

<u>Nursery</u> Curriculum Overview 2023-2024 "A Love of Learning and a Thirst for Knowledge"

All our topics link to the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (Sept 2021). We also make full use of the Principles into Practice guidance from Julian Grenier. Our curriculum is ambitious and carefully sequenced to help children build their learning over time. We plan with a focus on language in all we do. We also recognise that, whilst this is a top level plan of everything we want the children to learn in Nursery, we recognise young children's learning is driven by their interests, this dictates that our plans are flexible.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Possible themes, interests, lines of enquiry. We endeavour to follow the children's interests. Special festivals and events	Autumn colours/treasures Transition/settling Autumn walk Harvest	Bonfire night Firework safety Diwali Remembrance Nursery Rhyme Week Children in need Christmas - nativity /church	Changing seasons winter/spring Winter walk - exploring ice/water - melting/freezing Chinese New Year Mothers Day Shrove Tuesday and lent World book Day Easter Holi festival of colour	Spring walk - signs of spring Farm trip Eid	Summer walk - what has changed Growing Caterpillars Growing - Plants life cycles Planting /gardening	Mini beasts Friendships/changes - starting school Fathers day Sports day Summer trip
Partnership with parents	Tapestry Parent Consultations Family Stay and Play	Tapestry Christmas Song Performance	Tapestry Parent Consultations	Tapestry Spring Stay and Play	Tapestry	Tapestry Reception transition meeting Annual reports Sports Day Summer stay and play and celebrations
Key texts to enhance seasonal topics or events.	Key texts Owl babies Peace at last In my skin Goodnight world Dear Zoo Pumpkin soup SSh we have a plan Non fiction autumn texts Barbara throws a wobbler	Key Texts We're going on a bear hunt We're going on a monster hunt Goldilocks and the three bears Diwali stories Christmas stories including Nativity Dear Santa - Rod Campbell	Key texts Dumpling day The gingerbread man Little red hen Non fiction texts about winter Holi non fiction Easter non fiction Lunar new year texts Key texts for Jan starters see Autumn 1	Key Texts Three billy goats gruff The three little pigs Handas surprise Non fiction animal books Farm stories - what the ladybird heard	Key Texts Oliver's vegetables Vivian French Titch The very hungry caterpillar Eric Carle Jaspers beanstalk Sam Godwin The tiny seed 10 seeds Jack and the beanstalk Key texts for April starters see Autumn 1	Key Texts Mad about minibeasts Superworm What the ladybird heard Yucky worms Vivian French Non fiction text about minibeasts The wild
Physical Development	As part of daily routine and continuous provision: Gross motor movements outdoors: large climbing equipment; bikes & scooters; ball skills, water play - carrying water containers, sweeping, using wheel barrow, building with tyres and crates. Gross motor indoors: yoga; dance and movement, painting on easel, parachute games, scarves, sticky kids, and messy play. Fine motor: threading activities; tweezers; malleable materials e.g. playdough; finger gym, actions to songs and rhymes using scissors, eating with cutlery, using small brushes for painting and pencils for drawing. Understanding the language of direction ('up', 'down', 'round', 'back', etc). Healthy lifestyles: Encouraging healthy choices with food/snack; oral health; opportunities to assess risk taking activities – fire/cooking/trips/climbing PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT IS TAUGHT IN AN ONGOING WAY THROUGHOUT EYFS - OBJECTIVES ARE TAUGHT AND OBSERVED IN CONTINUOUS PROVISION, OUTDOOR LEARNING PROVISION AND TIMETABLED HALL SLOT WHERE WE FOLLOW GET SET FOR PE SCHEME Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills. Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet. Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. For example, choosing a spade to enlarge a small hole they dug with a trowel. Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors. Toilet routine, washing hands, putting on coats/wellies/aprons, fastening zips.					

	Skip, hop, stand on one leg	Skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical statues. Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.					
	Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting. For example, they decide whether to crawl, walk or run across a plank, depending on its length and width.						
	Start taking part in some gro	oup activities which they make	e up for themselves, or in teams.				
	Use a comfortable grip with	good control when holding pe	ens and pencils.				
	Being healthy - food, exerci- Increasingly be able to use		d patterns of movements which are	related to music and rhythm.			
	Collaborate with others to m	nanage large items, such as n	noving a long plank safely, carrying l	arge hollow blocks.			
	Show a preference for a do	minant hand.					
	Be increasingly independen	t as they get dressed and und	dressed, for example, putting coats of	on and doing up zips.			
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Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)	Direction, speed, accelera	tion, coordination, gross m	otor, hand-eye co-ordination, agil	ity, spatial awareness, proposition	nal language, core strength, obsta	acles, balance, catch, throw,	
adults to use)	Squat, equipment						
		spreaders, chunky paintbru sors, white board pens, but	ushes, thin paint brushes, rolling	oins, knives, chunky pencil, small	pencil, ball point pen, felt pen, so	queezy scissors, training	
	scissors, ient nanueu scis	sors, white board pens, but	10115, 2145				
Personal, Social and	As part of daily routine su	pported by skilled practitio	ners:				
Emotional			n wellies and coats and dressing fo				
(Links to PSHE)		Social development: sense of community; developing friendships; sharing and turn taking; developing and following nursery rules. Emotional development: separating from parents; understanding our feelings (colour monster book); learning to resolve conflicts with peers					
Throughout PSHE	PSE IS TAUGHT THROUG	H WEEKLY CIRCLE TIME F	OLLOWING JIGSAW SCHEME AN	D IN AN ONGOING WAY AS SITUA	ATIONS / EVENTS ARISE DURING	DAY TO DAY INTERACTIONS	
sessions children wi			•				
look in at themselves		Celebrating difference	Dreams and goals	Healthy me	Relationships	Changing me	
considering their ow		To know how it feels to be	To understand what a challenge means.	To know the names for some	To tell you about my family. To understand how to make	To name parts of my body and	
ideas, opinions and	similar and different	proud of something I am	To keep trying until I can do	parts of my body and to begin to understand that I need to be	friends if I feel lonely.	show respect for myself.	
thoughts on a range	To dilaciotaria now receing	good at. To tell you one way I am	something.	active to be healthy.	To tell you some of the things I	To tell you some things I can do and some food I can eat to be	
topics and will look or		special and unique.	To set a goal and work towards	To tell you some of the things I	like about my friends.	healthy.	
towards others by	expressed. To work together and	To know that all families	it. To know some kind words which	need to do to be healthy.	To know what to say and do if somebody is mean to me.	To understand that we all start	
showing respect for	consider other people's	are different.	can encourage people.	To know what the word 'healthy'	To use Calm Me time to manage	as babies and grow into children	
others opinions idea	iconingo.	To know there are lots of	To start to think about the jobs I	means and that some foods are	my feelings.	and then adults.	
and feelings	To use gentle hands and understand that it is good	different homes.	might like to do when I'm older. To feel proud when I achieve a	healthier than others.	To work together and enjoy being with my friends.	To know that I grow and change.	
	to be kind to people.	To tell you how I could	goal.	To know how to help myself go	being with my menus.	To talk about how I feel moving	
	Begin to understand	make new friends.		to sleep and that sleep is good	Children will look out at their	to School from Nursery.	
	children's rights and this	To use my words to stand	Children will begin to	for me.	friends and begin to talk about	To remember some fun things	
	means we should all be allowed to learn and play.	up for myself.	understand how they can work to achieve a goal. They will start	To wash my hands and know it is important to do this before I	what makes them special	about Nursery this year.	
	To learn what being	Children will reflect on	to look out into the world and	eat and after I go to the toilet.			
	responsible means.	what makes them special	become aware of different roles	To know who my safe adults are			
	Children will begin to	Children will look out at	in society	and how to stay safe if they are			
	understand their own	different families around		not close by me.			

	feelings and be given opportunities to consider the feelings of others	the world. Children will look up as they begin to learn about different beliefs		Children will look in at themselves to begin to know what makes them healthy			
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)	Rules, feelings, behaviour, sharing, sorry, friend, upset, sad, angry, challenge. Wee, poo, flush, accident, wet, wipe, clean, toilet paper, dirty, wash, dry, soap, coat, zip, jumper, arms, head, fasten, dress, on, off, up, down, kind, friends, feelings – happy, sad, hurt, tired, hungry, unkind, angry, upset, differences, sanitising, virus, sharing, helpful, germs, hat, scarves, gloves, buttons, feet, fasten, shoes, velcro, buckle, laces, healthy, exercise, safe, rules, share, independent, challenge Friend, share, turn take, feelings – happy, sad, upset, angry, disappointed, negotiate, cooperate, listen, compromise, socialise, listen, eye-contact, listening ears, behaviour, rules, conflict, kind, thoughtful, belonging, safe						
Communication and Language	As part of daily routine an Listening to stories, retelling		language and vocabulary develope	d in the moment with children.			
	Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens - joining in with repeated refrains in key texts. Pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult. Use longer sentences of four to six words.	Sing a large repertoire of songs (ongoing) Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story (ongoing) Enjoy learning songs from song box and Christmas songs Joining in with repeated refrains in key texts, recalled key parts of key texts, using vocab linked to texts - swishy swashy, small medium large.	Use a wider range of vocabulary - learning new vocab from key texts or celebrations e.g. Lunar new year, Holi Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as: "Get your coat and wait at the door". Children will look out as they learn about different festivals and celebrations and linked vocab.	Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" - Link to key texts - Why was Handa surprised with the tangerines? What happened to the tree? Children will be given opportunities to look in, out and up as they are given why questions to ponder around a range of topics.	Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions Discuss was it fair that Jack went into the Giant's house?	Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns. Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus you sit there I'll be the driver."	
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)				op of, first, then, next, after that, g nere, who, meaning, narrative, org			
Literacy	As part of daily routine and continuous provision: Opportunities for mark making in a wide range of ways. i.e. clipboards outdoors, chalks for paving stones, boards and notepads in the home corner, planning sheets in construction area, greeting cards, home-made books, letter writing, shopping lists, price labels, treasure maps Resources: a range of pencils, crayons, chalks and pens to choose from. Selection of coloured paper, themed paper, envelopes, drawing programmes on large screen Daily: writing letters of their name, encouraged to write names on pictures, story times, singing songs and nursery rhymes with actions, developing vocabulary through stories and books.						
	Learning nursery rhymes. Listening to stories. Sharing books with adults and talking about the pictures. Learning about the different parts of a book. Recognising familiar logos. Understand that print has meaning	Noticing the shape of their name e.g. some are longer with lots of letters, some have tall letters etc. Beginning to recognise their own name. Clap syllables of their name and their friends name. Encouraged to make marks to represent their own name on creations -	Understand we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. Drawing pictures that are beginning to represent people and events. Talk about marks they make or pictures they draw.	Use non-fiction books to find out about interests - animal, farm texts Beginning to recognise and name some letters from their own names and their friend's Pictures to contain more detail. Faces,	Understand the names of the different parts of a book Understand page sequencing Can hear and identify rhyming words in stories. Ready for Reception - Links to Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.	Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; writing 'm' for mummy. Write some letters accurately. Ready for Reception - Links to Writing recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.	

	Understand that print can have different purposes Exploring a range of large scale sensory play such as making marks with fingers in shallow trays of sand or cornflour, large brushes with paint or water.	paying special attention to the correct formation of the initial letter. Using emergent writing to write stories /lists - be able to explain what the marks mean.	Forming initial letters in their name using correct direction - large paper whiteboards to practise.				
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)	happily, ever after, heading speech, subheadings, sud Letter, word, up, down, ov sound, beginning, middle,	gs, heroes, how, information Idenly, summarise, title, villa er, round, start finish, line, , end, sign, list, card, messa	n, instructions, internet, middle, r ains, what, when, where, who, wh dot, straight, wavy, curved, diago ge, invitation	digital book, e-book, emotions, en non-fiction, once upon a time, pag ny, drawing, picture, marks, Pen, p nal, circle, square, rectangle, sen	e, plot, poem, predict, question, r aper, brush, roller, chalk, felt pen tence, syllable, capital letter, lowe	ecipes, retell, rhyme, setting, , crayon, whiteboard, rubber ercase letter, phoneme, initial	
Phonological Awareness Phase 1				clap syllables in a word, recognise w s such as Letters and Sounds and		eak words down into phonemes in	
Phase 2 (if/when children are ready)	The activities below are to Aspect 1 - General sound discrimination – environmental Activities include: -listening walk -drumming on different items outside -comparing the sounds of instruments, -playing a sounds lotto game -making shakers. Aspect 2 – General sound discrimination – instrumental sounds Activities include comparing and matching sound makers -playing instruments alongside a story making loud and quiet sounds.	 be used across the year ar Aspect 3 – General sound discrimination – body percussion Developing children's awareness of sounds and rhythms. Activities include: -singing songs and action rhymes e.g'Dr knickerbocker knickerbocker number 9' -If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands' -listening to music and developing a sounds vocabulary. 	Aspect 4 – Rhythm and rhyme Develop children's appreciation and experiences of rhythm and rhyme in speech. Activities include: -rhyming stories -rhyming bingo, -rhyming soup -clapping out the syllables in words	e phonological awareness to ens Aspect 5 – Alliteration The focus is on initial sounds of words, Activities include: - I-Spy type games -matching objects which begin with the same sound.	Aspect 6 – Voice sounds The aim is to distinguish between different vocal sounds and to begin oral blending and segmenting. Activities include: Metal Mike, where children feed pictures of objects into a toy robot's mouth and the teacher sounds out the name of the object in a robot voice – /c/-/u/-/p/ cup, with the children joining in.	Aspect 7 – Oral blending and segmenting In this aspect, the main aim is to develop oral blending and segmenting skills. To practise oral blending, the teacher could say some sounds, such as /c/- /u/-/p/ and see whether the children can pick out a cup from a group of objects. For segmenting practise, the teacher could hold up an object such as a sock and ask the children which sounds they can hear in the word sock Ready for reception - Links to Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. • Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.	
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)			sound, letter names, letter, rhym	he, phoneme frame, phoneme, rhy	me, segment, sentence, sound bu	ittons, syllable	
Mathematics (Key vocabulary for maths highlighted in Master the curriculum	As part of daily routine and continuous provision: Daily self-registration, days of the week; counting how many children in key group, recording amounts in a range of ways; holding up fingers to represent amounts; locating matching numeral on number line; open ended natural objects can be used for counting, weighing, comparing, sharing, making patterns; singing number rhymes and songs. Statements below are taken from Master the curriculum.						
planning)	Colours Match - Buttons and colours Matching towers	Number 1 -subitsing, counting, numeral Number 2 - Subisting dice pattern, random patterns,	Number 3 - subitsing The three little pigs 1:1 counting Numerals/triangles	Number 6 introduce 10 frame	Sequencing Positional language More than/fewer than Shape 2D and 3D	Number composition 1-5 Revision What comes after? What comes before?	

	Matching shoes Match number shapes Match shapes Pattern handprints - big and small Sort - colour size shape Sort - what do you notice? Guess the rule	different sizes Number 2 - counting, numeral Pattern - Extend AB colour patterns Extend AB outdoor patterns AB movement patterns Fix my Pattern Extend ABC Colour patterns Extend ABC Outdoor Patterns	Number 4 1:1 counting Numerals Squares/rectangles Composition of 4 Number 5 1:1 counting Numerals Pentagon Composition of 5 Consolidate 1-5	Height and length - tall and short, long and short, tall/long and short Mass - relate to books the three little pigs. Goldilocks Capacity	Revisit pattern from Autumn	Numbers to 5 Ready for reception links - Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number.
Understanding the World Links to History, RE, Geography, Science	Forest school – provides of vegetables, observing create Outdoor kitchen- pots, pan	to figure things out and proble pportunities for risk taking, cli ures e.g. worms, slugs, snails s, bowls, natural found object	mbing trees, cooking over a campfir , butterflies. Life cycles, healthy eat	nent, recipe cards, clipboards and p	ig, noticing changes in the seasons,	planting seeds, growing Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history (link jigsaw scheme) Children will reflect on their own family history

Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)	Memories, past, present, now, then, change, different, old, photographs, looking back, yesterday, today, tomorrow, a long time, growth, decay, seasons, autumn, winter, spring, summer, days of the week, remember when, die, death, life cycles, birthday, party, Christmas, celebrations, wedding, christenings, Diwali, Eid, Easter, anniversary, baby, toddler, blossom tree, adult, young, months of the year Map, road, path, street, river, stream, town, village, countryside, celebration direction, tradition, house, park, post office, shops, land, ocean, sea, globe, atlas, England, countries, Europe, world, jobs/careers (ongoing),					
Expressive arts and design Links to music, literacy, Art, DT and Drama Children to be given opportunities to be mindful and in the moment when creating throughout the year.	design music, literacy, DT and Drama Exploring sounds and instruments; colour mixing; Parachute games/songs; playdough modelling; cooking activities; transient art; using senses to modelling with a range of materials Being imaginative and expressive - Core songs and rhymes: ities to be ind in the when creating Twinkle twinkle little ities speckled frogs Humpty					ure, scents; using tools to create;
Creating with Materials Links to Art, Dt and Drama	To explore mark making using paint and other materials. To explore using varying colours - link to Autumn Art To know the names of primary colours To stack objects.	Create closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use these shapes to represent objects. Choose a colour for a particular purpose. Continue to explore mark making - Link Celebrations and Christmas To build and stack objects.	Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including detail - Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc. (ongoing)	Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them. Join different materials and explore different textures - collage, joining with masking tape, sellotape, glue, staples, treasury tags, split pins Mothers day cards, spring/easter art.	Printing - how to print, what can be used in printing, different types of printing. Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park (ongoing)	Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear, etc Fathers day cards. Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make. To use resources to make a model and explain its function. To use simple tools to shape, assemble and join - scissors, tape, PVA glue spreaders, glue sticks.

Being imaginative and expressive Links to music and Literacy Use Musical development matters in the Early Years when planning music focus sessions Children to be given opportunities to be mindful and in the moment and to express themselves creatively with music.	To take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar (ongoing) Listen with increased attention to sounds. Remember and sing entire songs.	To take on a role and become another person or thing using early projection skills, putting myself in another's shoes. (ongoing) Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises. Listen with increased attention to sounds. Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings. Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match'). Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs.	To take on a role and become another person or thing using early projection skills, putting myself in another's shoes. (ongoing) - role play begins to take on a narrative. Listen with increased attention to sounds. Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings. Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know. Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.			
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)						
Planning always follows the interests of the children. In addition, we plan for seasonal activities and provide children with opportunities to learn about topics they might not access through their own interests.						