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Welcome to Twinkl Foundation!

This comprehensive package of EYFS planning and assessment materials has been created in accordance with the EYFS Statutory Framework and accompanying Development Matters document. We recognise that practitioners within the EYFS plan and assess to ensure that they meet the individual interests and needs of the children within their setting; therefore Twinkl Foundation has been created to be as adaptable and flexible as possible.

The resources have been developed by experienced early years teachers and produced by our team of creative designers. We are constantly listening to both the needs of EYFS practitioners and new initiatives within early years education. These are incorporated quickly into new resources to aid planning and assessment and the collection is added to daily.

This overview is your guide to Twinkl Foundation and should cover any questions you have. If there is something you need help with then please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Love Twinkl x
An Introduction to Foundation Planning for EYFS

Whether your setting follows a more child-led approach to planning or prefers to guide learning through themes and topics, you will find inspiring and creative ideas to incorporate into your everyday practice.

There is a vast range of different types of plans within Twinkl Foundation to cater for different approaches, from broad ideas to use as inspirational starting points, to more detailed step-by-step planning. All plans are editable, giving ultimate flexibility.

Our planning covers a wide range of themes and stories, so is perfect for providing ideas and inspiration to help follow up on the interests of the children in your setting. Equally, we have a new range of plans which explicitly cover the Early Years Outcomes. These engaging activities can be used in conjunction with ongoing assessment to help meet the individual next steps of the children in your setting.

Bumper Planning Packs

These Bumper Packs pull together a range of the planning materials mentioned in this guide, all in one handy place. They are based on either a theme, story or specific Early Years Outcome.

Adult Input Planning Packs

These packs contain a range of Adult Input Plans which support a particular theme, story or specific Early Years Outcome. Along with these plans, there are also Home Learning Challenges so that learning can be continued at home. The next page provides more details about this specific type of plan:
Adult Input Plans

These plans give ideas for creative and inspiring activities through which adults can spark children's interest, arouse curiosity and provoke further independent learning. They are completely editable so that you can adapt them to meet the needs of your setting and come with accompanying Twinkl resources, where relevant. You can see our range of Adult Input Plans here.

**Date:** This is left blank so that you can add in your own date.

**Key Questions & Vocabulary:** These boxes give suggestions of key vocabulary and questions that could be introduced and explained during the activity.

**Adult Role:** Here the adult role is described in detail in simple, easy to follow steps.

**Ideas for Extension into Continuous Provision:** So that children can continue their learning from this activity independently, here are some ideas for extension activities to use within your continuous provision.

**Opportunities for Observation & Assessment:** Each plan is completely cross curricular and contains details of opportunities for observation and assessment for other areas of learning.

**Activity Adaptation, Next Steps & Evaluation to Inform Future Planning:** These boxes are left blank, giving you the opportunity to add your own content which is personalised to the children in your setting.

**Resources:** Each plan describes resources needed and includes accompanying Twinkl resources where applicable.

**Differentiation/Opportunities for Challenge:** Additional ideas on how you could differentiate the activity or provide extra challenge are detailed here.

**Organisation:** This gives you an indication of where the activity could take place, (e.g. on the carpet or outside), along with the suggested size of group.

**Learning Intention:** We have included a specific learning intention taken from the Early Years Outcomes Document.

**Adult Input Plans**

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**Topic Theme**

**Activity Title**

**Learning Intention:**

Learning that they have similarities and differences that connect them Is, and distinguish them from, others (EYFS: 0-5 YR)

**Key Questions:**

How do people celebrate the EYFS?
What do you think they might be?
What sort of patterns do you think you will make?

**Key Vocabulary:**

EYFS, celebration, festival, hand, pattern, design, swirls, dots, leaves, flowers

**Resources:**

felt tips, card, scissors, **EYFS Resource Pack**

**Opportunities for Observation & Assessment**

- (20-36) Demonstrates agency, initiates conversations and forms good relationships with peers and familiar adults
- (20-36) Shows control in holding and using pens/pencils, scissors and Mark-making tools
- (20-36) Beginning to use three fingers/chopsticks to hold writing tools
- (20-36) Edinburgh sensory shape and patterns are accurate
- (20-36) Rubbings/matching between the different marks they make
- (20-36) Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paints them

**Activity Adaptation**

**Next Steps**

**Evaluation to Inform Future Planning**

All plans are completely editable so that you can adapt them to meet the needs of your setting.
Lesson Plan and Enhancement Ideas
These plans include ideas for activities, as well as indoor and outdoor enhancements, for a particular theme, story or Early Years Outcome. They include ideas for each of the seven areas of the EYFS curriculum. We also have versions of these plans which are in a pack along with all the accompanying Twinkl resources.

Continuous Provision Plans
We have detailed Continuous Provision Plans for every area of an EYFS classroom or setting. Each includes details of relevant Early Years Outcomes, resources, adult extended questions and vocabulary, learning intentions and Characteristics of Effective Learning. There are both poster and editable versions of each. They are also available in packs with accompanying challenge cards.

Discovery Sack Plans
We have a range of Discovery Sacks based on different themes and stories. They contain a collection of resources such as fact cards, book lists and games, along with a handy plan that gives ideas of possible activities.

Planning Templates
A range of different Planning Templates which can be used for a variety of different planning styles and types of EYFS activities.

Foundation PE
This is a PE planning scheme designed to be used in Reception. Written by a PE specialist and in conjunction with the Twinkl Early Years teaching team, it contains 6 units, all linked to the Early Years Outcomes and specifically designed to be Early Years-friendly. To read more about the scheme, click here.
Other Plans in the Range

The following plans each have a step-by-step guide on how to carry out the activity. They also contain details of resources needed, including accompanying Twinkl resources where relevant.

They also have a section which gives details of relevant curriculum links that could be covered and assessed against.
An Introduction to Foundation Assessment for EYFS

We recognise the importance of using assessments effectively to support learning and development, identify children requiring additional support, engage parents and feed into curriculum planning. We have therefore created a vast range of materials linked to the EYFS areas of learning and development, including:

- The Characteristics of Effective Learning
- The Early Years Outcomes from birth to Early Learning Goals
- The EYFS Profile, including ‘Exceeding’ descriptors

This includes tracking documents and spreadsheets, a variety of observation templates, on entry assessments, next steps, report writing and learning journey resources. Below is a small selection of examples:

**EYFS Tracking Documents**

**Characteristics of Effective Learning**

**Observation Templates**

**On Entry Assessments**

[Images of tracking documents, observation templates, and on entry assessments]
Meet the Teacher Team behind Twinkl Foundation

Susie
An experienced teacher who has taught across Early Years in a variety of schools. Passionate about Early Years education, she loves to support practitioners by providing creative and innovative resources.

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Liz has over 15 years’ experience teaching children from 5 to 11 years old. Currently teaching within an Early Years setting, she loves enthusing children and developing their love of learning.

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Laura has worked in primary schools across the country for 11 years. She has enjoyed teaching all ages and subjects but has a passion for teaching in the Early Years.

Sarah
Sarah has 12 years’ experience teaching 5–7 year olds. She loves to develop creative lessons, activities and resources which engage and motivate children to learn.

Mary
Mary has worked in Early Years for over 10 years. Currently a reception teacher, she has also worked in nursery and pre-school settings. Her passion is bringing learning alive through exciting, engaging activities that encourage children’s creativity.

Vicky
With 12 years’ experience in education (teaching from 0 to 18-year olds), Vicky is an Early Years Professional and childminder who is passionate about quality Early Years education and science.

Sarah
Sarah has been teaching in Early Years for 15 years, in both nursery and Reception settings. She is passionate about quality and engaging education for young children and loves creating age-appropriate and exciting activities for them.

Jacqui
After 10 years’ in education, specialising in Early Years, Jacqui became a childminder where she could continue developing her experience of working with very young children.
Twinkl Create

The Twinkl Create tool allows you to create bespoke resources, perfect for your needs! Make your own labels, banners, display lettering, posters, words cards and more, adding decorative borders and illustrations. Make beautiful resources, tailored for your setting!
**TwinklCares**

**Need Support?**
We know what it’s like – we’ve been there. As a dedicated team of qualified teachers, we’re here to support you when you need us. 365 days a year.

**Life Saver**
Our swift and personalised support extends from email and site comments to our caring support communities across Facebook and Twitter. However you need to reach us, we’re here for you.

**Stuck? We’re here to help!**
Our comprehensive FAQ section covers (almost) everything you need to know! And if it doesn’t – get in touch and we’ll be happy to chat ;)

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**Twinkl Green**
Twinkl Green is our eco initiative to help you reduce your printing costs and be a little kinder to the environment at the same time. Combining newly adapted, ink-saving products and expert advice, Twinkl Green aims to help you make eco-friendly choices that will save you money and be even more lovely.

**Ink Saving Alternatives**
You can see at a glance which of our products has been optimised by looking out for the leaf on our previews.

When viewing a resource, look out for the leaf icons. These replace our black & white and colour alts – they’re exactly the same as before, just adapted with ink-saving in mind.

The Super Eco icons represent our best ink-saving option, available in black & white and colour. Simply click on the icon to download your chosen resource!

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**Twinkl School Font**
Designed with teachers and industry experts, the Twinkl Font is a clear and easy-to-read font aimed at children and young adults.

The typeface follows closely the specifications for teaching letter shapes in the UK, which allows it to be used for both reading and writing.

The font is from a trusted source that can be used all round your school and comes in 3 weights; thin, regular and bold so it can be used in a variety of circumstances.

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**Twinkl Font**
Be ready for anything.
The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
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Available in 3 weights
| Bold       | Be ready for anything.   |
| Regular    | Be ready for anything.   |
| Thin       | Be ready for anything.   |