Reception planning

The Early Years curriculum consists of the following areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language	Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
Personal, social and emotional development is all about building relationships, children's confidence and self-regulation. We teach this everyday in our interactions and modelling with the children and adults.	Everyday the children start the day with busy fingers activities which help to strengthen their fine motor skills. Reception children take part in weekly PE lessons. The indoor and outdoor environment is set up to continuously support children's gross and fine motor skills.	In Early years at Commonswood we implement Talk4Writing. During our main carpet session, we learn a story over four weeks. During these four weeks, we retell the story verbally and using actions, we learn the meanings of different words from the story, sing rhymes and songs linked to the story and in the last week, we change aspects of the story to create our own version. This helps to broaden our imaginations and encourages us to create and tell our own stories. Once the children feel confident to do this, they begin to draw their stories, and in Reception write their own stories.		The mathematical concepts that are introduced in Reception are carefully planned and taught to respond to children's understanding of mathematical concepts. We will let you know on a weekly basis what is being taught in maths so you can support at home.	We explore different topics throughout the year. These topics are chosen based on the children's interests. They may also link to our Talk4Writing text as we discover new and interesting things from our stories.	We experiment with different colours, materials and textures. The skills we teach respond to what the children are interested in and how we can help develop these skills. Being imaginative is also part of our curriculum and this is supported by Talk4Writing.

Talk 4 Writing overview