

EYFS Early Learning Goals Exceeding Statements: Parent and Carers Guide

The Exceeding descriptors as detailed below are used to describe attainment beyond the expected levels at the end of a child's Reception year.

Area of Learning	Aspect	Early Learning Goals
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	Making Relationships	Children play group games with rules. They understand someone else's point of view can be different from theirs. They resolve minor disagreements through listening to each other to come up with a fair solution. They understand what bullying is and that this is unacceptable behaviour.
	Self-Confidence and Self-Awareness	Children are confident speaking to a class group. They can talk about the things they enjoy, and are good at, and about the things they do not find easy. They are resourceful in finding support when they need help or information. They can talk about the plans they have made to carry out activities and what they might change if they were to repeat them.
	Managing Feelings and Behaviour	Children know some ways to manage their feelings and are beginning to use these to maintain control. They can listen to each other's suggestions and plan how to achieve an outcome without adult help. They know when and how to stand up for themselves appropriately. They can stop and think before acting and they can wait for things they want.
Communication and Language (C&L)	Listening and Attention	Children listen to instructions and follow them accurately, asking for clarification if necessary. They listen attentively with sustained concentration to follow a story without pictures or props. They can listen in a larger group, for example, at assembly.
	Understanding	After listening to stories, children can express views about events or characters in the story and answer questions about why things happened. They can carry out instructions which contain several parts in a sequence.
	Speaking	Children show some awareness of the listener by making changes to language and non-verbal features. They recount experiences and imagine possibilities, often connecting ideas. They use a range of vocabulary in imaginative ways to add information, express ideas or to explain or justify actions or events.
Physical Development (PD)	Moving and Handling	Children can hop confidently and skip in time to music. They hold paper in position and use their preferred hand for writing, using a correct pencil grip. They are beginning to be able to write on lines and control letter size.
	Health and Self-Care	Children know about, and can make healthy choices in relation to, healthy eating and exercise. They can dress and undress independently, successfully managing fastening buttons or laces.
Literacy (L)	Reading	Children can read phonically regular words of more than one syllable as well as many irregular high frequency words. They use phonic, semantic and syntactic knowledge to understand unfamiliar vocabulary. They can describe the main events in simple stories they have read.
	Writing	Children can spell phonically regular words of more than one syllable, as well as many irregular high frequency words. They use key features of narrative in their own writing.
Maths (M)	Number	Children estimate a number of objects and check quantities by counting up to 20. They solve practical problems that involve combining groups of 2, 5 or 10, or sharing into equal groups.
	Shape, Space and Measure	Children estimate, measure, weigh, compare and order objects and talk about properties, position and time.

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The Early Learning Goals (ELGs) are the goals or targets children are expected to achieve at the end of their Reception year. They will be working towards these goals throughout the Early Years Foundation Stage. There are 17 ELGs across all the areas of learning as shown below

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Understanding the World (UttW)	People and Communities	Children know the difference between past and present events in their own lives and some reasons why people's lives were different in the past. They know that other children have different likes and dislikes and that they may be good at different things. They understand that different people have different beliefs, attitudes, customs and traditions and why it is important to treat them with respect.
	The World	Children know that the environment and living things are influenced by human activity. They can describe some actions which people in their own community do that help to maintain the area they live in. They know the properties of some materials and can suggest some of the purposes they are used for. They are familiar with basic scientific concepts such as floating, sinking and experimentation.
	Technology	Children find out about and use a range of everyday technology. They select appropriate applications that support an identified need, for example, in deciding how best to make a record of a special event in their lives, such as a journey on a steam train.
Expressive Arts and Design (E&D)	Exploring and Using Media and Materials	Children develop their own ideas through selecting and using materials and working on processes that interest them. Through their explorations they find out and make decisions about how media and materials can be combined and changed.
	Being Imaginative	Children talk about the ideas and processes which have led them to make music, designs, images or products. They can talk about features of their own and others' work, recognising the differences between them and the strengths of others.