



## FSU Curriculum Overview

The Foundation Stage is divided into seven areas of learning, three of these are called the 'Prime Areas' (PSED, Physical Development and Communication and Language) which Nursery (FS1) focus on predominately. The other four areas are the 'Specific Areas' (Literacy, Maths, Understanding of the World and Creative Arts).

Each term the FSU (Foundation Stage Unit) start off with an overarching theme. At the end of each week all teaching staff sit with all the children to talk about what they would like to learn about the following week. The teachers then plan the children's ideas and questions, along with their ideas, into the seven areas. Topics so far have been Superheroes, Nursery Rhymes, Around the World and Fairy Tales.

Some of the questions that have been asked and discussed are:

*What celebrations are there? (Diwali)*

*How high do they fly? (Planes)*

*Do they have rivers in India?*

*Where do The Three Little Pigs go for their walk?*

*Who is Jack? (Jack and the Beanstalk)*

Phonics is taught daily across our FSU. The children are grouped according to their ability. Nursery (FS1) children typically work on Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds with the more able working on Phase 2. Children in Reception (FS2) work on Phase 2, 3 and 4.

