



Areas of Learning and Development

At St Clement Danes, Early Years practitioners teach children by providing rich, challenging and playful learning opportunities across the 7 Areas of Learning and Development:

Prime Areas of Learning & Development	Personal, Social and Emotional Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Making relationships</i> - <i>Self-confidence and self-awareness</i> - <i>Managing feelings and behaviour</i> 	Children are helped to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups; and to have confidence in their own abilities
	Physical Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Moving and handling</i> - <i>Health and self-care</i> 	Children are given opportunities to be active and interactive; and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement. Children are helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food
	Communication and Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Listening and attention</i> - <i>Understanding</i> - <i>Speaking</i> 	Children are given opportunities to experience a rich language environment; to develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves; and to speak and listen in a range of situations
Specific Areas of Learning & Development	Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Reading</i> - <i>Writing</i> 	Children are encouraged to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children are given access to a wide range of reading materials (books, poems, and other written materials) to ignite their interest
	Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Numbers</i> - <i>Shape, space and measures</i> 	Children are provided with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe and explore shapes, spaces, and measure
	Understanding the World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>People and communities</i> - <i>The World</i> - <i>Technology</i> 	Children are helped to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment
	Expressive Arts and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Exploring and using media and materials</i> - <i>Being imaginative</i> 	Children are enabled to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as being given opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play, and design and technology