



Reception Curriculum Overview

Area of Learning	Autumn Term 1 Marvellous Me!	Autumn Term 2 Let's Celebrate!	Spring Term 1 We are Explorers!	Spring Term 2 Our Wonderful World!	Summer Term 1 The Great Outdoors	Summer Term 2 Heroes
I wonder....	What happens in school? Who am I, who are you?	What is celebrated? How do people celebrate?	Why is it cold? Who lives where? What is our world?	What is special about here? Where is our world? What is space?	How do plants grow? Which creatures live around school?	Who is my hero? What would I like to be?
Possible lines of enquiry	Settling in (including Baseline) Looking after ourselves Babies/growth and change/Our bodies Our Families Exploring school/forest	Autumn Diwali Remembrance Day Bonfire Night Christmas	Weather changes-Winter Polar animals London & Naughty Bus Chinese New Year Valentines Day	Space, Moon landing, Space missions Shrove Tuesday, Lent, Easter Chicks, Spring	Fairytales Castles Minibeasts/Life Cycles/Animals Summer Summer sports	Supertato Super heroes/Real life heroes Talents, what makes me unique and special? Moving on
Enrichment Activities	Baby visit if possible Forest school begins once the children are settled	Diwali dance/dress up visitor Movie Night/Nativity Performance/Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day/theatre	Chinese New Year Celebration – food tasting St Werburgh's Day	Eggs incubating in class World Book Day Making Easter nests Easter	Tadpoles in school pond /Mini Beast Hunt Growing plants St Columba's Day	Trip Visits from real life superheroes/ emergency services
Environment and Community	Visit from older generations to find out about their time at school	Harvest Mass, Advent Mass Nativity	Big School Bird Watch, caring for/creating animal habitats in the forest St Werburgh's Day Mass	Cafod/Lent fundraising	Sports Day Family picnic St Columba's Day Mass	Real life heroes Transition activities school/area maps Possible walk to Library
Significant People/Artists	School Staff, family members, the children	Guy Fawkes Yasoi Kusama pumpkins	The Royal Family Kandinsky's circles	Neil Armstrong	David Attenborough Andy Goldsworthy	Year 1 staff Real-life heroes
Possible books to engage children's interest and book talk	Starting School, Marvellous Me, My Body (NF) You Choose Books from the 'Oi' Series, There's a ... in your Book	Meg and Mog, Room on the Broom, Little Glow, Diwali, The Christmas Story, There's an Elf in your Book, Stick Man, The Gruffalo Snail and The Whale, Spinderella	Around Antarctica (NF) Storm Whale in Winter, The King, Ernest Shackleton, Katie visits London, A Walk around London, Maps, My Map Book, Martha Maps it Out	Astro Girl, Look Inside Space (NF), Neil Armstrong (Little People Big Dreams) How to catch a star, Look Up, The Earth Beneath my Feet (NF), All About Space (NF),	Tiny Seed, Very Hungry Caterpillar, Big Book of Bugs, Bug Hotel, Do You Love Bugs? All About Minibeasts, Goldilocks & The 3 Bears, 3 Little Pigs, 3 Billy Goats,	Julia Donaldson Stories, Max the Brave, Astro Girl, There's a Superhero in your book Dr Ranj – A Superhero like you!, Dr Ranj - A Super Power like Mine, On Our Street
Proposed Inspirational Texts						
Key Vocabulary Linked to Texts:	<i>Me, my, mine, you, yours, family (family member names eg grandparent), body part names, words to describe feelings, school language eg hall, assembly, etc, witch, broomstick, bow, plait, ginger, grinned, wailed, wildly, searched, thundering, bounded, politely, clambered, whoosh, shriek, reeds, dripping, tumbling, yowl,</i>	<i>Piping hot, scurrying, tumbled, scampered, bleated, whirled, toppled, swirled, smirked, scrambled, cinnamon milk, churns, barn, haystack, thistles, orchard, meadow, lane, river bank, baker, Diwali, Divas, Rangoli, mendhi, Christmas, Bethlehem, Frankincense, Myrrh, shepherds, stable, manger</i>	<i>Full, important, mess, handsome, silliest, lonely, powerful, cosy, tucked up, tall, London, buildings, traffic, bus stop, passengers, garden, pond, reflection hook, winch, London landmark names, enormous, iceberg Arctic, Antarctica, United States, America, England, Italy, gondola, Namaste, dazzling, India, Australia, South Pole, North Pole, travelled, Northern</i>	<i>Space, Solar system planet, stars, sun, moon, rocket, Earth, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Astronaut, universe, galaxy, moon landing, hatched, hatchling, coop, egg, chick, feed, gentle, hen, lay, Lent, Shrove Tuesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Last Supper, Easter</i>	<i>Jack, Mother, beans, poor, enormous, tall, beanstalk, climb, castle, giant, harp, goose, axe, chopped, rich, seed, roots, shoots, grow, water, plant, stem, flower, leaves, minibeast names, crawl, slide, slither, fly, wings, antennae, body</i>	<i>Escape, distress, strength, flannel, loose, commit, crimes, leapt, crept, snuck up, yelled, summoned up, cornered, closed in, belonged, air, arched, frozen, vegetables, marvellous, amazing, wonderful, awesome, hero, cape, power, talent, job, dreams, when I grow up...</i>

*squelched, mistake, cauldron,
spell, magnificent*

*Lights, adventure, delight,
familiar, sea, ice, city, map,
journey, world, land, water,
seas*