

The Prime areas are important because they lay the foundations for children's success in all other areas of learning and of life. (Optimus Education 2011)

### **How the Prime areas relate to one another:**

The relationship between the three Prime areas of learning and development were set out by Clare Tickell in her review of the EYFS framework in 2011.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development supports:**

**Physical Development** – a child who feels secure and safe is confident to expand the boundaries of exploration and is motivated to reach, move and test physical capacities.

**Communication and Language** within relationships that establish turn-taking, joint activity, a desire to communicate and understanding of shared meanings of words.

### **Physical Development supports:**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development** – increasing physical control provides experience of the self as an active agent in the environment, promoting growth in confidence and awareness of control.

**Communication and Language** – a child who can effectively use the large movements, gestures and fine movements involved in speech is able to convey messages to others.

### **Communication and Language supports:**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development** – a child who can communicate feelings, needs and ideas develops a strong sense of self and is increasingly able to relate to others in rewarding and appropriate ways.

**Physical Development** through describing actions (which increases conscious control) and through talk about health and the factors which influence it.