The 17 early learning goals at a glance

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Prime areas

Communication and language

- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking

Personal, social and emotional development

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

Physical development

- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills

Specific areas

Literacy

- Comprehension
- Word Reading
- Writing

Mathematics

- Number
- Numerical Patterns

Understanding the world

- Past and Present
- People, Culture and Communities
- The Natural World

Expressive arts and design

- Creating with Materials
- Being Imaginative and Expressive

At the end of Reception, teachers judge each goal as “expected” or “emerging”. The goals are not a curriculum.