



Reception Curriculum Overview

EFYS	Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
All areas	Topics	Autumn This is Me Diwali	Room on the Broom Spiders Christmas	Polar Explorers Chinese New Year	Helpful Heroes Supertato Easter Spring	Watch me grow Jasper's Beanstalk The Gingerbread Man	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Seaside Adventures Sharing a Shell
Literacy Communication & Language	English focused texts	<i>Squirrels Autumn Search</i> by Anita Loughrey and Daniel Howarth	<i>Room on the Broom Stick Man</i> by Julia Donaldson	<i>Lost and Found</i> by Oliver Jeffers <i>The Great Race</i>	<i>Supertato</i> by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet	<i>Jasper's Beanstalk</i> by Nick Butterworth	<i>Sharing a Shell</i> by Julia Donaldson
Communication & Language Literacy Personal, Social & Emotional Development	English additional texts	Reception favourite 5: <i>My Funny Family</i> <i>The Family Book</i> <i>Super Duper You</i> <i>Smeds and the Smoos</i> <i>The Very Helpful Hedgehog</i> <i>The Squirrels who Squabbled</i> <i>Hello, Harvest Moon</i>	<i>Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly</i> <i>The Very Busy Spider</i> by Eric Carle <i>Aaaaargh Spider</i> by Lydia Monks <i>Spinderella</i> by Julia Donaldson and <i>Sebastien Braun</i> <i>Meg and Mog</i> stories The Nativity Story and various Christmas stories	The Great Race: The Chinese Zodiac Story <i>The Magic Paintbrush</i> by Julia Donaldson Non-fiction texts – China <i>Blue Chameleon</i> by Emily Gravett <i>The Emperors Egg</i> by Martin Jenkins <i>Penguin Pete</i> by Marcus Pfister <i>The Penguin who wanted to be different</i> by Maria O'Neill <i>Poles Apart</i> by Jeanne Willis Non-fiction texts- Cold Animals	Various Supertato stories <i>Ten little Superheroes</i> by Mike Brownlow <i>Superhero ABC</i> by Bob McLeod <i>Superkid</i> by Claire Freedman The Easter Story Fletcher and the springtime Blossoms <i>The Odd Egg</i> by Emily Gravett <i>The Rhyming Rabbit</i> by Julia Donaldson	The Gingerbread Man and other traditional tales <i>Just Like Jasper</i> by Nick Butterworth <i>The Tiny Seed</i> by Eric Carle <i>A Seed is Sleepy</i> by Dianna Aston <i>Bud</i> by Laura Hambleton <i>My Mum</i> by Anthony Browne	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle <i>Hello, Hello</i> by Brendan Wenzel <i>Tiddler</i> by Julia Donaldson <i>The Snail and the Whale</i> by Julia Donaldson <i>The Storm Whale</i> by Benji Davies <i>The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch</i> by Ronda and David Armitage <i>Sally and the Limpet</i> by Simon James <i>The Boy who Unplugged the Sea</i> by Paul Brown Seaside Poems

Maths	Maths	Power Maths Numbers to 5 Sorting Comparing group within 5 Change within 5 Time		Power Maths Number bonds within 5 Numbers to 10 Comparing numbers within 10 Addition to 10 Number bonds to 10 Shape and Space		Power Maths Exploring patterns Counting on and counting back Numbers to 20 Numerical patterns Measure	
Understanding the World	Science	Explore the natural world – discussing the changes in Autumn exploring using the senses	Explore different materials – Does it bend or stretch? Build a sturdy broom for the witch. Exploration - Magnet Magic wands	Discuss properties of materials- Does it sink/float? Know some similarities and differences in the natural world around them and contrasting environments – Environmental changes linked to weather and impact on living things.	Oral Hygiene Explore the natural world – Signs of Spring and new life	Growth in plants - What do plants need to grow? Parts of a plant	Keeping healthy Life cycle of the butterfly and changes over time.
Understanding the World	History	Autumn Festivals	Glowing in the past – The Bonfire story Remembrance Reflect on past/present, look back over photographs	The Great wall of China	Helpful Heroes- Talk about the lives of people around them and their roles in society The Easter Story	The way we grow	Summer and seaside – To know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now.
Understanding the World	Geography	Where do we live?	London and the UK The children will draw information from a simple map	Describe a route – Lost and found The Arctic and Antarctica China Explain some similarities between	Scavenger hunt – The children will use simple maps to follow instructions	Parks and Gardens Educational visit – Explore the natural world around them	Oceans and Coasts – Discuss the local area and coastlines Blackpool, Southport, Crosby and use Google Earth to find local features.

				life in this country and life in other countries			
Expressive Arts & Design	Art & Design	Exploring colour Self portraits	Sparks in the sky – The children will use a variety of different materials and tools to create different effects. Making Spiders	Transient Art Colour Gradation- Colour mixing Art from other cultures	Observational drawings Arcimboldo Giuseppe	Sunflowers -Van Gogh	Symmetrical butterflies Decorate a shell Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques
Expressive Arts & Design	Design & Technology	Cooking and nutrition - Autumn Soup Clay Hedgehogs Diwali lamps	Making magic wands from natural resources Spider biscuits Christmas Decorations	Split pin penguins – How can we make our penguin move?	Design a trap to catch Evil Pea Cooking and nutrition – Pancakes	Cooking and nutrition – Gingerbread men Construct a bridge for the Gingerbread Man to cross – Exploring materials	Cooking and nutrition- Fruit kebabs
Understanding the World	Religious Education	Diwali (Festival of Light) – Know some similarities and differences between religious cultural communities	Explore British culture and traditions Remembrance Hanukah (linked to music topic) The Nativity/ Christmas	Chinese New Year – Know some similarities and differences between religious cultural communities	Explore British culture and traditions. Shrove Tuesday St David's Day Mother's Day Easter Mother's Day Helpful Heroes - Learning about being part of a community	Learning about being part of a community/ Who is your special person/where is your special place?	Father's Day Learning about difference, developing positive attitudes
Expressive Arts & Design	Music	Exploring sound	Celebration Music	Music and Movement	Musical Stories	Transport	Big Band
Physical Development	Physical Education	Parachute games & Listening games (Stop/go games)	Ball skills -rolling, throwing, catching, aiming, kicking and stopping. Bhangra Dancing – Diwali Track	Balance & strength Early gymnastics to develop travelling strength, balance and coordination. Track – The Chinese Zodiac Races.	Body awareness Playing games that involve moving energetically including running, jumping, hopping, skipping and climbing.	Early Circuit training to build strength and stamina (skipping, stepping) Track - Obstacle course to develop balance and strength.	Athletic Games Football training

					Playing different ball games including invasion games to negotiate space. Learning to use climbing equipment safely to explore different ways of moving/Track		
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	PHSE	<i>New beginnings (starting school)</i> Focus: Belonging, feelings, routines, self-awareness Children settle into school and learn class rules. They explore feelings, worries, and self-awareness. They practise sharing, turn-taking, and belonging. Additions: British Sign Language, World Mental Health Day	<i>Good to be me</i> Focus: Confidence, identity, belonging, celebrations Children build confidence by sharing opinions and ideas. They explore identity, special places, and family traditions. Celebrations and events highlight diversity, kindness, and belonging. Additions: Staying safe with fireworks, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Anti-bullying week, UK Parliament Week	<i>Getting on and falling out</i> Focus: Friendship, teamwork, conflict resolution Children learn what makes a good friend. They practise teamwork and solving conflicts. They explore kind and unkind words. Listening, boundaries, and inclusion build stronger relationships. Additions: Children's Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day	<i>Building Relationships</i> Focus: Empathy, choices, diversity, respect Children develop empathy and making good choices. They celebrate cultures and respect differences. Kindness, fairness, and safety are explored. Special events highlight sharing and belonging. Additions: World Book Day, Red Nose Day, St George's Day	<i>Going for goals</i> Focus: Perseverance, resilience, self-knowledge Children reflect on what they can do now and set simple goals. They practise resilience and perseverance when things feel hard. Achievements are celebrated to build confidence and self-esteem. Healthy living and safety are explored through everyday routines... Additions:	<i>Changes</i> Focus: Transition, independence, coping with endings Children prepare for transition and talk about moving to Year 1. They explore uniqueness, coping with endings, and what stays the same. Friendships and relationships are valued and ways to keep in touch discussed. Safety and self-care are reinforced through practical activities. Additions: Drowning prevention, Dog safety
Understanding the World	Computing	Using iPads to pictures of Autumn Colour sort interactive game Phonics/Maths interactive games	Firework pictures on Purple Mash Phonics/Maths interactive games	Beebots Google Earth Phonics/Maths interactive games Internet Safety	Pattern eggs- Purple Mash Pattern games Phonics/Maths interactive games	Sequencing pictures Phonics/Maths interactive games Internet Safety	Beach Safety – interactive game Logging on – Simple city Phonics/Maths interactive games