

The Nursery Curriculum covers 7 main areas as well as Islamic Studies:

- 1 Islamic Studies
- 2 Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- 3 Communication and Language
- 4 Literacy
- 5 Mathematics
- 6 Understanding of the World
- 7 Physical Development
- 8 Expressive art and design

The curriculum is divided into 'Prime areas' and 'Specific areas'.

The Prime areas are **Personal, Social & Emotional Development**, **Communication and Language** and **Physical Development**. The Specific areas are literacy, maths, understanding of the world and expressive art and design

The School policy is to ensure that Islam permeates all of the subjects taught, both the traditionally 'religious' subjects as well as the Foundation Curriculum; an approach which has drawn admiration and approval from OFSTED inspectors who have visited the School.

The staff ensure that all children have equal access to all aspects of the curriculum by providing a child centred approach to planning. This is then implemented through child-led activities. Learning through play and hands on activities are actively encouraged and consolidated through constructive interactions by adults.

Several activities are organised for the children to enrich their experience at Al Risalah Nursery including walks in the local area, inviting visitors such as the police, fire brigade and health care professionals. A jungle bus is booked in the spring term for the children to enjoy physical play. An end of year trip is organised for the children to venture further afield. Trips have included Central mosque, Regent's Park, London Zoo, LEGOLAND, Hobbledown farm, Science Museum and Littlehampton.

Al Risalah Nursery recognises that Parents are the primary educators of their children and we endeavour to support them by running several events to encourage this. This includes Curriculum workshops, parents' forum, social evening, family days and of course parents are encouraged to contribute to their children's profiles by carrying out joint observations with the key workers.

The School is registered with the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF). We had three very positive OFSTED inspections for the Nursery and Reception classes in 1996, 1999 and 2004. The School is also a member of the Association of Muslim Schools in the UK (AMSUK). The AMSUK has played a significant role in co-ordinating activities among Islamic Schools and has built bridges for liaison among them. The management of the School is run by a Board of Governors and is funded by Early Years Grant and fees of £150 per annum for Islamic Education.