

Cultural Capital in Holmers' Early Years

By introducing cultural capital, it is hoped that children from all backgrounds receive the best possible start in life irrespective of their home-life or challenges. They should be given the support and opportunities to thrive and achieve with their early education and beyond!

Each child arrives at our school with a number of experiences, ideas and pre-conceived knowledge based on what they have been taught and experienced so far.

The idea of cultural capital is that we will provide opportunities and a curriculum for the children to have their experiences broadened within their time at Holmer and be opened to a new world of learning and wonder through the seven areas of learning."

What is an example of Cultural Capital in Holmers' Early Years?

Imagine two children dressed up as pirates. Cultural Capital would be the pre-existing knowledge that the children have about pirates, allowing them to enjoy the game. They know that pirates wear hats and carry weapons and that pirates go "arrghh!"

This information is entirely based upon their own experiences and ideas before they arrived into the Early Years Setting.

How we demonstrate Cultural Capital in Holmer EYFS

It is the exciting and stimulating activities that you do with EYFS children every day and may include finding books on a child's favourite topic, trips to museums, trying a variety of fruits. In addition teaching them about a variety of Faiths and Religious celebrations and about cultural events such as Saint Day's (i.e St Patrick's Day, St David's Day, St George's Day etc. We will create role-play activities that further their interest in a particular ideas. We will make trips to the local park; or organising visits from community figures such as the police.

What is the benefit of gaining Cultural Capital in Holmers' Early Years?

Through gaining Cultural Capital in Early Years children are more likely to be more experienced for future successes.

Building Cultural Capital from a young age is important as it can guide children to make more informed decisions later in their lives that will allow them to become knowledgeable, empathetic and kind individuals.