EYFS Continuous Provision in Reception: CONSTRUCTION						
EYFS Principles into Practice				By RG		
I. A Unique Child 2. Positive Relation		hips	3. Enabling Environments	4. Learning & Development F		
Every child is a competent learner from birth who can be Children learn		Children learn to be	strong and independent from a base of	The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending	Children develop and learn in different ways and at a	
resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.		loving and secure relationships with parents and/or a key		children's development and learning.	rates and all areas of Learning and Development are equi	
persona		person.			important and inter-connected.	
Key Learning Objectives Linked To Early Learning Goals						
Personal, Social & Emotional	Communication & Language		Mathematics	Knowledge of the World	Personal	Expressive Arts & Design
Development					Development	
Children Learning To						
Select and use activities and resources	Use language to imagine & recreate		Recognise, count, order, write and use	Ask questions about why things happen, how things work and	Develop fine	Capture & represent experiences in a
independently.	roles & experiences.		numbers (to 20+).	observe similarities, differences pattern and change.	motor control and	variety of media/materials.
Take turns and share fairly.	Interact with others, negotiating plans,		Use developing mathematical ideas and	Investigate objects and materials & talk about features, likes	co-ordination.	Explore colour, shape, texture, form &
Be interested, motivated and excited to	activities & taking turns in conversation.		methods to solve problems.	and dislikes.	Handle equipment,	space in 2 or 3 dimensions.
learn.	Use talk to organise & clarify thinking &		Use the vocabulary of addition &	Build & construct with a wide range of objects.	tools, objects,	Use imagination in imaginative & role
Maintain attention and concentrate.	explore vocabulary.		subtraction.	Select appropriate resources, tools & techniques for activities.	construction &	play and design & making.
Understand that all people have different	Retell stories and narratives.		Sort, match & describe sets.	Revise, adapt & evaluate work.	malleable	Express & communicate ideas &
needs, views, feelings, cultures and	Begin to write captions and simple		Recognise, make, recreate, continue &		materials safely &	thoughts in a range of contexts.
beliefs to be treated with respect and	sentences (using known works and		talk about pattern.		with control.	Sing simple songs from memory, E.g.

Children Learning By...

learning from others.

learned about.

and actions.

- designing and making to solve a problem or challenge
- using a range of construction kits to make a range of models
- following pictorial instructions to make a model
- using their imagination and creative thinking skills to design and make
- * choosing appropriately from a wide range of materials, skills and construction techniques

linking sounds and letters) to write labels.

- * measuring to fit, cutting and sticking/fixing in different ways
- * representing from experience, stories and imagination and making links in their learning
- developing finishing and aesthetic skills

Be confident to try new activities, initiate

Consider the consequences of their words

ideas and speak in a familiar group,

- * making signs and notices about their constructions (including to peers and adults to leave)
- * using a range of tools appropriately and with awareness of health and safety
- ❖ working as part of a group in co-operation
- talking, regotiating and explaining to others
- * making plans, preparation and evaluations of their work (recording includes photos/video)
- developing sensitivity and critical skills in evaluating others work
- * establishing success criteria and reporting back/demonstrating/explaining activity
- having a sense of purpose and pride
- * making judgements and modifying their work as appropriate
- * looking after resources, tidying up and storing independently according to labels etc
- sharing resources, taking turns (numbers as signposted) and making independent choices
- engaging in role play and using powered toys and dressing up clothes to enhance play

Organisation...

Use everyday words to describe position.

Use language to describe size, quantity

& shape.

There is a dedicated block play construction area, a set of wooden blocks (in marked storage baskets), hard hats and writing materials. The area is big enough to be accessed by 2 children comfortably and is sign posted as such. Children are supported in using the area safely and maintaining the area tidily. There is always a construction activity available in the outside area and other construction resources inside. Each week different resources are provided to extend children's thinking and learning through their play. For example adults may suggest building a bridge/trap for the 3 Billy Goats Gruff and provide story telling resources. This stimulus will usually remain for I week in order to allow children to repeat the activities, with their own or adult nudged extension. Also children know they will get opportunities to access the activity throughout the week and don't need to 'jostle for position' to access it. It is always accepted that children may request specific equipment from our storage boxes to be provided as and when appropriate and some small construction sets are always available in class baskets.

Key vocabulary...

❖ Join/fix

Know how to keep

safe & healthy.

'How many people live in your house?'

Respond in a variety of ways to what

they see, hear, smell, touch and feel (as

appropriate).

- Design/plan
- ❖ Build/ make/construct
- * Balance/ connect
- Float/sink
- Fixings/screws/nails
- · Glue/elastic/tape
- Sew/ weave/tie
- Nuts & bolts
- Strong/Support
- Overlap/Struts/Span
- Wheels/axles
- * Explore/investigate
- Test/check/modify
- Purpose
- Extend/evaluate
- Successful
- Improvements
- On/under/over/behind /next to/in
- Longer/shorter/lighter