

Nursery Curriculum Overview

	Ourselves		Animal Kingdom		Our Wonderful World	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme	Me Family Friendships Autumn	Houses and Homes Our emotions Celebrations	Winter Pets (Cycle A) Wild Animals (Cycle B)	Spring Chickens (Cycle A) Ducks (Cycle B) Easter	Plants Beans (Cycle A) Sunflowers (Cycle B) Fruit and Vegetables (Cycle A) Water and life cycles (Cycle B) A balanced diet Dental care	Summer Mini Beasts (Cycle A) The Seaside/Sea Creatures (Cycle B) Transition
Why this theme and why now?	Putting children at the centre of their learning by encouraging them to develop a sense of self and supporting them to make friends in Nursery. Helping children to settle into our Nursery environment by instilling a sense of belonging to our school and familiarising them with the staff in the Nursery Team. Observing and investigating the natural changes that happen during the season of autumn.	Continuing to support children to develop a sense of themselves and where they belong. Talking about where they live and looking at different types of houses from here and around the world. Thinking about who loves us, who we love and how we show love. They will learn about the celebrations that take place during the autumn and winter seasons in preparation for taking part in them.	Exploring the seasonal changes that happen during winter. Learning about animals that can be pets (Cycle A) and animals that live in the wild (Cycle B). Thinking about how to care for pets, what a pet needs and how animals can help us (Cycle A) Finding out about animals that you might find at the zoo, the role of a zookeeper and why some animals live in the zoo (Cycle B) Thinking about where animals go when they are sick and how to care for sick animals.	Continuing to focus on animals including owls, bears and pandas (Cycle A) and animals that live in the jungle (Cycle B). Learning about the life cycle of a chicken (Cycle A) and the life cycle of a duck (Cycle B). Observing the natural changes that happen during spring and festivals that are celebrated at this time of year.	Learning what plants and animals need to grow and survive. Planting beans (Cycle A) and sunflowers (Cycle B) and caring for them as they grow. Teaching children about the importance of eating a balanced diet and looking after our teeth.	Continuing to focus on the nature around us, using the Nursery garden and outside classroom to explore minibeasts (Cycle A) and learning about sea creatures (Cycle B). Encouraging children to reflect on the summer season and activities they have enjoyed. Celebrating the children's successes throughout their time in Nursery and reflecting on how they have grown. Preparing them for the changes to come as they move into Reception.

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Enrichment/Learning beyond the classroom	Sharing photographs of themselves and their families.	Christmas Sing-a-long	Visit from Pets at Home/pet dog (Cycle A)	Easter Crafts	Sharing photographs of their beans/sunflowers	Sports morning/afternoon Nursery graduation
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Me and why I'm special My family	Celebrating Difference Sharing and being respectful	Exploring emotions Caring for others	Relationships Not giving up	Making healthy choices Dental care	Friendships Achievements and how we have grown
Physical Development	Fundamentals, Gymnastics and Movement throughout the year					
Communication and Language	Quality texts, poems and rhymes chosen to develop a love of stories, reading and rich vocabulary have been selected to support the children's learning across the themes.					
Literacy	Nursery Rhymes Number Songs Environmental Sounds Body Percussion Instrumental Sounds Rhythm and Rhyme Alliteration		Nursery Rhymes Number Songs Voice Sounds Oral Blending and Segmenting Environmental Sounds Body Percussion		Nursery Rhymes Number Songs Instrumental Sounds Rhythm and Rhyme Alliteration Oral Blending and Segmenting	
	Experimenting with mark making Name writing Sequencing nursery rhymes and stories Orally retelling nursery rhymes and stories					
Mathematics	Number songs Colours Match Sort	Compare amounts Compare size, mass, capacity Simple patterns	Number 1 Weight Number 2	Number 3 Length and Height Number 4	Number 5 1 more, 1 less My Day	Numbers 1-5 Shapes Capacity Positional Language

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Understanding the World	Nursery Community Families and those who are special to us Toys from the past and present – similarities and differences Seasonal Changes Houses and homes in our local area and from around the world Exploring Materials Floating and Sinking Celebrations	Seasonal Changes What makes me special Value of friendships To start to become aware of different parts of the world Life Cycles	Plants Life Cycles Healthy Choices Dental care Exploring the natural world Recycling Seasonal Changes How we have grown
	Our Special Families Harvest Festival The Christmas Story	Lunar New Year Shrove Tuesday Mother's Day Easter – signs of new life	Love and Friendships Eid
Expressive Arts and Design	Home Corner Sing Nursery Rhymes Sing Number Songs Making pebble fish Painting trees through the seasons Collage houses Christmas cards and calendars Play a variety of untuned musical instruments Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long	Home Corner Vets role play Sing Nursery Rhymes Sing Number Songs Colour mixing Making chocolate nests Mother's Day Cards Easter Cards Play a variety of untuned musical instruments	Home Corner Fruit and vegetable shop role play Sing Nursery Rhymes Sing Number Songs Observational drawings of plants Bubble printing Collage Play a variety of untuned musical instruments