

Curdworth Primary School



Policy for Structure of the Class for Reception/Year 1

At Curdworth Primary School we encourage children to be confident, articulate, happy and healthy. We aim to encourage each child to fulfil his or her all round individual potential, in a safe environment. We seek to inspire every pupil to be a highly motivated, independent learner, who actively participates in a balanced, relevant and well-matched curriculum, which affords equal opportunities and celebrates diversity. We strive for high standards of self-discipline and actively promote consideration for others, the community and the environment.

The children that remain in the Reception/Year 1 class are those children that will benefit from a less formal, practical learning environment as opposed to the structured routine of Year 1/2 class.

Each year we focus on the individual needs of the children and take into account a number of factors to determine which class would best suit each child such as:

- The end of year Good Level of Development (GLD) which takes into account children's achievement in the Prime Areas, Maths and Literacy
- The maturity of the child
- The abilities of other children in Year 1
- The number of children in Year 1 and Year 2 (Infant class sizes can be no more than 30 children per class by law, so at Curdworth Primary School Year 1 children will be placed in either the Reception/Year 1 class or the Year 1/2 class)
- Children's date of birth
- Social and emotional development

The Year 1 children that will remain in the Reception/Year 1 class will receive a curriculum that suits their needs. They will continue to work on those early learning goals that have not been achieved (where applicable) before moving onto the Year 1 National Curriculum.

The Year 1 children in the Reception/Year 1 class will benefit from working in a small Year 1 group with more focused adult support.

All Year 1 children from both classes will come together to work for a variety of activities such as:

- Daily phonics sessions
- Sporting events
- School trips