



Rationale for the Curiosity Approach in EYFS:

At Goldsmith Primary Academy, we believe that every child is naturally curious, capable, and full of potential. The Curiosity Approach places children's wonder, exploration, and intrinsic motivation at the heart of their learning. It is a philosophy that empowers children to investigate, ask questions, and make sense of the world through meaningful, child-led experiences.

Our EYFS provision is carefully designed to support the holistic development of every child across the seven areas of learning. Using natural, open-ended resources and thoughtfully curated environments, we create spaces where children can engage their senses, develop creativity, and explore both independently and collaboratively. Adults act as facilitators of learning, observing children's interests, extending their understanding through purposeful interactions, and capturing significant milestones in individual learning journals that celebrate each unique journey.

Alongside the Curiosity Approach, we explicitly teach foundation skills and knowledge through teacher-led sessions, small group work, and one-to-one activities, ensuring that children receive the structure, guidance, and support needed to thrive.

The Curiosity Approach comes to life through our continuous provision. Each area of learning is carefully resourced to inspire curiosity, problem-solving, and independence. Natural, open-ended materials encourage experimentation and creativity, while carefully planned provocations respond to children's emerging interests. The environment acts as a 'third teacher', offering endless opportunities for exploration, investigation, and discovery. Through this model, children are empowered to take ownership of their learning, follow their fascinations, and develop confidence in expressing their ideas.

The Curiosity Approach aligns closely with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework, nurturing confidence, resilience, and a lifelong love of learning. Children develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills through exploration and play, while building strong social and emotional foundations.

By prioritising awe, wonder, and discovery, we create an EYFS environment where curiosity is celebrated, learning is joyful and meaningful, and every child is empowered to flourish to their full potential.



Our EYFS Vision:

*We see every child as unique, capable, and full of potential.
Through safe, calm, and curiosity-rich environments, we nurture
each child's individual interests, needs, and fascinations.*

*Our aim is for every child to grow as a confident, creative learner
and a compassionate, responsible citizen, ready to embrace the
world with wonder and high aspirations for the future.*

We Dream. Rise. ASPIRE.