

Reception – Curriculum Map Overview 2026/2027

This overview of our curriculum map for the year outlines the units of work for each subject and for each half-term. The curriculum map will be implemented flexibly and adapted in response to events / developments that arise during the year.

AREA OF LEARNING	AUTUMN TERM 1 st HALF	AUTUMN TERM 2 nd HALF	SPRING TERM 1 st HALF	SPRING TERM 2 nd HALF	SUMMER TERM 1 st HALF	SUMMER TERM 2 nd HALF
	ALL ABOUT ME	THE PLANETS / FESTIVALS OF LIGHT	PEOPLE WHO HELP US	PROJECT	GROWTH	UNDER THE SEA/MINIBEASTS
COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE	DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE TO EXPRESS NEEDS TO FAMILIAR ADULTS LISTENING TO OTHERS 1:1 OR IN A SMALL GROUP TURN TAKING WHEN SPEAKING IN A SMALL GROUP TALKING ABOUT SELF AND FAMILY RETELLING SIMPLE PAST EVENTS STORY/RHYME/SINGING/ CIRCLE TIME/SHOW & TELL, PUPPETS, IMAGINARY PLAY, ROLE-PLAY - THROUGHOUT YEAR	NEW VOCABULARY ASSOCIATED WITH FESTIVALS OF LIGHT & SPACE TALKING ABOUT SPECIAL TIMES WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS RECOUNTING SPECIAL EVENTS RHYMING ACTIVITIES ORDERING KEY EVENTS SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS STORY/RHYME/SINGING/ CIRCLE TIME/SHOW & TELL, PUPPETS, IMAGINARY PLAY, ROLE-PLAY - THROUGHOUT YEAR	NEW VOCABULARY ASSOCIATED WITH 'PEOPLE WHO HELP US' TURN TAKING WHEN SPEAKING IN A CLASS GROUP LISTENING IN A CLASS GROUP DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE TO EXPRESS SELF IN CLASS GROUP REPEATED REFRAINS STORY/RHYME/SINGING/ CIRCLE TIME/SHOW & TELL, PUPPETS, IMAGINARY PLAY, ROLE-PLAY - THROUGHOUT YEAR	PRESENTING PROJECT TO CLASS / SCHOOL / PARENTS STORY/RHYME/SINGING/ CIRCLE TIME/SHOW & TELL, PUPPETS, IMAGINARY PLAY, ROLE-PLAY - THROUGHOUT YEAR	NEW VOCABULARY ASSOCIATED WITH 'GROWTH' LISTENING IN A LARGE GROUP - ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS WITH TWO PARTS ORDERING KEY EVENTS/TALKING ABOUT KEY CHARACTERS/ PREDICTING STORY ENDINGS REPEATED REFRAINS STORY/RHYME/SINGING/ CIRCLE TIME/SHOW & TELL, PUPPETS, IMAGINARY PLAY, ROLE-PLAY - THROUGHOUT YEAR	NEW VOCABULARY ASSOCIATED WITH MINIBEASTS / UNDER THE SEA COLLABORATIVE TASKS STORIES WITH NO PROPS/PICTURES ENGAGE IN NON-FICTION STORY/RHYME/SINGING/ CIRCLE TIME/SHOW & TELL, PUPPETS, IMAGINARY PLAY, ROLE-PLAY - THROUGHOUT YEAR
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	USING ONE-HANDED TOOLS CHOOSE DOMINANT HAND COPYING LETTERS WASHING/DRYING HANDS COMPLETE PE - LOCOMOTION - JUMPING DANCE (OURSELVES)	DRESSING WITH HELP, EATING WITH FORK USING TOILET INDEPENDENTLY FORMING RECOGNISABLE LETTERS COMPLETE PE - DANCE (NURSERY RHYMES) LOCOMOTION (WALKING)	FORMING RECOGNISABLE LETTERS COMPLETE PE - GYMNASTICS – HIGH, LOW, OVER, UNDER GYMNASTICS - BODY PARTS	HOLD A PENCIL EFFECTIVELY, USING A TRIPOD GRIP EAT USING A KNIFE AND FORK GET DRESSED INDEPENDENTLY COMPLETE PE – BALLS SKILLS (HANDS 1 & 2)	CHANGING MATERIALS WITH TOOLS INDEPENDENT IN SELF-CARE HEALTHY FOOD COMPLETE PE – FEET LOCOMOTION - RUNNING	CORRECT LETTER FORMATION COMPLETE PE - GAMES FOR UNDERSTANDING WELLBEING

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PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	JIGSAW – BEING ME IN MY WORLD SELF IDENTITY UNDERSTANDING FEELINGS BEING IN A CLASSROOM BEING GENTLE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SETTLING IN – SEPARATING FROM CARER	JIGSAW – CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE IDENTIFYING TALENTS BEING SPECIAL FAMILIES WHERE WE LIVE MAKING FRIENDS STANDING UP FOR YOURSELF	JIGSAW – DREAMS & GOALS CHALLENGES PERSEVERANCE GOAL SETTING OVERCOMING OBSTACLES SEEKING HELP JOBS ACHIEVING GOALS	JIGSAW – HEALTHY ME EXERCISING BODIES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HEALTHY FOOD SLEEP KEEPING CLEAN SAFETY	JIGSAW – CHANGING ME BODIES RESPECTING MY BODY GROWING UP GROWTH AND CHANGE, FUN AND FEARS CARING FOR PLANTS	JIGSAW – RELATIONSHIPS FAMILY LIFE FRIENDSHIPS BREAKING FRIENDSHIPS FALLING OUT DEALING WITH BULLYING BEING A GOOD FRIEND CARING FOR MINIBEASTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
LITERACY	BASELINE ASSESSMENT RECOGNISING NAME NAME WRITING. MARK MAKING BEGIN NURSERY RHYMES JACK AND JILL HUMPTY DUMPTY	RHYMING ACTIVITIES ORDERING EVENTS INITIAL SOUNDS NAME WRITING MARK MAKING	NON-FICTION BOOKS AND STORIES ABOUT 'PEOPLE WHO HELP US' BLENDING AND SEGMENTING SOUNDS IN WORDS SIMPLE SENTENCES	CLASSIC TEXTS KEY EVENTS, CHARACTERS REPEATED REFRAINS BLENDING AND SEGMENTING SOUNDS IN WORDS SIMPLE SENTENCES	TRADITIONAL TALES STORY SETTINGS, EVENTS, CHARACTERS, STORY STRUCTURE REPEATED REFRAINS BLENDING AND SEGMENTING SOUNDS IN WORDS SIMPLE SENTENCES WITH SOME IRREGULAR WORDS	TOPIC RELATED STORIES SIMPLE SENTENCES WITH SOME IRREGULAR WORDS STORY SETTINGS, EVENTS, CHARACTERS, STORY STRUCTURE BLENDING AND SEGMENTING SOUNDS IN WORDS LABELS AND CAPTIONS

MATHEMATICS	BASELINE ASSESSMENTS NUMBER SONGS AND RHYMES SUBITISE WITHIN 3 COUNTING / CARDINALITY COMPARE SETS POSITIONAL LANGUAGE SHAPE & PATTERN	SUBITISE WITHIN 5 COUNT BEYOND 5 RECOGNISING NUMERALS WHOLES AND PARTS COMPOSITION OF 5 COMPARE SETS SHAPE & PATTERN TIME	1 MORE VERBAL COUNTING TO 20 COUNTING ACCURATELY COMPOSITION OF NUMBERS WITHIN 6 EQUAL/UNEQUAL SHAPE & PATTERN	DOUBLES COUNTING PATTERNS BEYOND 20 ODD AND EVEN COMPOSITIONS OF NUMBERS WITHIN 10 MORE THAN	SUBITISING WITH DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS COUNTING V SUBITISING VERBAL COUNTING BEYOND 20 COMPOSITION OF 10 ORDER SETS OF NUMBERS - ORDINAL NUMBER SYSTEM MEASURE SHAPE AND PATTERN TIME	SUBITISING WITH DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS COUNTING V SUBITISING VERBAL COUNTING BEYOND 20 COMPOSITION OF 10 ORDER SETS OF NUMBERS - ORDINAL NUMBER SYSTEM MEASURE SHAPE & PATTERN TIME
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UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD	CHANGES TO US OVER TIME SIGNIFICANT EVENTS /PEOPLE IN OWN LIVES SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE COMPARING OLD/NEW STORIES & RHYMES HARVEST FESTIVALS	FESTIVALS OF LIGHT AROUND THE WORLD SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN OWN LIVES (RELATED TO FESTIVALS) SIMILARITIES BETWEEN US AND OTHER PEOPLE'S CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS SPACE WEEK – 1 ST MOON LANDINGS (1 ST AFRICAN AMERICAN ASTRONAUT) / GRAVITY LIGHT & DARK PAINT PROGRAMS TO CREATE LIGHT/DARK/SPACE PICTURES	PEOPLE WHO HELP US UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT/ VEHICLES HOW THEY HAVE CHANGED DIFFERENT OCCUPATIONS/WAYS OF LIFE	LOCAL PROJECT – THE DIFFERENCES/ SIMILARITIES BETWEEN WHERE WE LIVE AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD HISTORICAL FIGURES FREEZING/MELTING	PLANTS/GROWTH - CHANGES OVER TIME LIFE CYCLES – DUCKS PATTERN & CHANGE SEASONS CARE AND CONCERN FOR LIVING THINGS I.T. TO RECORD GROWTH OF PLANTS.	WATER - FLOATING & SINKING CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (BOOK - WHO SWALLOWED STANLEY?) MINIBEASTS - SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES LIFE CYCLES - PATTERN AND CHANGE CARE AND CONCERN FOR LIVING THINGS USE IT TO FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT MINIBEASTS AND UNDER THE SEA CREATURES.
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EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN	SELF-PORTRAITS/ PICASSO STYLE PORTRAITS HANDPRINTS FAMILY PORTRAITS PERSON COLLAGE ROLE-PLAY, IMAGINARY PLAY, ART AND CRAFTS, BOX MODELLING, CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, SAND & WATER THROUGHOUT YEAR SONGS, RHYMES & STORIES THROUGHOUT YEAR.	FESTIVALS OF LIGHT AROUND THE WORLD SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN OWN LIVES (RELATED TO FESTIVALS) SPECIAL PEOPLE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN US AND OTHER PEOPLE'S CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS SPACE WEEK – 1ST MOON LANDINGS (1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN ASTRONAUT) / GRAVITY LIGHT & DARK PAINT PROGRAMS TO CREATE LIGHT/DARK/SPACE PICTURES	ICE SCULPTURES JAPANESE SPRING ART BOX MODELLING EMERGENCY VEHICLES KANDINSKY SHAPE PICTURES ROLE-PLAY, IMAGINARY PLAY, ART AND CRAFTS, BOX-MODELLING, CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, SAND & WATER THROUGHOUT YEAR, SONGS, RHYMES & STORIES THROUGHOUT YEAR.	ROLE-PLAY, IMAGINARY PLAY, ART AND CRAFTS, BOX-MODELLING, CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES SAND & WATER THROUGHOUT YEAR, SONGS, RHYMES & STORIES THROUGHOUT YEAR.	STILL LIFE – PENCIL DRAWINGS VEG/FRUIT PRINTING FLOWERS – PAINTING WITH COTTON BUDS HENRI ROUSSEAU – TIGER IN A TROPICAL STORM COLLAGE BOX MODELLING - 3 PIGS HOUSE, CASTLE AT TOP OF BEANSTALK GINGERBREAD MEN/BREAD MAKING ROLE-PLAY, IMAGINARY PLAY, ART AND CRAFTS, BOX -MODELLING, CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, SAND & WATER THROUGHOUT YEAR, SONGS, RHYMES & STORIES THROUGHOUT YEAR.	ERIC CARLE INSPIRED, LAYERING TISSUE PAPER, SYMMETRICAL PICTURES MONET INSPIRED ART – WATERCOLOUR BUBBLE PAINTING BOX MODELLING ROLE-PLAY, IMAGINARY PLAY, ART AND CRAFTS, BOX-MODELLING, CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES SAND & WATER THROUGHOUT YEAR, SONGS, RHYMES & STORIES THROUGHOUT YEAR.

VISITORS & TRIPS		CHRISTMAS SHOW	VISIT FROM POLICEMAN/FIREMAN	LITTLE CITY WORKSHOP	DRAMA WORKSHOP	TRIP TO DISCOVERY STORYTELLING CENTRE, STRATFORD
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SPECIAL TIMES	BLACK HISTORY WEEK HARVEST FESTIVAL ARTS WEEK	FIREWORKS CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY NATIVITY SHOW CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH VISIT FROM SANTA PARENTS EVENING	CHINESE NEW YEAR - DRAGON DANCE/DRUMMING SAFER INTERNET WEEK HISTORY WEEK	SHAKESPEARE WORLD BOOK DAY SPRING CRAFTS DAY MUMS/ FEMALES IN SCHOOL DAY	GEOGRAPHY WEEK STEM WEEK DADS/MALES IN SCHOOL DAY	SUMMER PICNIC SPORTS DAY FRENCH DAY
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