



Background

Montessori is an approach to early education that focuses on the immense capacity of children to absorb information when given the freedom and independence to learn at their own pace. It takes its name from Dr. Maria Montessori whose scientific background and belief in the potential and uniqueness of children empowered her to develop an educational approach that appreciates how children's thought processes differ from those of adults. What makes it work so well is that it is based on a deep understanding of the way children learn - **through choosing, trying and doing themselves**. When allied to the availability of specially developed materials in a prepared environment, and the close observation and guidance of a trained Montessori teacher, this leads to an enormously powerful, confidence-building approach to learning.

(Montessori St. Nicholas Reach Magazine)



Montessori & the EYFS

At Aldersbrook Primary School, we are able to integrate the Montessori philosophy into all areas of our Early Years Curriculum.

The Montessori approach shares the underlying principles of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

We acknowledge that every child is **unique**; That children learn to be strong and independent through **positive relationships**; That they learn and develop well in **enabling environments** and that they develop and learn in different ways and at different rates.

We carefully plan our curriculum through the seven areas of learning **Communication & Language; Physical Development; Personal Social & Emotional; Literacy; Mathematics, Expressive Arts & Design and Understanding the World**.



Our staff

EYFS Leader: Miss Newman


Teaching Staff
Miss Schofield
Mrs Sharif

Instructor
Miss Patel


Nursery Nurse
Miss Nickals
Miss Young

Learning Support Assistant
Miss Palmer

The EYFS staff are all accredited Montessori teachers or are in the process of getting this accreditation.



Our classroom
environments



The Montessori
approach in our EYFS



Inside the Montessori
classroom—
Information for parents

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