

Foundation Stage - Open morning

What is foundation stage?

The early years foundation stage (EYFS) sets standards for the learning, development and care of your child from birth to 5 years old.

Foundations are the underlying basis and principles. They are the skills your children need in order to help them to thrive throughout their education.

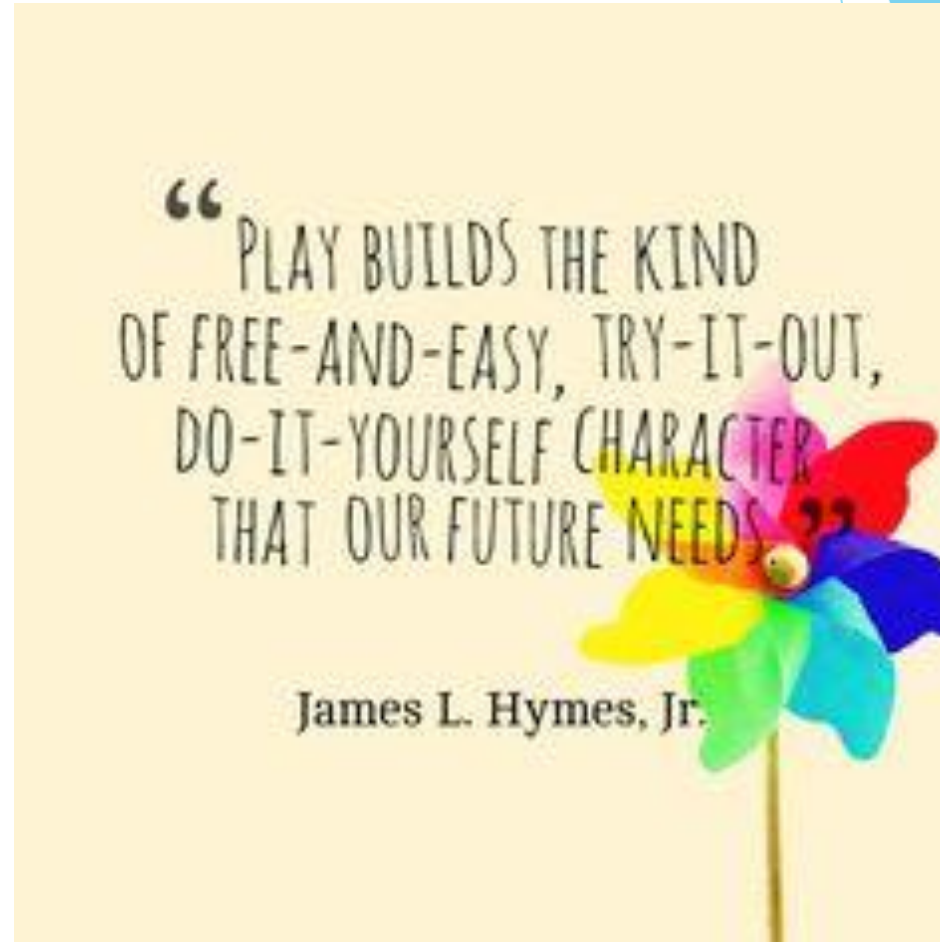
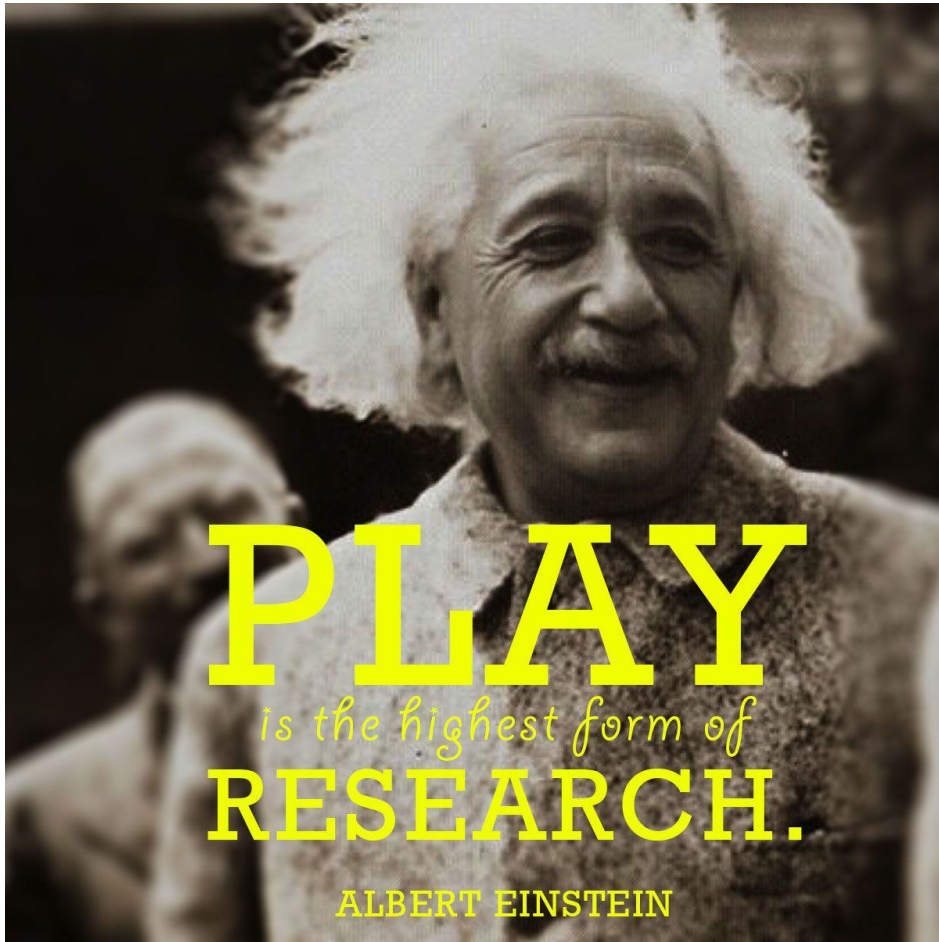
Therefore this meeting is to help you understand what that looks like and inform you about how you can help :)

Benefits of Involving parents and carers

- ▶ Parents and carers are the first and most important educators of children. There are many benefits of involving them fully in the education of their children and the wider life of the nursery and school.
- ▶ Involving parents and carers in nursery increases the likelihood of this involvement continuing throughout their child's educational journey.
- ▶ Parents and carers who are aware of the activities and routines that children experience at nursery and school are able to use them at home to reinforce learning and support their child's development.
- ▶ Research shows that by involving parents and carers, children's achievement, attainment and attendance improve. Moreover, their involvement impacts positively on children's self-esteem and motivation to learn.

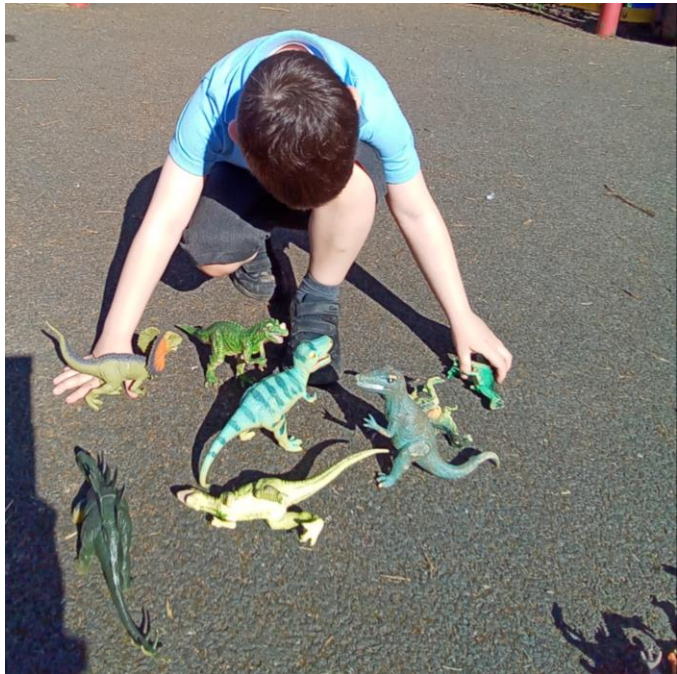
- ▶ Thank you - Class emails

What is play?



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- ▶ Play can be any activity that is with toys or imaginary that is:
- ▶ Interesting for them.
- ▶ Chosen by them
- ▶ Fun for them
- ▶ Something that they want to do



Why should children play?

▶ Play is **essential** for developing - simple as that!!

- Cognitive skills
- Social interaction
- Physical skills
- Imagination
- Creativity
- Emotional regulation
- Communication skills- learning of new and a wider vocabulary
- Resilience
- Well being



How can you help to support your child's learning through play?

- ▶ In most households it happens all of the time, even as adults we all know life would be no fun if it was 'all work and no play'.
- ▶ Often that play can be children playing solely, with siblings, friends, family, pets, parents. It is important where we can to ensure our children have a balance of having others to play with as well.
- ▶ Our role in school as adults is to enhance that play. E.g. Sand tray - animals
- ▶ Value play as a valid form of learning.
- ▶ Talk to your child about what they enjoy playing with at nursery or school.
- ▶ Spend time playing with your child at home following their interests.
- ▶ Extend your child's learning through quality interactions (questions, comments, wondering out loud, modelling language).

Types of play

- ▶ Child-initiated play is a style of play where the activities are directed by children. Like Free Play in Early Years, it gives children the freedom to choose what they play with, as well as how and when they do so.
- ▶ Adult Led play is the type of play where the adult plans, organises and shows or tells the children what they need to do. Examples of adult-led play include playing musical games such as 'Hokey Cokey', cooking or gardening with children. The adult tells children what to do and how to play.
- ▶ Child-led play is play where the activities may start out as an adult initiated activity - however by allowing the child space and time; the child may extend the resources and ideas given to create their own experience.

Does anyone have any questions?

- ▶ If you would prefer to ask a bit later please just ask any of us at any point during the morning?
- ▶ Class 2
- ▶ Class 3
- ▶ Nursery
- ▶ Outdoor area

- ▶ Feedback





Let them be kids...

Let them be kids for longer.
Let their worlds revolve around Peppa and Paw Patrol.
Let their biggest decision be what they have for lunch.
Let their thoughts be light and unserious.
Let them snuggle into bed without a care in the world.
Let their only worry be having to share.
Let them think their family are pure magic.
Let them laugh so loud their little cheeks ache.
Let them wake early, so eager for another day.
Let them fall asleep in the car and be carried into bed.

Children these days grow up so fast.
They act like mini adults so early.
Your childhood sets you up for life.
Let's let them be young and care free.
Let's find our inner child and watch in awe...

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