



Nursery Curriculum Overview: Cycle One (2026-27)

EYFS	Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
All areas	Topics	Marvellous Me Come Outside	Light and Dark	Homes	Colours	In the Garden	Our Amazing World
Literacy Communication & Language	English focused texts	<i>So Much</i> by Trish Cooke <i>When I was Little</i> by Jamie Lee Curtis <i>The Leaf Thief</i> by Alice Hemming	<i>Meg and Mog</i> by Helen Nicol <i>Owl Babies</i> by Martin Waddell <i>The Gruffalo</i> by Julia Donaldson	<i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> <i>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</i>	<i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear</i> <i>Simon Sock</i>	<i>The Enormous Potato</i> <i>Superworm!</i>	<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> <i>The Naughty Bus</i>
Communication & Language Literacy Personal, Social & Emotional Development	English additional texts	Argghhhh Spider SHARK IN THE PARK trilogy Don't put your finger in the Jelly Nelly NOBOT A bot lost Once there were Giants When I was a Baby Each Peach Pear Plum Peepo The Colour Monster We are All Welcome Here The Same but Different Faces Autumn non-fiction	Spookyrumplus Funnybones What's in the Witch's Kitchen Can't You Sleep Little Bear? Goodnight Owl; Goodnight Moon Day Monkey; Night Monkey One Fox Nonfiction Bonfire Night Firefighters/ Owls/ Winter/ Christmas I'm the Fire Engine Driver Little Glow Fire Fighter (Non-fiction) The Gruffalo's Child Snowball Jack Frost Dear Santa	The Gingerbread Man Little Red Riding Hood The Three Billy Goats Gruff Beware of the Bears A Chair for Baby Bear Non-fiction Homes Around the World Home You Choose Builders Building Site Tigers	Mouse Paint Mixed Balloon Blue Balloon A Colour of his Own Chameleon Colour me Happy; Colour me Sad The Washing Line My Mum and Dad Make me Laugh Octopus Socktopus Pants Spring non-fiction Easter non-fiction We're going on an Egg Hunt My Mum Mr Wolf's Pancakes The Runaway Pancake	Mini Beast and Plant Non-fiction books Lola Plants a Garden The Small, Small Seed Bug Hotel Worms Snail Trail	One Smiling Grandma Island Counting 123 To Carnival! A celebration in St Lucia Non-fiction books about The Caribbean Summer non-fiction books Pirate stories The treasure of Pirate Frank On a pirate ship When I was a pirate

			Little Owl and the Christmas Star Elf Chase How Santa Really Works				
Maths	Maths	Colour Matching & Sorting	Subitising Number 1,2 Pattern Positional Language	Numbers 3, 4 & 5 Positional Language	Numbers 5, 6 2D Shape and Patterns More/Fewer	Capacity Positional Language 3D Shape One more/one less	Height and Length Capacity Mass Time Writing Numerals
Understanding the World	Science	Observation, sorting autumnal leaves and fruits, exploring using the senses Sorting using same/different vocabulary	Observation – potions pumpkins Light and dark Shadows, Owls Winter – ice exploring change predict Sorting Christmas decorations vocabulary	Observation skills Materials and simple qualities Sorting Vocabulary Change through heating - porridge	Change through heating – melting/ making batter. Vocabulary Observational skills	Animals – taking care of animals and plants. Lifecycles growing & changing.	Observation skills, sorting vocabulary
Understanding the World	History	Learn about their own personal history and how they have grown and changed	Remembrance Reflect on past/present, look back over photographs	Reflecting on changes to our lives	Reflecting on how they are changing and what they can do now	Mini-beasts and habitats Growth in plants Vocabulary predict	Reflecting on their time in Nursery ... Now I can...
Understanding the World	Geography	Exploring Nursery and the immediate environment	Firefighters Environment Habitats – vocabulary eg a wood visit a wood	Texture 3D work – junk models	Observational Drawing Colour Mixing	Colour Kandinsky Matisse	Contrasting localities Describing a route – positional vocabulary
Expressive Arts & Design	Art & Design	Colour and portraits Andy Goldsworthy - natural art	Paint effects, including printing	Transient Art Colour Gradation- Colour mixing Art from other cultures	Observational drawings Arcimboldo Giuseppe	Sunflowers -Van Gogh	Art from other cultures Printing
Expressive Arts & Design	Design & Technology	Block and construction kit play	Early Scissor skills Cooking Christmas Decorations	Cutting & joining skills Design and make Evaluate - is it successful?	Cutting and joining skills Cooking	Design and make and evaluate Sewing/threading	Cooking Weaving
Understanding the World	Religious Education	Learning about difference, developing	Explore British culture and traditions	Learning about difference, developing	Holi the festival of colour	Explore British culture and traditions	Father's Day

		positive attitudes Learning about being part of a community	The Nativity/ Christmas Festivals of light	positive attitudes Learning about being part of a community	Explore British culture and traditions. Shrove Tuesday St David's Day Mother's Day Easter	St George's Day Learning about being part of a community	Learning about difference Developing positive attitudes
Expressive Arts & Design	Music	Nursery rhymes Begin to sing songs together	Pitch matching Sing songs together	Listening & attention Pitch matching sing on their own and in a group Instrument sounds	Pulse Keep a steady beat games Pitch matching Instrument sounds	Rhythm Pitch matching Instrument sounds	Pitch matching Instrument sounds Pulse and rhythm
Physical Development	Physical Education	Parachute and ring games – team work & listening skills Low level climbing and balancing trikes	Ball skills -throwing & catching Hand-eye co-ordination	Balance & strength Balance on one leg - static balance Balance on other body parts Balancing while moving -dynamic Balance Strength – stretches, holding a position, stepping up, hopscotch, bat and ball, wall press	Body awareness Push & pull activities with resistance or pressure to support the development of proprioception	Skipping hopping & jumping Developing core strength and balance	Dance Explore movement to music
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	PHSE	New beginnings, including feelings and making relationships Oral health Settle into the setting and begin to form relationships with new adults and children. Learn how to use each area of the classroom choosing own learning.	Good to be me Feelings Explore vocabulary of emotions and feelings.	Getting on and falling out Learn how to take turns when playing a simple game. Explore vocabulary of emotions and feelings	Building Relationships Relationships Learn how to take turns when playing a simple game. Explore vocabulary of emotions and feelings Additions: World Book Day, Red Nose Day, St George's Day	Going for goals Learning a new skill, setting a goal to achieve Learn how to negotiate with others using words. Reflect on how characters may be feeling in stories and link this to how friends might be feeling	Changes Similarities and difference Learn how to negotiate with others using words. Reflect on how characters may be feeling in stories and link this to how friends might be feeling.

		Begin to learn how to wait for a turn and share resources					
Understanding the World	Computing	Purple Mash – Selfie		Internet Safety	Programmable Toys		