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Early Years Curriculum Overview



Autumn Term Curriculum

	Autumn 1 – Nursery	Autumn 1 – Reception	Autumn 2 – Nursery	Autumn 2 – Reception
Topic	All About Me		The Night Sky	
Key text 1	The Ugly Duckling	The Rainbow Fish (WS)	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark	Sparks in the sky
Focus	Self-love and acceptance of others	Friendship and sharing	Things we see in the night sky	The Night Sky
Vocabulary (see Write Stuff lesson plans for specific vocabulary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> beautiful kind different similar duck swan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sharing cooperation respect feelings - sad, happy etc responsibility honesty love 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> owl firework star telescope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> display crackle, flicker, noisy appear/disappear erupted directions
Non-Fiction/ Bible stories	Agh! There is a skeleton in my body!	The Good Samaritan-Bible Story	Animals at night	Meet The Planets
Focus	Human body	Respect for others	Nocturnal animals	Facts about the solar system
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bone skin blood muscle health human 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> different helping kindness listening acceptance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nocturnal badger hedgehog bat fox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar system Planets Sun Moon Rocket Downwards
Key text 2	The Tortoise and The Hare	Everybody Counts/Big Book of Families (WS)	Day Monkey, Night Monkey	How to Catch a Star (WS)
Focus	Personal Strengths	We are diverse	The difference between day and night	What is a star
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> strength practice learning developing trying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> parents - mum/dad step etc children brothers sisters cousins aunts and uncles Grandparents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> light dark morning night sun moon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> star bright shining build explore discover
Non-Fiction	Homes	All people are beautiful	Day and Night	Planets and space
Focus	Different places we live	We all look different	Routines	What is in space?



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Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> house flat bungalow caravan barge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> skin eyes hair features colours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> waking sleeping routine time clock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> milky way black hole stars rings
Key text 3	Every Child a Song	The Kindest Red	Whatever Next	Holy Night and Little Star
Focus	Children's Rights	Inclusion	Imagination (Space Travel)	Christmas and the night sky
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> born unique celebrated nourished protected special freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong Smart Special Superhero Helping Wishes beautiful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rocket journey moon star space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gleam Galaxy Gathering Bright Maker Flickered Shepherds Glorious King
Non-Fiction/Bible stories	Time to eat	Healthy me	Big Space floor book	Nativity story
Focus	Healthy eating and oral health	Healthy eating and oral health	Space	Christian beliefs
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vegetable fruit vitamins healthy germs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vegetables and fruit protein dairy sugar water brushing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> planet astronaut solar system Earth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus Bethlehem Advent Nativity Christianity
Supplemental Texts	All are welcome, Cinderella gives us a smile!, Ten little fingers, The Day the Crayons Quit	Our Class is a Family, Have you filled a bucket, The Colour Monster, Elmer, All About Diversity	Hovis the hedgehog, Dear Santa, The Nativity	Blast off, Edward built a rocket ship, Laura's Star
Enrichment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making soup in Forest Foraging for blackberries/ making squash Feeding the ducks Walking to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making bread Tesco- Farm to fork Dentist visit? Personal trainer-links to gym. Making healthy snacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making firework toast in Forest Baking mince pies Space VR/dome rotation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> making hotdogs in forest salt dough Christmas decorations Posting letters to Father Christmas



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	well/collecting apples from community orchard - making crumble			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space VR/dome rotation
Culture and Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different appearances Different ways to live Andy Warhol Pop music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural identities Similarities and differences Arcimboldo - painting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrating Christmas Celebrating Diwali Vincent Van Gogh Classical music Bonfire Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrating Christmas-Christmas play Celebrating Diwali Songs and dancing for Christmas play Christmas carols Georges Seurat
Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing food Where does food grow? Fire safety Road safety Seeing a duck in their habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where food comes from Preparing food What is a healthy diet How to brush our teeth How to practice good hygiene/ promote self-care How to look after our bodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire safety Performing in front of a large audience Following a simple recipe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firework safety Recall of the Christmas story Performing in front of an audience
Additional focus days	Bonfire night, Christmas, Diwali			



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Spring Term Curriculum

	Spring 1 – Nursery	Spring 1– Reception	Spring 1 – Nursery	Spring 2– Reception
Topic	Our Diverse World- Cultures, Traditions and Religions		Exploring Our World- Habitats and Climate	
Key text 1	Chapatti Moon	The Tiger Child	The Three Little Pigs	If Sharks disappeared (WS)
Focus	Diverse Foods	How things started- Folk Tale from India	Farms	Climate change/animal extinction
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● feast ● share ● taste ● ingredients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● village ● nephew ● frightened ● remember ● afraid ● returned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● sticks ● bricks ● strong ● hay ● building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● humongous, massive, glimmering, shimmering ● lethargic, nauseous, queasy, infected rotten, willing ● together, involve, impact, difference, consequence ● murky, poisoned, contaminated , polluted ● considerate, protect, recycle, responsibility, safeguard, nurture, shelter, cleanse
Non-Fiction/ Bible stories	World foods	The Creation Story	Life on a farm	Penguins (WS)
Focus	What do different cultures eat?	What Christians believe	What a farm provides for communities	Fact files about Penguins
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● sweet ● sour ● savoury ● culture ● favourite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● earth ● days ● nights ● created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● produce ● crops ● bread 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● perilous, blanketed, glacier, treacherous



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • borne of man • creatures • Adam and Eve • beliefs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vegetables • meat • tractor • farm animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • propel, swift, motion, hurtle, navigate, swiftly, speedily. • deep, treacherous, sunlit, mesmerising • minuscule, delicious, appetising, flavourful. • responsible, duty, important, guard • glacial, biting, chilly, frozen • jeopardy, risk, uncertainty, peril, hazards
Key text 2	And Tango Makes Three	The Proudest Blue (WS)	Little Red Riding Hood	Uno's Garden
Focus	Diverse families	Diverse cultures and communities	Listening and staying safe in new environments	The effects of overpopulation how to look after our planet
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mother • father • brother • sister • grandparents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hijab • Strong • Friendly • Princesses • Whisper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forest • explore • discover • habitat • wolf • clever never goes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduction • increase • population • environment • nature
Non-Fiction	The Family Book	World foods	Books about the forest	Climate change non fiction
Focus	Different families	Exploring foods from different cultures	Habitants of the forest	What do humans do that adds to climate change



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Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● step-family ● additional ● extended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fat Tuesday ● Shrove Tuesday ● Lent ● Carnival ● Celebrate ● Mardi Gras ● Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● animals that live in a forest ● trees ● nature ● change ● seasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● pollution ● recycling ● drought ● flooding ● climate change
Key text 3	Errol's Garden	Princess Katrina and the hair charmer	Giraffes Can't Dance	How to look after a dinosaur
Focus	Diverse Communities	Celebrating your culture and yourself	Animals from around the world	What do dinosaurs need to grow. What comes from an egg
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● community ● shared ● responsibility ● respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● wonder ● secret ● embarrassed ● different ● changing ● magnificent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● extinct ● jungle ● protect ● Savannah ● Arctic ● environment ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● instructions ● egg ● nest ● reptiles ● birds
Non-Fiction	Books about people who help us	Celebrating Children's Experiences	Life in the jungle	Dinosaur books-non-fiction
Focus	Community services	Children's voice	Learning about what grows and who lives in a jungle	Facts about dinosaurs
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● police worker ● Firefighter ● Doctor ● nurse ● teacher ● post worker ● help ● support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● celebration ● When? ● What? ● Who? ● Where? ● How? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● jungle animals ● palm trees ● jungle plants ● cocoa ● nuts ● tropical fruits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● herbivore & carnivore ● prehistoric ● diet ● plains, desert, water ● extinction ● ordering ● timelines
Supplemental Texts	Handa's surprise, Kaya's Heartsong, Last stop on market street	The Tiny Ants-Muslim Story, Tinga Tanga tales, My food, your food, our food,	Wondrous Dinosaurium, The Lion and The Mouse,	Once there were dragons, The Odd Egg, Somebody swallowed Stanley



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<p>Enrichment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food tasting • Delivering planted bulbs to our local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People from the community coming in to talk • Food tasting/cooking food from different cultures • Mardi Gras/ Fat Tuesday/Carnival • Make a float, beads, music, parades • Make bananas foster/king cake/rice and beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip to Tring Museum (rotation) • Watching musical theatre clips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinosaur Farm school trip
<p>Culture and Diversity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picasso • World music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural celebrations inc Chinese New Year • Traditional tales from other cultures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henri Rousseau • Theatre and film 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Understanding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British values • acceptance of other cultures • understanding of different ways people live • healthy and varied diets • responsibility for our own community • Learning who helps us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different religious beliefs • Accepting of others' beliefs • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding there are different environments all over the world • What the world provides for us and how we protect it • The features of animals and how their environment has developed those features • Making choices about interests and likes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding there are different environments all over the world. • Understanding how we can look after our planet • Knowing about some elements of pollution • Understanding that different living things need different things to grow.



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Summer Term Curriculum

	Summer 1 - Nursery	Summer 2 – Reception	Summer 2 – Nursery	Summer 2 – Reception
Topic	The Great Outdoors- life cycles, growing and plants		Let the Adventure Begin- Travel and Transport	
Key text 1	The North Wind and the Sun	Katie the Sunflowers (WS)	What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside	All Aboard the London Bus (WS)
Focus	Weather	Planting and growing	Holidays	Poems and travel
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weather • seasons • condensation • change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roots • Flowering • Petal • Stem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • beach • ocean • waves • seaside • shell • travel • holiday • trip • adventure • new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paraded, saluted, demonstrated, strutted. • booming, ringing, all-mighty, intense • anxious, overwhelmed, uneasy, nervous • miniscule, minute, pocket sized, petite, miniature. • glistening, shimmering, metallic, precious, emerald, sapphire, ruby
Non-Fiction	Seasons	Plant growing-seeds	Floorbook – At the Seaside	Amazing Aeroplanes
Focus	Seasons	How to grow a seed	Facts about the seaside	Aviation travel
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn • Winter • Spring • Summer • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting • Roots • Seed • Soil • Germination • Flowering • Seed dispersal • Watering • Sunshine • Buds • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quay • port • shore • pebbles • pier • tide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cockpit • Landing gear • Airport • Terminal • Crew • Baggage • Flight deck • Runway • Engine • Cabin • Fastened



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Key text 2	It Starts with a seed	Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk (WS)	We're going on a Bear Hunt (WS)	The Snail and the Whale (WS)
Focus	Plants		Trips and holidays	Travelling and adventures
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> seed root shoot bud branch leaves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> growth planting nutrition caring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> frightened, scared, afraid, worried, upset, tearful, panicky (WS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tremendous, remarkable, phenomenal, monumental, outstanding.] fiery, raging, agile, observant, towering, slender, whimsical, elegant, intelligent, social, sweet smelling, splendid covertly, unpleasantly, deviously, underhandedly, stealthily. tepid, mild, luke warm, summery, tropical, bitter, chilled, crisp. stupendous, tremendous, remarkable, outstanding, phenomenal, incredible, unbelievable, monumental
Non-Fiction/ Bible stories	How plants grow!	Animal Families	Starting School	Noah's Ark
Focus	Plants	Animals and their young	Transition	Christian Values
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soil growth plants flowers herb compost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mother infant matching compare similarities differences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> belongings change school register uniform Reception 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promise Rainbow Relationships Friendships Ark
Key text 3	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Tadpole's Promise	The Journey Home from Grandpa's	How to get your teacher ready for school (WS)
Focus	Life cycles	Life Cycles	Travel and transport	Transition
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> caterpillar cocoon butterfly cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> grow change frogspawn tadpole froglet frog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> car bus boat train aeroplane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> organised, equipped, primed, in order, assembled,



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> put together, coordinate. joyous, content, jovial, gleeful, untroubled, glad, sunny, pleasant, uplifting, bright. crunchy, sweet, delicious dearest, treasured, preferred, prized. scented, glittery rich, vibrant offer, provide, supply, present, issue, deliver colourful, beautiful, vibrant, bright, marvellous.
Non-Fiction	Insect Habitat	Who is in the egg?	Books about vehicles	Vehicles
Focus	Minibeast	Life Cycles	Ways to travel	Land, sea and air transportation
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ladybird beetle bugs habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hatching Eggs compare similarity Differences environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> booking travel agent wheels wings pilot driver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> transportation boat, yacht, submarine aeroplane, hot air balloon car, truck, lorry, bicycle, scooter compare
Supplemental Texts	The Frog Prince, Rapunzel (growth/herbs), Goldilocks and the Three Bears (hibernation)	Sleeping Beauty, Butterflies	Oh the places you'll go! Snow White, The Gingerbread Man (Sports Week)	Don't let the pigeon drive the bus, The Hundred decker bus, All aboard for the Bobo road, Cheetah learns to play nicely
Enrichment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class caterpillars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tadpoles in the classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baking gingerbread men 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire engine visit



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making S'mores in Forest • Trip to Tigglywinkles (rotation) • Planting a herb garden • Weather related science experiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • growing potatoes • growing sunflowers • Pond visit to release tadpoles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making popcorn in Forest 	
Culture and Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claude Monet • Country/folk music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals and their young • Van Gogh-sunflowers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hokusai • Rock music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banksy
Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How things grow • Different types of weather • The effects of weather • Understanding the order of seasons • Caring for the world around us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the different ways animals are born • Looking after living things • Understanding life cycles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding our place in the world and where we live • thinking about the different ways we can travel • thinking about the features of different transport and how they move • transitioning and experiencing new things • shared thinking about holiday plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different vehicles have different purposes • understanding traditional tales • caring for our own bodies and health • understanding good sportsmanship and taking part