

Cultural Capital in the Early Years

Cultural Capital is all about providing children with experiences and opportunities to help them progress and achieve success as an active participant in the society of 21st century Britain. By creating a rich and varied EYFS curriculum that offers diverse, engaging activities, all children can be supported to achieve their potential.

When children start with us in Reception, they already have a variety of different experiences. Cultural Capital is about celebrating and building on these early experiences and providing other new opportunities to be curious, explore, try new things and experience awe and wonder.

Throughout the induction process, we find out via parents/carers/previous setting what experiences their children have already had.

How we build our children's cultural capital

Examples on how we build our children's cultural capital include:

- Role plays based on a new experience
- Exploring and describing new materials in experiments
- Exploring new musical instruments, music, songs and rhymes from different cultures
- Celebrating festivals and cultural events such as Diwali and sporting events
- Giving the children the chance to share new activities they do with their families
- Writing a letter together and taking it to the post box to send it
- Visits from community figures
- Opportunities to handle food and cook
- Curiosity cubes with lots of real objects for children to investigate
- Real-life experiences of wildlife and observing changes. Hatching our own butterflies and watching tadpoles turn into frogs

This is not an exhaustive list, we endeavour to follow our children's interests and adapt where necessary.