Cragside Church of England Primary School <u>Nursery</u> Curriculum Overview 2024-2025 "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	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: Autumn 1 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 hand	ls, putting on coats/wellies/ap	rons, fastening zips.				
	Skip, hop, stand on one leg	and hold a pose for a game li	ke musical statues. Use large-musc	le movements to wave flags and str	eamers, 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 group activities which they make up for themselves, or in teams.						
	Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.						
	Being healthy - food, exercis Increasingly be able to use a		d patterns of movements which are i	related to music and rhythm.			
	Collaborate with others to ma	anage large items, such as m	oving a long plank safely, carrying l	arge hollow blocks.			
	Show a preference for a don	ninanthand.					
	Be increasingly independent	t as they get dressed and und	lressed, for example, putting coats o	on and doing up zips.			
Key Vocabulary (for		tion, coordination, gross me	otor, hand-eye co-ordination, agil	ity, spatial awareness, propositio	nal language, core strength, obs	tacles, balance, catch, throw,	
adults to use)	squat, equipment						
	Tools might include: glue	spreaders, chunky paintbru	shes, thin paint brushes, rolling p	nins knives chunky nencil small	nencil hall noint nen felt nen s	augezy scissors training	
		sors, white board pens, butt		Jins, kinves, chunky pencil, sinali	penen, ban point pen, ien pen, s	queezy scissors, training	
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Personal, Social and Emotional	As part of daily routine supported by skilled practitioners:						
	Personal development: independence skills; putting own wellies and coats and dressing for outdoors; toilet training in collaboration with parents Social development: sense of community; developing friendships; sharing and tum taking; developing and following nursery rules.						
(Links to PSHE)	Emotional development: separating from parents; understanding our feelings (colour monster book); learning to resolve conflicts with peers						
Throughout PSHE				DINI AN ONCOMO WAY AS SITU			
sessions children will	PSEIS LAUGHT THROUG		OLLOWING JIGSAW SCHEME AN	D IN AN ONGOING WAY AS SITU	ATIONS / EVENTS ARISE DURIN	G DAT TO DAT INTERACTIONS	
look in at themselves	Being in my world	Celebrating difference	Dreams and goals	Healthy me	Relationships	Changing me	
considering their own	To understand how it	To know how it feels to be	To understand what a challenge	To know the names for some	To tell you about my family.	To name parts of my body and	
ideas, opinions and	feels to belong and that we are similar and	proud of something I am	means.	parts of my body and to begin to	To understand how to make	show respect for myself.	
thoughts on a range of	different.	good at.	To keep trying until I can do something.	understand that I need to be	friends if I feel lonely. To tell you some of the things I	To tell you some things I can do	
topics and will look out	To understand how	To tell you one way I am	To set a goal and work towards	active to be healthy.	like about my friends.	and some food I can eat to be	
towards others by	feeling happy and sad can	special and unique.	it.	To tell you some of the things I	To know what to say and do if	healthy.	
showing respect for	be expressed. To work together and	To know that all families are different.	To know some kind words which can encourage people.	need to do to be healthy. To know what the word 'healthy'	somebody is mean to me. To use Calm Me time to	To understand that we all start	
others opinions ideas	consider other people's	To know there are lots of	To start to think about the jobs I	means and that some foods are	manage my feelings.	as babies and grow into children and then adults.	
and feelings	feelings.	different homes.	might like to do when I'm older.	healthier than others.	To work together and enjoy	To know that I grow and	
	To use gentle hands and	To tell you how I could	To feel proud when I achieve a	To know how to help myself go	being with my friends.	change.	
	understand that it is good to be kind to people.	make new friends.	goal.	to sleep and that sleep is good	Children will look out at their	To talk about how I feel moving	
	Begin to understand	To use my words to stand	Children will begin to	for me.	friends and begin to talk about	to School from Nursery.	
	children's rights and this	up for myself.	understand how they can work	To wash my hands and know it	what makes them special	To remember some fun things	
	means we should all be		to achieve a goal. They will start	is important to do this before I		about Nursery this year.	
	allowed to learn and play.	Children will reflect on	to look out into the world and	eat and after I go to the toilet.			

	To learn what being	what makes them special	become aware of different roles	To know who my safe adults		
	responsible means.	Children will look out at	in society	are and how to stay safe if they		
	Children will begin to	different families around		are not close by me.		
	understand their own	the world. Children will				
	feelings and be given	look up as they begin to		Children will look in at		
	opportunities to consider	learn about different		themselves to begin to know		
	the feelings of others	beliefs .		what makes them healthy		
Key Vocabulary (for	Rules, feelings, behaviou	 r, sharing, sorry, friend, ups	et, sad, angry, challenge.			
adults to use)	Wee, poo, flush, accident	, wet, wipe, clean, toilet pap	er, dirty, wash, dry, soap, coat, zip	o, jumper, arms, head, fasten, dre	ss, on, off, up, down, kind, friends	s, feelings – happy, sad, hurt,
,			ising, virus, sharing, helpful, gern	ns, hat, scarves, gloves, buttons,	feet, fasten, shoes, velcro, buckle	e, laces, healthy, exercise, safe,
	rules, share, independent	t, challenge				
			angry, disappointed, negotiate, c	ooperate, listen, compromise, so	cialise, listen, eye-contact, listeni	ng ears, behaviour, rules,
	conflict, kind, thoughtful,	<u> </u>				
Communication and	As part of daily routine ar	•				
Language	Listening to stories, retelling	g stories, circle time, role play	language and vocabulary develope	d in the moment with children.		
	Enjoy listening to longer	Sing a large repertoire of	Use a wider range of vocabulary	Understand 'why' questions,	Be able to express a point of	Start a conversation with an
	stories and can remember	songs (ongoing)	- learning new vocab from key	like: "Why do you think the	view and to debate when they	adult or a friend and continue it
	much of what happens -		texts or celebrations e.g. Lunar	caterpillar got so fat?" - Link to	disagree with an adult or a	for many tums.
	joining in with repeated	Know many rhymes, be	new year, Holi	key texts - Why was Handa	friend, using words as well as	
	refrains in key texts.	able to talk about familiar		surprised with the tangerines?	actions Discuss was it fair that	Use talk to organise themselves
		books, and be able to tell	Understand a question or	What happened to the tree?	Jack went into the Giant's	and their play: "Let's go on a
	Pay attention to more	a long story (ongoing)	instruction that has two parts,		house?	bus you sit there I'll be the
	than one thing at a time,		such as: "Get your coat and wait	Children will be given		driver."
	which can be difficult.	Enjoy learning songs from	at the door".	opportunities to look in, out and		
		song box and Christmas		up as they are given why		
	Use longer sentences of	songs	Children will look out as they	questions to ponder around a		
	four to six words.	Joining in with repeated	learn about different festivals	range of topics.		
		refrains in key texts,	and celebrations and linked			
		recalled key parts of key	vocab.			
		texts, using vocab linked				
		to texts - swishy swashy,				
		small medium large.				
Key Vocabulary (for			, behind, next to, in between, on t			
adults to use)	Vocabulary, words, sente	nce, speech, speak, past, pr	esent, future, how, why, when, wl	nere, who, meaning, narrative, org	janise, sequence, clarify	
Literacy	As part of daily routine ar	•	. See all all and a set of the set of the set	and a start has the start of the		a ta da cara a ta catha a sta da catha a st
Literacy			s. i.e. clipboards outdoors, chalks for	paving stones, boards and notepac	as in the nome corner, planning she	ets in construction area, greeting
		etter writing, shopping lists, pi				
			to choose from. Selection of colour			
	Daily: writing letters of their	r name, encouraged to write n	ames on pictures, story times, singir	ng songs and nursery rhymes with a	ctions, developing vocabulary throu	igh stories and books.
	Learning nursery rhymes.	Noticing the shape of their	Understand we read English	Use non-fiction books to find out	Understand the names of the	Use some of their print and
	Listening to stories.	name e.g. some are	text from left to right and from	about interests - animal, farm	different parts of a book	letter knowledge in their early
	Sharing books with adults	0	top to bottom		Understand page sequencing	writing. For example: writing a
	and talking about the	longer with lots of letters,		texts	endorotaria pago boquoriolity	pretend shopping list that starts
	pictures.	some have tall letters etc.	Engage in extended		Can hear and identify rhyming	at the top of the page; writing
	Learning about the	Beginning to recognise	conversations about stories,	Beginning to recognise and	words in stories.	'm' for mummy.
	different parts of a book.	their own name.	learning new vocabulary.	name some letters from their		in for maniny.
	different parts of a book.	Clap syllables of their	icaning new vocabulary.	own names and their friend's		Write some letters accurately.
						while some reliers accurately.

	Recognising familiar logos. Understand that print has meaning 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.	name and their friends name. Encouraged to make marks to represent their own name on creations - 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.	Drawing pictures that are beginning to represent people and events. Talk about marks they make or pictures they draw. Forming initial letters in their name using correct direction - large paper whiteboards to practise.	Pictures to contain more detail. Faces,	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.	Ready for Reception - Links to Writing recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.
Key Vocabulary (for	alliteration author haddle	as beginning blurb bold b	ook character clarify contents (digital book, e-book, emotions, en	d fact feelings fiction finally g	ossary goodies google
adults to use)				non-fiction, once upon a time, pag		
í i l				y, drawing, picture, marks, Pen, p		
		er, round, start finish, line, , end, sign, list, card, messa		onal, circle, square, rectangle, sen	tence, syllable, capital letter, low	ercase letter, phoneme, initial
Phonological Awareness				lap syllables in a word, recognise w	ords with the same initial sound. Bre	eak words down into phonemes in
Phase 1	everyday conversations e.g	. "I can see a d-o-g" "Can you	get your c-oa-t?" Using document	s such as Letters and Sounds and	Music Development Matters	
Phase 2 (if/when children are ready)				e phonological awareness to ensu		
······································	Aspect 1 - General sound	Aspect 3 – General	Aspect 4 – Rhythm and rhyme	Aspect 5 – Alliteration The focus	Aspect 6 – Voice sounds The	Aspect 7 – Oral blending and
	discrimination – environmental Activities	sound discrimination –	Develop children's appreciation	is on initial sounds of words,	aim is to distinguish between	segmenting In this aspect, the
	include: -listening walk -	body percussion Developing children's	and experiences of rhythm and rhyme in speech. Activities	Activities include: - I-Spy type games -matching objects which	different vocal sounds and to begin oral blending and	main aim is to develop oral blending and segmenting skills.
	drumming on different	awareness of sounds and	include: -rhyming stories -	begin with the same sound.	segmenting. Activities include:	To practise oral blending, the
	items outside -comparing the sounds of	rhythms.	rhyming bingo, -rhyming soup - clapping out the syllables in		Metal Mike, where children feed pictures of objects into a toy	teacher could say some sounds, such as $/c/-/u/-/p/$ and see
	instruments, -playing a	Activities include: -	words		robot's mouth and the teacher	whether the children can pick
	sounds lotto game -	singing songs and action			sounds out the name of the	out a cup from a group of
	making shakers.	rhymes e.g'Dr			object in a robot voice - /c/-/u/-	objects.
	Assess 2 Concert	knickerbocker			/p/ cup, with the children joining	For segmenting practise, the
	Aspect 2 – General sound discrimination –	knickerbocker number 9' - If you're happy and you			in.	teacher could hold up an object such as a sock and ask the
	instrumental sounds	know it, clap your hands' -				children which sounds they can
	Activities include	listening to music and				hear in the word sock
	comparing and matching	developing a sounds				Ready for reception - Links to
	sound makers -playing	vocabulary.				Say a sound for each letter in
	instruments alongside a					the alphabet and at least 10
	story making loud and					digraphs. • Read words
	quiet sounds.					consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending
Key Vocabulary (for	alphabet, blend, capital, fi	nal sound, grapheme, initial	sound, letter names, letter, rhym	e, phoneme frame, phoneme, rhyr	me, segment, sentence, sound bu	,
adults to use)			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	, p, p, my	,g,,,	
	As part of daily routine an	d continuous provision:				
Mathematics	Daily self-registration, days	of the week; counting how ma	any children in key group, recording	amounts in a range of ways; holding	up fin gers to represent amounts; lo	ocating matching numeral on
number line; open ended natural objects can be used for counting, weighing, comparing, sharing, making patterns; singing number rhymes and songs.					er rhymes and songs.	

(Key vocabulary for	Statements below are taken from Master the curriculum.					
maths highlighted in	Colours	Number 1 -subitsing,	Number 3 - subitsing	Number 6	Sequencing	Number composition 1-5
Master the curriculum	Match - Buttons and	counting, numeral	The three little pigs	introduce 10 frame	Positional language	Revision
planning)	colours	0,	1:1 counting	Height and length - tall and	More than/fewer than	
	Matching towers	Number 2 - Subisting dice	Numerals/triangles	short, long and short, tall/long	Shape 2D and 3D	What comes after?
	Matching shoes	pattern, random patterns,	Number 4	and short	Revisit pattern from Autumn	What comes before?
	Match number shapes	different sizes	1:1 counting	Mass - relate to books the three	Revisit pattern norn Automin	Numbers to 5
	Match shapes	Number 2 - counting,	Numerals	little pigs. Goldilocks		
	Pattern handprints - big	numeral	Squares/rectangles	Capacity		Ready for reception links -
	and small	Pattern - Extend AB	Composition of 4	Capacity		Have a deep understanding of
	Sort - colour		Number 5			
	size	colour patterns	1:1 counting			number to 10, including the
	shape	Extend AB outdoor	Numerals			composition of each number.
	Sort - what do you notice?	patterns	Pentagon			
	Guess the rule	AB movement patterns	Composition of 5			
	Guess life fule	Fix my Pattern	Consolidate 1-5			
		Extend ABC Colour	Consolidate 1-5			
		patterns				
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		Extend ABC Outdoor				
		Patterns				
l la denetera dia a the Mandal	As part of daily routine an					
Understanding the World Links to History, RE,				ons and facilitating their investigatio		
Geography, Science	Forest school – provides o	pportunities for risk taking, cli	mbing trees, cooking over a campfir	e, mini beasts, imagination, wellbeir	ig, noticing changes in the seasons	, planting seeds, growing
eeeg.ap.iy, eeieiee			, butterflies. Life cycles, healthy eat			
				nent, recipe cards, clipboards and p	encils	
			and distance, construction on a la			
	Explore collections of	Know that there are	Show interest in different	Explore how things work.	Plant seeds and care for	Begin to make sense of their
	materials with similar	different countries in the	occupations.		growing plants.	own life-story and family's
	and/or different	world and talk about the		Explore and talk about different		history (link jigsaw scheme)
	properties.	differences they have		forces they can feel - water play	Understand the key features of	Ob the second the second second second
	Tall, about the differences	experienced or seen in		Linked to three bills reads any if	the life cycle of a plant and an	Children will reflect on their own
	Talk about the differences	photos - link to		Linked to three billy goats gruff	animal.	family history
	between materials and	celebrations around the		and three little pig - bridge and		
	changes they notice	world		house building	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural	
	(ongoing)	Continue developing			environment and all living	
	Talk about what they see,	positive attitudes about			things.	
	using a wide vocabulary.	the differences between			unings.	
	using a wide vocabulary.				Children will take on a	
	Use all their senses in	people. (Link Jigsaw scheme)			responsibility to care for a living	
	hands-on exploration of	scheme)				
	natural materials	Children will learn shout			plant	
		Children will leam about different				
	Exploring Autumn via real	countries/people/celebrati				
	life observations and	ons				
	objects, photos, music					
	objects, priotos, music					
	These objectives will be					
	covered throughout the					
	year as we explore					
	seasonal change					
	could brange					
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Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)	summer, days of the week blossom tree, adult, young	, remember when, die, deat g, months of the year er, stream, town, village, co	, old, photographs, looking back, h, life cycles, birthday, party, Chr ountryside, celebration direction	istmas, celebrations, wedding, ch	ristenings, Diwali, Eid, Easter, an	niversary, baby, toddler,
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.	exploring sounds and instruments: colour mixing. Parachute gamele, ong is low dough modeling: cooking activities transient art: using senses to explore colour texture scents: using tools to creat					
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.

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Being imaginative	To take part in simple pretend play, using an object to	To take on a role and become another person or thing using early	To take on a role and become another person or thing using early			
and expressive	represent something else even though they are not	projection skills, putting myself in another's shoes. (ongoing)	projection skills, putting myself in another's shoes. (ongoing) - role			
Links to music and	similar (ongoing)		play begins to take on a narrative.			
Literacy		Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.				
Literacy	Listen with increased attention to sounds.		Listen with increased attention to sounds. Respond to what they			
		Listen with increased attention to sounds. Respond to what they	have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.			
Use Musical	Remember and sing entire songs.	have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.				
development matters in	······g-·	······································	Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know.			
the Early Years when		Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match').				
		Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down,	Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings			
planning music focus		down and up) of familiar songs.	and ideas.			
sessions		down and up) or rammar sorigs.	and ideas.			
Children to be given						
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opportunities to be						
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moment and to express						
themselves creatively						
with music.						
	Dense sinn som dense instrument drem densetisk tem					
Key Vocabulary (for		pourine, maracas, triangle, xylophone, loud, quiet, fast, slow, music, beat.	attor score nuch nour clin clide dribble court squirt			
adults to use)	adults to use) Draw, cut, print, mark, paint, scrape, tear, stick, shape, mould, squeeze, trickle, pour, scratch, dab, shade, colour, splash, spray, flick, spatter, score, push, pour, slip, slide, dribble, spurt, squirt. Build, model, tower, block, stack,					
Planning al		for seasonal activities and provide children with opportunities to learn about	It topics they might not access through their own interests			
Flamming at	ways ronows are interests of the children. In addition, we plan	ior seasonal activities and provide cillulen with opportunities to learn abot	in topics they might not access through their own interests.			