different mark	and talk about the	colours you mix	similarities and	variety of materials tools
Materials	To experiment with		making tools such	process	together to make	differences between	and techniques,
	mixing colours	To share their	as art pencils,		secondary colours	materials	experimenting with colou
		creations	pastels, chalk	To explore different			design, texture, form and function. Share their
	To create simple				To plan what they are	To learn about and	creations, explaining the
	representations of	To explore different	To explore different	materials (Glue Stick,	going to make	compare artists	process they have used.
	people and objects	techniques for	techniques for	PVA, Masking Tape,	(cooking, drawing,	(Janet Bell and Henri	Make use of props and
		joining materials	joining materials	Tape, split pins)	construction, junk	Matisse)	materials when role playi
	To draw and colour	(Glue Stick, PVA,	(Glue Stick, PVA,		modelling)		characters in narratives
	with pencils and	stapler, hole punch)	Masking Tape,	To begin to explore,		To explore, use and	and stories.
	crayons		Tape), making a	use and refine a	To draw more detailed	refine a variety of	
		To know how to	moving part	variety of artistic	pictures of people and	artistic effects to	
	To role play using	work safely and		effects	objects	express their ideas	
	given props and	hygienically	To know how to			and feeling	
	costumes		'		To manipulate	indepently	
		To use range of	hygienically	thread to create	materials		
	To explore different	measures (spoons,		simple stitches		To share creations,	
	techniques for	cups)	To use range of		To create observationa	talk about process	
	joining materials		measures (spoons,	To make props and	drawings	and evaluate their	
		To use some	cups)	costumes for		work	
	To know how to	cooking techniques		different role play	To know how to work		
	work safely and	and work safely and	To use some	scenarios	safely and hygienically	To adapt work where	
	hygienically	hygienically	cooking techniques			necessary	
	To use a range of		(spreading, cutting,	To know how to work	To use a range of		
	measures (spoons,		threading, coring,	safely and	measures (spoons,		
	cups)		mixing)	hygienically	cups)		
	To use some		To use tools to cut	To use some cooking	To use some cooking		
	cooking techniques		and join wood	techniques	techniques (spreading,		
	(spreading, cutting)			(spreading, cutting,	cutting, threading,		



			To know the names of tools	threading, mixing, grating)	mixing, grating, adding flavours)		
	To sing and perform	To perform a	To join in with	To join in with whole	,	To listen to poems	Invent, adapt and recount
Being Imaginative and	nursery rhymes	dance/ song in the	whole school singing assemblies		music	and begin to create their own	narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.
	different instruments and their sounds To talk about whether the like or	To join in whole school Carol Concert To pitch match To	To create musical patterns using untuned instruments To begin to create costumes and		school singing assemblies	To join in with whole school singing assemblies To create own compositions using instruments	Sing a range of well know nursery rhymes and songs. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music.
	To create musical patterns using body percussion	sing the melodic shape of familiar songs To begin to build up a repertoire of	resources for role play		stories To follow a musical pattern to play tuned instruments	To invent their own narratives, making costumes and resources	
	and resources to act out narratives	songs To sing entire songs To use costumes and resources to act out narratives			To create own narratives based around stories read aloud in class		