



Welcome to
Kennet Valley
Primary School

Our vision

For the children to feel settled and valued to enable them to learn, develop and reach their full potential.



What is FS2?

FS2 stands for Foundation Stage 2, the transition between Nursery and Year 1 where they are taught a more formal approach to learning.

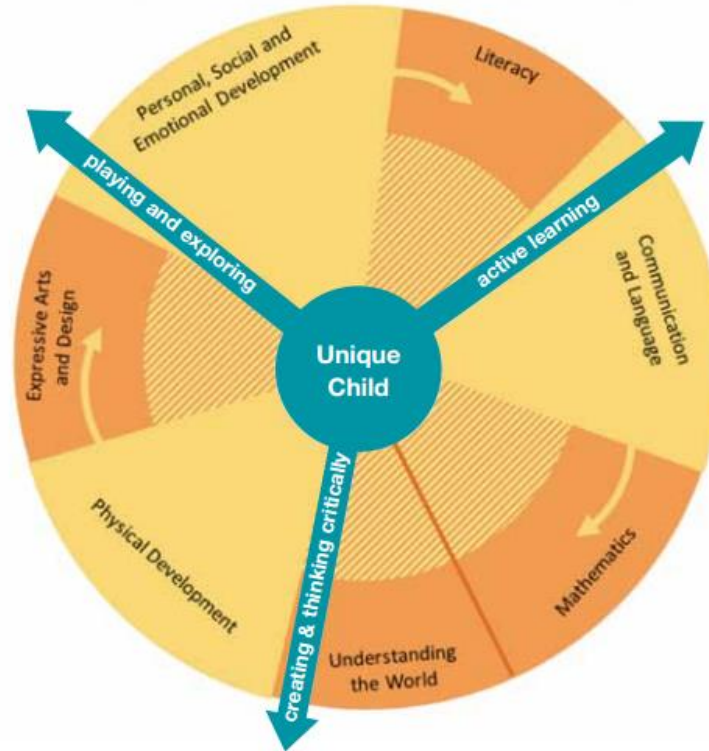
FS2 is known as Reception class at Kennet Valley.

During this year we will be:

- Developing independence
- Developing personal skills through play-based learning
- Aiming to get everyone excited to come to school
- Building resilient learners - taking risks, making mistakes and learning from them.
- Learning new skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through the 7 areas of learning and development.

The 7 areas of Learning and Development

The **Prime** areas are particularly important for building a foundation for igniting children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, forming relationships and thriving



The **Specific** areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society. Through these the prime areas are strengthened and applied



Children relate to the people and things around them through the characteristics of effective learning which include:

- ✓ Playing & exploring (engagement)
- ✓ Active learning (motivation)
- ✓ Creating & thinking critically (thinking)

Kennet Valley Curriculum



Our teaching practice and curriculum are based on 4 principles of EYFS.

- **Our complete EYFS curriculum can be found on our school website**
- **On our website you will also find Kennet Valley's personal curriculum goals we would like all children to achieve by the end of Reception year.**

<https://www.kennetvalley.w-berks.sch.uk/Parents/EYFS-Starters/>

How can you help?

Working in partnership with parents is a crucial part of the Foundation Stage and the staff are keen to work with you to support your child's learning and development.



- Partnership with the school
- Reading at home daily
- Labelling everything
- Parent's evening Oct and Mar
- Be punctual 8.40am - 3.15pm
- Complete homework
- Preparing your child to be school ready



School Readiness



More information can be
found on website
<https://startingreception.co.uk>

School Readiness



- I can open my packed lunch box and eat independently
- I can use a knife and fork
- I can sit at a table when I eat
- I have practised getting my uniform on and being ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I get enough sleep
- I am making sure I have breakfast before I leave for school



School Readiness



- I am able to sit and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I am understood when I talk
- I am able to talk about myself, my thoughts and feelings
- I enjoy interacting with others
- I enjoy sharing stories



School Readiness



- I am able to use the toilet independently
- I can wash my hands
- I can get dressed and undressed
- I can move around confidently (walk, run, jump)
- I have good muscle control in my arms, hands and fingers
- I have good balance
- I am confident within climbing, jumping, and running



School Readiness



- I am able to share with others
- I am able to take turns
- I am good at making friends with others
- I enjoy interacting and playing with others



School Readiness



- I am confident being away from my mummy, daddy or main carer
- I am able to identify how I feel and share it with others
- I am willing to have a go at new activities
- I keep trying when I find things difficult
- I know who to ask for help if I'm unsure



How to help over the summer

- Practise dressing and undressing by themselves
- Basic hygiene skills such as toileting, washing hands and using a tissue
- Practise eating with a knife and fork
- Recognising their name
- Practise tidying away toys
- Practise sharing
- Lots and lots of chatting, talking, singing, nursery rhymes and bedtime stories with your child.
- Lots of counting and spotting numbers. Through games, counting whilst out and about or around the house.
- Talking positively about starting school!

Thank you
for reading!

