Kelsall Connected Curriculum



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'A Love for Learning'

Kelsall Primary & Nursery School

Connected Overview – Acorns



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The curriculum at Kelsall Primary and Nursery School developed over a number of years is firmly rooted in and stems directly from our Vision, Mission and Core Values;

Our Vision – 'A Love for Learning'

Our Mission — 'To inspire the highest quality learning in a creative, collaborative environment'

Our Core Values – Creativity, Excellence, Curiosity, Aspiration & Respect

Intent

We want children to develop 'A Love for Learning ' and a motivating desire to develop as a learner, finding out more about the World they live in and the boundless opportunities that are all around them.

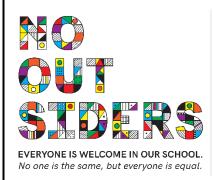
Implementation

At Kelsall, our Connected Curriculum is planned around the development of Knowledge, Skills and Understanding. Our teachers have the freedom to develop innovative and effective approaches to teaching in order to create a curriculum that is tailored to their class and the children's very specific needs. We ensure a curriculum that nurtures fascination and imagination and promotes an appreciation of creativity & individuality. One that also works in strong partnership with parents and carers to ensure high standards, engendering a strong sense of community, where all children and families are key to the delivery of a challenging, inspirational and innovative curriculum. Core knowledge and skills are at the heart of the learning process with the children exploring a wide range of topics, to prepare them for life. There is a strong focus on English, Maths and IT. This includes emphasis on encouraging children to develop their spoken English well and to apply their skills to everyday life.

As a school we encourage personal development – to help children grow up happy and healthy. This develops children's confidence, enhancing their ability to learn, and helping them to grow up to become responsible adults.

Impact

The impact of our connected curriculum is evident through the monitoring and evaluation cycle, where leaders, in particular subject leads take a holistic view. They reflect on current practice and seek to develop innovative and creative approaches to further enhance the curriculum offer for all children.







Our Early years curriculum at Kelsall is designed to provide educational programmes that sit under the 7 areas of learning outlined in the statutory framework. We aim to provide a rich curriculum to support and promote the holistic development of each and every child at Kelsall Primary and Nursery School. We adopt the Pathways to Write methodology to support and promote emerging language and literary skills and this can sometimes further impact other areas of our provision as the children become engaged in exciting opportunities. Our curriculum is flexible to enable us to appropriately meet the needs of the children in our setting. The curriculum map gives examples of this but in reality, the possibilities are endless, it all depends on the children!

Our curriculum is creative, adaptable and responsive to the needs, interests and wants of each child in our care to ensure they develop a 'love of learning' at an early age, building firm foundations for future success.

We identify that for children to learn effectively, the provision must be tailormade to the interests, needs and motivations of the children who attend it. We recognise that the uniqueness of children should be celebrated and valued therefore we work closely with families to personalise their nursery experience to make it meaningful, exciting and motivating.

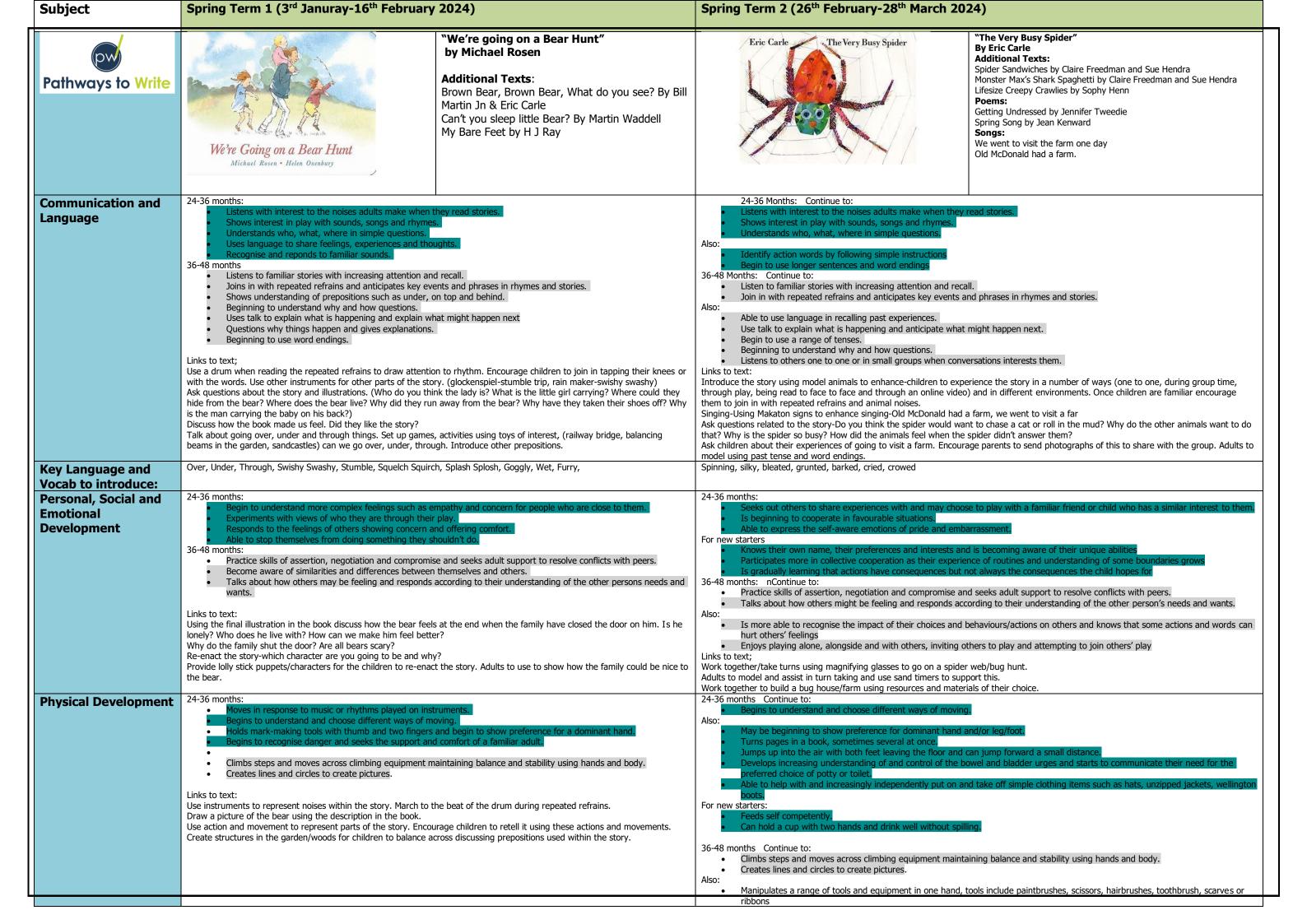
Intrinsic motivation is key in enabling children to engage in deep and meaningful learning experiences. When children are displaying high levels of wellbeing and involvement, this is when the magic happens!! We use the Leuven scales to measure levels of wellbeing and involvement to maximise young children's potential and reflect on practice.

To be effective in learning, focus is placed on children being ready, willing and able to learn. At the end of children's time in the Early Years at Kelsall, we aim for them to be independent, creative, resilient and autonomous little learners. We place focus of the processes of learning as opposed to heavily placing emphasis on the outcomes and the EYFS considers these qualities through the characteristics of effective learning.

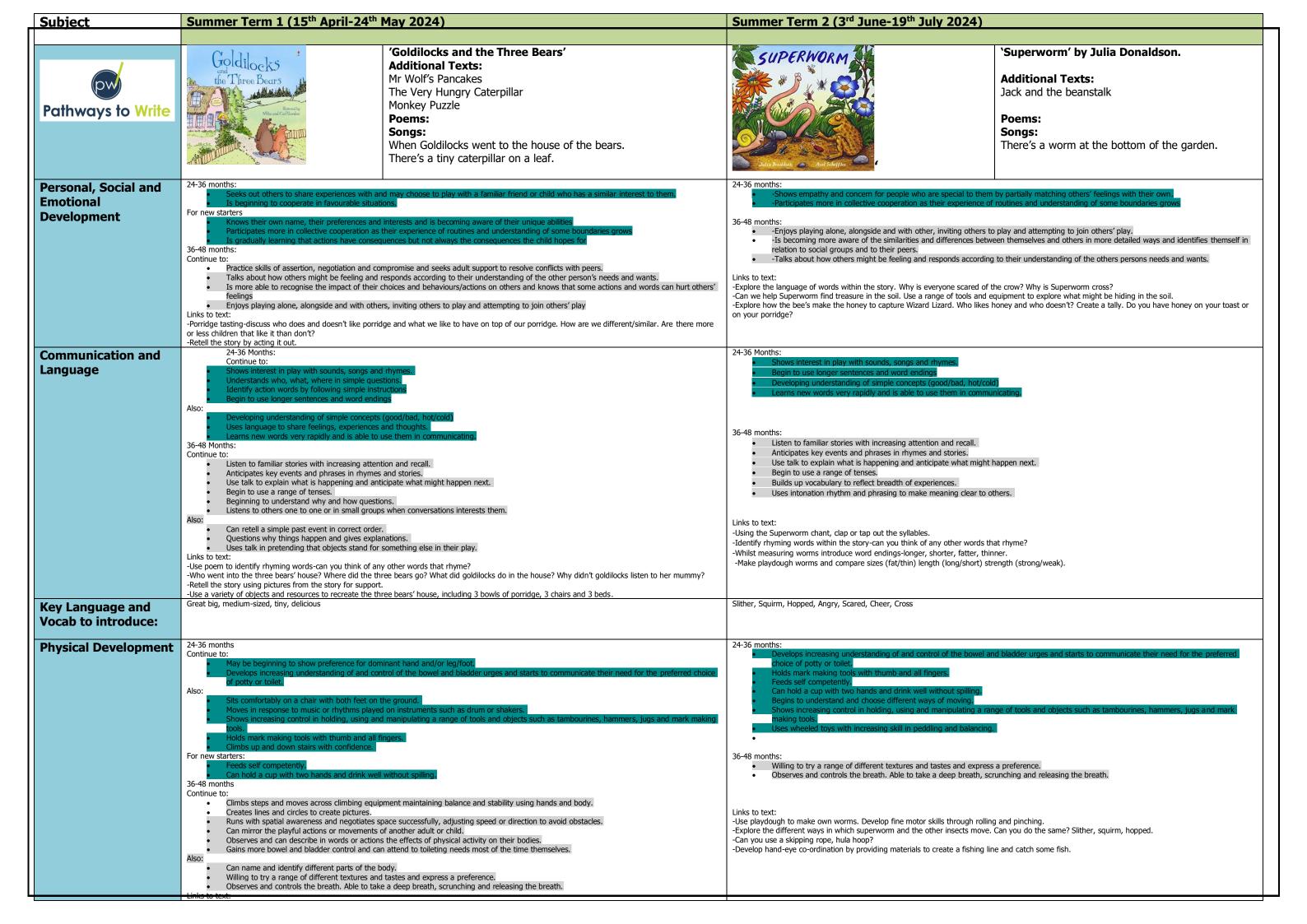
The characteristics of effective learning enable practitioners to empower children to have the confidence and self-belief to try new things and master skills during play that develop life-long learning. Concentrating on how children learn by supporting their wellbeing and learning strategies enables them to be more self-reliant, active learners who can exercise control over their own lives. Focussing on how children learn, supports them to develop their emotional and cognitive ability that will give them sufficient knowledge and understanding, that will enable them to have 'control over their lives'. Recognising these characteristics in daily observations ensures that practitioners can plan purposeful play experiences in relation to children's needs and interests to support children to construct positive attitudes to learning that will last a lifetime.

Subject	Autumn Term (6 TH January-27 th October 2023)		Autumn Term (7 th November-15 th December 2023)	
Subject Pathways to Write	Autumn Term (6 TH January-27 th October 2023)		Autumn Term (7 Nove	ember-15 December 2023)
	OWL BABIES MARTIN WADDELL - PATRICK BENSON	"Owl Babies" By Martin Waddell Additional Texts: "I love my Mummy" by Giles Andreae "My Dad" by Anthony Browne "All are welcome here" By Alexandra Penfold Songs: 'Ten little Owl's sitting on a branch' (You Tube)	STICH MANA	Stick Man" By Julia Donaldson Additional Texts: "One snowy night" By Nick Butterworth "Leaf Man" By Lois Ehlert Poems: Songs: "Stick Man" by Julia Donaldson Christmas songs
Communication and Language	Learning Intentions: 24-36 months: Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories. Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes. Identifies action words by following simple instructions, e.g. Show me jumping. Beginning to understand more complex sentences, e.g. Put your toys away and then sit on the carpet. Uses language to share feelings, experiences and thoughts. Uses longer sentences (e.g. Mummy gonna work) Links to text: Share the story 'Owl Babies' in a range of different areas (woods, cosy area, calm club) in large groups and 1:1. Use different voices, facial expressions, puppets and props to bring the story to life. Encourage children to join in with repeated refrains 'I want my mummy'. Encourage children to join in singing songs and rhymes.		Discuss with children their expensions sharing. Encourage children to join in with the missing words once they have	questions in relation to the story. What does the dog do? Where is stick man going? riences of Christmas. Encourage parents to share photographs to boost conversation th repeated refrains 'I'm stick man, I'm stick man, I'm stick man, that's me' and fill in ve become familiar with the story.
Key Language and Vocab to introduce:	House, big branch, small branch, brave, soft, silent, swooped, flapped, danced, bounced,		Family tree, jog, fetch, floating,	twig, mast, pen, bat, choir, fire
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Learning Intentions: 24-36 Months: Becomes more able to separate from their close carers and explore new situations with support and encouragement from another familiar adult. Seeks out others to share experiences with and may choose to play with a familiar friend or a child who has similar interest. Knows their own name, their preferences and interests and is becoming aware of their unique abilities. Is developing an understanding of and interest in differences of gender, ethnicity and ability. Seeks comfort from familiar adults when needed and distracts themselves with a comfort object when upset. Participates more in collective cooperation as their experience of routines and understanding of some boundaries grows. Is becoming able to think about their feelings. Links to text: Use a range of materials to create a face talking about the shapes colours of skin, eyes and hair. Talk about how we are different and similar. Create a visual timetable to support children to understand routines. Create a visual reminder of rules/boundaries to support children's behaviour within the setting. Discuss how the owls felt when their mother wasn't there. What makes you feel sad, upset, lonely? What makes you feel happy, excited? Create our own nest for the owls, talk about what our houses look like and where other animals live. Discuss similarities/differences.		theirs. Shows a sense of autor Responds to the feeling Links to text: Begin to encourage the children Snowy Night'. Continue discussions around our friends. Draw children's attentio children, Dad and boy on beach Who do we have special relatior	noting that other people have perspectives, ideas and needs that are different from nomy through asserting their ideas and preferences, making choices and decisions. gs of others. It to vote for what they want within the routine Eg: shall we read 'Stick Man' or 'One or own family tree and family pictures. Encourage children to share these with their on to different families within the story: The Swan with signets, Stick man's wife and it.
Physical Development	Learning Intentions: 24-36 months: Begins to walk, run and climb on different levels and surfaces Begins to understand and choose different ways of moving Turns pages in a book, sometimes several at once Shows increasing control in holding, using and manipulating a range of tools and objects such as tambourines, jugs, hammers, and mark making tools. Develops some independence in self-care showing some awareness in routine such as handwashing or teeth cleaning. Links to text: Re-enact the story-move in the way that the owls do-swooping, flapping, dancing, bouncing. Use a range of tools and equipment to create their own owl. Cotton wool, pine cones, scissors, pegs, paint etc. Go on an Owl hunt in the woods. Make a den/bird hide. Make binoculars/torches.		 Runs safely on whole for Kicks and throws a ball Can increasingly express Links to text: Encourage children to move in the safety of the safety of	from sitting and squats with steadiness and rises without using hands. foot I with increasing accuracy and begins to catch a large ball. ss their thoughts and emotions through words as well as facial expressions. the different ways that stick man does: Jog, Hop, Twirl, Tosses, Turns s to move a ball across the floor?

Home Learning Ideas	Send in pictures of family and loved ones to share at nursery. We will use these to create a "family tree" and to support your child in the transition to nursery. Share a picture of your child in front of your house. We will share these and talk about where different people and animals live.	Encourage children to share photographs of their children enjoying Christmas events.
Literacy	24-36 months: • Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known story. • Distinguish between the different marks they make. Links to text: When reading the story miss out the word 'mummy' from the repeated refrain and encourage the children to fill it in. Provide a variety of books about different people and faces as well as mirrors to look at our own face and encourage children to notice features of a face and draw their own.	24-36 months: Enjoys drawing and writing on different textures such as sand. 36-48 months: Includes mark making and early writing in their play. Links to text: Use sticks to make marks in dry and wet sand as well as in the mud during outings and walks.
Mathematics	 24-36 months: Begins to remember their way around familiar environments. Beginning to anticipate times of day such as mealtimes and home time. Is interested in what happens next using the pattern of everyday routines. Responds to some spatial and positional language. Links to Text: Talk about the Owls home and what our home and nursery look like. Use a visual timetable to help children understand the structure of the day. Use a variety of sizes and shapes of blocks to build a home for the small world people or animals. Talk about the sizes and shapes of the blocks and structure. 	 24-36 months: Beginning to understand some talk about immediate past and future. Explores differences in size and length. Beginning to compare and recognise changes in number of things. 'more', 'lots', 'same'. Links to text: Discuss how the seasons change through the story and draw children's attention to how the illustrations show us this. Sort sticks into size order, introducing language of size. Sort sticks into piles introducing language of number. Who has got 'more', 'less', 'the same'?
Understanding of the world	 24-36 months: Has a sense of own family, relations and pets. Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to and distinguish them from others. Beginning to have their own friends. Links to text: Using the family of Owl Babies as an example, talk about our own families and siblings. Encourage children to look at their family photos on the family tree. Use a range of materials to create a face talking about the shapes colours of skin, eyes and hair. Talk about how we are different and similar. 	24-36 months: • Plays with water to investigate 'low technology'. • Uses pipes/tunnels and other tools to carry/transport water. 36-48 months: • Talks about why things happen and how things work. Links to text: Use a range of resources such a drain pipes and trays to create our own flowing river. See if the water runs down it? Can we also run sticks and leaves down our river? Explore what other natural objects float or sink? Pine cones, acorns, pebbles etc. Can the children use large wooden blocks and planks or wood to make a bridge over the river?
Expressive Arts and Design	24-36 months: • Experiments with ways to enclose a space and create shapes. • Use 3D and 2D structures to explore materials and express ideas. Links to text: Use a variety of sizes and shapes of blocks to build a home for the small world people or animals. Talk about the sizes and shapes of the blocks and structure.	24-36 months: Uses everyday materials to explore, understand and represent their world. Creates sounds by shaking. Beginning to describe sounds and music imaginatively. 36-48 months: Continue to explore moving in a range of ways. Links to text: Use natural resources to create their own stick man. Provide pieces of fabric ad sticks in the sandpit encouraging children to make flags for their sandcastles. Provide materials such as cotton wool, paper, glue and twigs for children to create their own snowman picture. Encourage children to move in the different ways that stick man does: Jog, Hop, Twirl, Tosses, Turns Introduce bells during song and rhyme time as well as Christmas choir music. Explore how the children respond to this through movement and expression.



		 Runs with spatial awareness and negotiates space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles. Can mirror the playful actions or movements of another adult or child.
Home Learning Ideas		 Gains more bowel and bladder control and can attend to toileting needs most of the time themselves. Dresses with help, e.g. puts arms into open fronted coat or shirt when held up, pulls up own trousers, and pulls up zipper once it is fastened at the bottom Links to text: Use a range of materials to make a bug hotel Fine motor skills: using pegs for legs, clip onto spiders' body-counting the legs. Use tweezers to rescue the flies from the giant spider's web. Threading own spider's web using a range of mark making tools and other craft resources. Look at patterns and shapes. Making spiders using playdough-practice pinching, rolling, pushing, squeezing. Gross motor skills: Make a giant spiders web in the garden and encourage children to climb, crawl and shuffle through it without touching the rope. Now Press Play-Minibeast experience and Farm experience. Take a visit to the farm and share photos through Tapestry for the children to show and discuss with adults and peers. On a dewy morning go on a spider web hunt. Count how many you can find.
Literacy	 24-36 months: Enjoys rhythmic and musical activity with percussion instruments, actions, rhymes and songs, clapping along with the beat and joining in with words. Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game. Enjoys drawing and writing on paper, on screen and on/in different textures. 36-48 months: Joins in with repeated refrains. Imitates adults writing by making continuous lines of shapes and symbols from left to right. Links to text: Use instruments to represent noises within the story. March to the beat of the drum during repeated refrains. Provide children with tablets downloaded with appropriate apps to enable children to create and mark make. When sharing the story, adults to pause when they reach a repeated refrain and encourage children to say it. 	24-36 months: Has some favourite stories, songs, rhymes, poems or jingles. Distinguishes between the different marks they make. 36-48 months: Makes up stories, play scenarios and drawings in response to experiences such as outings. Handles books and touch screen technology carefully. Links to text: Focus on songs and rhymes involving farm animals. Ask children to choose one to sing during group time. Provide children with resources such as farm animals, boxes and images from the story and model using these to recreate or make up stories. Provide children with tablets downloaded with appropriate apps to enable children to create and mark make.
Mathematics	 24-36 months: Joins in and anticipates repeated sound and action patterns. Moves their bodies and toys around objects and explores fitting into spaces. 36-48 months: Links to text: When sharing the story, adults to pause when they reach a repeated refrain and encourage children to say it. Talk about going over, under and through things. Set up games, activities using toys of interest, (railway bridge, balancing beams in the garden, sandcastles) can we go over, under, through. Introduce other prepositions.	24-36 months: Explores how things look from different viewpoints including things that are near or far away. Choose puzzle pieces and tries to fit them in. 36-48 months: Links to text: Work together/take turns using magnifying glasses to go on a spider web/bug hunt. Introduce use of binoculars to search for birds in the trees and talk about how the binoculars make things closer. Use the farm inset boards and puzzles to encourage awareness of shape and problem solving.
Understanding of the World	24-36 months:	24-36 months: Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. Enjoys playing with small world reconstructions. Seeks to acquire basic skills in turning on and operating some digital equipment. Operates mechanical toys. Links to text: Go on a walk around the school grounds in search of spider webs. Use magnifying glasses to look at these closely. Use available resources to create a farm with animals from the story. Provide children with tablets downloaded with appropriate apps to enable children to create and mark make.
Expressive Arts and Design	 Begins to make-believe by pretending using sounds movements and words. Creates sounds by rubbing, shaking, striking, tapping or blowing. Shows an interest in the way sound makers and instruments sound and experiments with ways of playing them. Links to text: Use instruments to support reenactment of story. Talk about how the instruments make you feel. Extend this by listening to a variety of music and talking about how it makes us feel. Use a drum when reading the repeated refrains to draw attention to rhythm. Encourage children to join in tapping their knees or with the words. Introduce other instruments for other parts of the story. (glockenspiel-stumble trip, rain maker-swishy swashy). Encourage children to explore different ways of playing them (fast/slow, loud/quiet). 	24-36 months: • Joins in singing songs. Links to text: Encourage children to join in singing songs about the farm.



	-Use tweezers to sort compare bears into different sized bowlsPorridge oats in the tuff tray-scooping/filling/pouring/emptying with a variety of sized spoonsUse musical instruments with the songs to encourage movement and co-ordination. Use different instruments for the different stages of the caterpillar	
	songName, identify and colour in different parts of the bears bodyTasting porridge with a range of different toppings.	
Literacy	24-36 months: -Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jinglesRepeats and uses actions, words or phrases from familiar storiesDistinguishes between the different marks they make Enjoys drawing and writing on paper as well as in sand or playdough and using touch screen technology. 36-48 months:	 24-36 months: -Fills is the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game. -Enjoys rhythmic and musical activity with percussion instruments, actions, rhymes and songs, clapping along with the beat and joining in with words of familiar songs and nursery rhymes. -Enjoys drawing and writing on paper, on screen and on different textures such as in sand or playdough and through using touch screen technology.
	 -Begins to be aware of the way stories are structured, and to tell own stories. -Talks about events and principal characters and in stories and suggest how the story might end. -Sometimes gives meaning to their drawings and paintings. -Includes mark making and early writing in their play. 	 36-48 months: Begins to develop phonological and phonetic awareness-Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration, claps or taps the syllables in words during sound play. Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name, advertising logos and screen icons. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Attempts to write their own name, or other names and words using a combination of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type shapes.
	Links to text: -Learn the song 'Tiny Caterpillar on a leaf' with the actions to supportUse actions to support 'too hot', 'too cold', 'too hard', 'too soft'Use text as a model for building our own stories using the 'Helicopter stories' approach. Talk about a beginning, middle and endProvide materials to create their own bears face. Can they identify different parts of the face.	Links to Text: -Encourage children to join in with Superworm 'Chant' and fill in missing wordsUse musical instruments or claps to tap out the syllables and clap along with the beat of the chantUse a range of materials to create a wizards hat for Wizard Lizard. Can they write their name on their work?
Mathematics	24-36 months:	24-36 months:
	 Takes or gives two or three objects from a group. 36-48 months: Links numerals with amounts up to 5 and maybe beyond. Compares two small groups of up to five objects, saying when there are the same number in each group. 	36-48 months: Points or touches each item, saying one number for each item using the stable order of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Separates a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same. Links to text:
	Links to text: -Can you place the compare bear into the matching size bowl using the tweezers? Can you give me two/three compare bears? Do I have more or less than you? -Measuring height of the bears-How many cubes/blocks high is each bear? How tall are you? Who is the tallest/smallest?	-Make playdough worms and compare sizes (fat/thin) length (long/short) strength (strong/weak). Count the worms, who has more. Separate group in different ways. -Explore the hexagonal shape of a honeycomb and use this shape to create patterns. What others shapes can we find in the room? Which are the same/different?
Understanding of the World	 24-36 months: Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from others. In pretend play, imitates everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background. 	 24-36 months: Beginning to have their own friends. -Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. -Plays with water to investigate 'low technology' such as washing and cleaning. Uses pipes, funnels and other tools to
	 36-48 months: Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines. Knows some of things that make them unique and can talk about some of similarities and differences in relation to family or friends. 	transport water from one place to another. 36-48 months:
	-Enjoys playing with small world reconstructions building on first hand experiences. Links to text:	 -Shows an interest in different occupations and ways of life. -Shows care and concern for living things and the environment. -Talks about why things happen and how things work. -Knows that information can be retrieved from digital devices and the internet.
	-Make porridge together and discuss what our favourite toppings are. Talk about where we sit to eat breakfast at home? Do we sit at the table? Provide play props and equipment to encourage children to re-enact thisProvide a range of houses and sizes of bears to encourage children to retell the story.	Links to text: -Provide equipment to make a water slide for superworm to slide downTalk about what seeds and plants need to grow. Practice this by encouraging children to help look after plants, flowers, herbs and vegetables grown in the gardenUse the internet to explore the life cycle of a broad bean or sunflower seed.
Expressive Arts and Design.	24-36 months: -Joins in singing songs. -Experiments with ways to enclose a space, create shapes and represent actions, sounds and objects.	 24-36 months: -Creates sounds by rubbing, shaking, striking, tapping or blowing. -Explores and responds to playing with colour in a variety of ways, Eg, by combining colours. -Creates rhythmic sounds and movements.
	 36-48 months: Developing an understanding of using lines to enclose a space and begins to use drawing to represent actions and objects based on imagination, observation and experience. Engages in imaginative play based on own ideas or first-hand or peer experiences. Uses available resources to create props or creates imaginary ones to support play. 	36-48 months:
	Links to text: -Provide materials for children to create their own house for the three bears.	Links to text: -Explore the different ways in which superworm and the other insects move. Can you do the same? Slither, squirm, hoppedCan you use a skipping rope, hula hoop?
Home Learning Ideas:	Send a picture of you making and eating porridge at home with your favourite topping. What do other people in your house like to put on top of their porridge?	-Use a variety of materials to create a trap to capture Wizard Lizard.

