

Children make rapid and sustained progress from starting points below those typical for their age. Consequently, their achievement is outstanding, enabling them to catch up quickly.

Teaching is outstanding because the innovative learning experiences and high expectations for each child, including the most able, ensure that all realise their potential in all areas of learning. Under the exceptional leadership of the head teacher, supported by a knowledgeable governing body, staffs ensure that all children get the best possible start and are extremely well prepared for primary school. The statement, '**The best classroom and richest cupboard is roofed only by the sky**', underpins the school's ethos and drive to use nature and the seasons to stimulate children's curiosity and enhances their learning.

This includes in their early reading, writing and mathematical work. The imaginative and extremely stimulating environments both inside and outdoors, and the inventive match of activities to capture and hold interest, enable children to make rapid progress and achieve exceptionally well.

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