

Reception 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 All about me - Who am I? Family - who, pets, where I live, what I like - use tapestry to share news/hobbies. What do I look like? similarities and differences to others. My emotions	Bonfire night Firework safety Diwali Remembrance Nursery Rhyme Week Children in need Christmas Walk to post cards/letters Being healthy - teeth, food and exercise, washing hands/germs, toileting.	Changing seasons winter/spring Winter walk - exploring ice/water - melting/freezing Chinese New Year Mothers Day Shrove Tuesday and lent World book Day Easter My community - where in the world are we? What type of home do I live in? What are the physical features of my local environment? Who helps in my community? What are the beliefs /cultures in my community?	What animals share our part of the world?	Summer walk - what has changed Growing Caterpillars Growing - Plants Life cycles	Mini beasts Friendships/changes Fathers day Sports day Summer trip Minibeasts - what are they? Where are they? What have we found?
Partnership with parents	Tapestry Parent Consultations Family Stay and Play	Tapestry Christmas Song Performance	Tapestry Parent Consultations	Tapestry Spring Stay and Play	Tapestry Church trip	Tapestry Annual reports Sports Day Summer stay and play and celebrations
Key texts to enhance seasonal topics or events.	Colour Monster Ruby's Worry	Key Texts The Gigantic Turnip Stickman Blue Penguin How to catch a star Christmas stories including Nativity	Beegu Here We Are	10 Things I can do to help my world Planet full of plastic What the Ladybird Heard The Robber Raccoon	Key Texts Bog Baby Yucky worms Non-fiction books on life cycles and growing plants	Key Texts Croc and Bird Naughty Bus The Invisible Non-fiction text about minibeasts
Physical Development	Gross motor indoors: yoga; dar Fine motor: threading activities; t drawing. Understanding the langu	ation and matching numeral to quantity ntinuous provision: ors: large climbing equipment; t ice and movement, painting on e weezers; malleable materials e.(iage of direction ('up', 'down', 'ro healthy choices with food/snack;	Building Blocks to KS1 Literacy: Developing writing to produce a grammar such as a capital letter, full stop Mathematics: Adding two groups/quanti pikes & scooters; ball skills, water p easel, parachute games, scarves, s g. playdough; finger gym, actions t und', 'back', etc).	simple sentences using appropriate and finger spaces. ties. blay - carrying water containers, sv sticky kids, and messy play.	and others, using capital letters, full st Mathematics: Numbers to 20 to prepa veeping, using wheel barrow, bu s, eating with cutlery, using sma	re for place value

	crawling, walking, running, jumpin Running skilfully and negotiating s direction to avoid obstacles. Fine Motor Skills: Using tools and equipment Mark making and name writing Finger gym activities Holding scissors accurately.	ving with confidence in a range of ways, such as slithering, shuffling, rolling, wling, walking, running, jumping, skipping, sliding and hopping. nning skilfully and negotiating space successfully, adjusting speed or ection to avoid obstacles. The Motor Skills: ing tools and equipment rk making and name writing iger gym activities Iding scissors accurately. ilet routine, washing hands, putting on coats/wellies/aprons,		Gross Motor Skills: Continuing and developing our movement and position skills, negotiating space successfully Developing our strength, balance and coordination through dance, gymnastics and play. Fine Motor Skills: Continuing to use tools and equipment with confidence and independence Effectively holding and using scissors Finger gym activities Pencil grip and pencil control Beginning to draw with accuracy and attention to detail. Being healthy - food, exercise, teeth, sleep.		Gross Motor Skills: Successfully negotiating space and obstacles safely with consideration for themselves and others Independently showing strength, balance and coordination when playing Moving energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. Fine Motor Skills: Continuing to use tools and equipment with confidence and independence Finger gym activities Using the tripod grip with pencil grip and pencil control with confidence Continuing to draw and recreate images and pictures with accuracy and awareness. Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips.	
Key Vocabularly (for adults to use)						.	
Personal, Social and Emotional (Links to PSHE) 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 pare 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 PSE IS TAUGHT THROUGH WEEKLY CIRCLE TIME FOLLOWING JIGSAW SCHEME AND IN AN ONGOING WAY AS SITUATIONS / EVE considering their own					h peers	G DAY TO DAY INTERACTIONS	
ideas, opinions and thoughts on a range of topics and will look out towards others by showing respect for others opinions ideas and feelings	 Identify feelings associated with belonging Identify feelings of happiness and sadness Skills to play cooperatively with others Be able to consider others' feelings Be responsible in the setting 	Celebrating difference • Identify feelings associated with being proud • Identify things they are good at • Be able to vocalise success for themselves and about others successes • Identify some ways they can be different and the same as others • Recognise similarities and differences between their family and other families • Identify and use skills to make a friend • Identify and use skills to stand up for themselves	Dreams and goals • Understand that challenges can be difficult • Recognise some of the feelings linked to perseverance • Talk about a time that they kept on trying and achieved a goal Recognise how kind words can encourage people • Feel proud and celebrate success Children will begin to understand how	 Healthy me Recognise how exercise makes them feel Recognise how different foods can make them feel Explain what they need to do to stay healthy Can give examples of healthy food Can explain how they might feel if they don't get enough sleep Can explain what to do if a stranger approaches them 	 Can identify what jobs they do in their family and those carried out by parents/carers and siblings Can suggest ways to make a friend or help someone who is lonely Understand how to use different ways to mend a friendship Recognise what being angry feels like and have tools to support with feeling calm 	 To name parts of the body To understanding what we can do and foods we can eat to be healthy To understand that we all grow from babies to adults To express how we feel about moving to Year 1 Talk about my worries and/or the things we are looking forward to about being in Year 1 To share our memories of the best bits of this year in Reception 	
	Children will begin to understand their own feelings and be given	themselves	Children will begin to understand how they can work to achieve a goal. They will start to look out into the world and		Children will look out at their friends and begin to talk about what makes them special		

		Recognise emotions when they or someone else is upset, frightened or angry Children will reflect on what makes them special Children will look out at different families around 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)	different, rights,		persevere, achievement, happy, kind, encourage, proud	healthy, exercise, head, shoulders, knees, toes, sleep, heart, active, wash, clean, safe adult, scared, trust.	family, jobs, relationship, friend, lonely, argue, fall-out, words, feelings, angry, upset, calm me, breathing.	memories, past, present, future, how, why, when, where, who
Language	Listening to stories, retelling Listening, Attention and Unders Developing our listening skills Listening for sounds Developing our attention and focu Following simple and two-part ins Speaking: Daily Talk opportunities through o	g stories, circle time, role play, languag standing: is skills tructions	Listening, Attention and Understand Asking questions and listening carefully Continuing to develop our listening skill task or during carpet teaching Rich vocabulary exposure through a va Developing our sentences and replying detail. Speaking: Daily Talk opportunities through our cor	ing: v to give the correct answers s and maintain our attention and focus to a riety of texts and stories to questions with descriptive words and htinuous provision including our roleplay recreate roles and experiences in our play re vocabulary skills adults) in our play and interactions eeds and future forms	said Speaking: Joining in with whole class, small (Freely joining in and giving own id	nd forth exchanges en said giving relevant comments based on what has been group and 1–2-1 discussions eas and thoughts. asons for what has happened and making
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)	Vocabulary, words, sente	ence, speech, speak, past, presen	t, future, how, why, when, wh	ere, who, meaning, narrative, or	rganise, sequence, clarify	
Literacy	home-made books, letter wi Resources : a range of pen Daily: writing letters of their Develop their phonological		sure maps se from. Selection of coloured pa pictures, story times, singing so suggest rhymes, count or clap s	pper, themed paper, envelopes, drawings and nursery rhymes with actions yllables in a word, recognise words	ving programmes on large so s, developing vocabulary thro with the same initial sound. E	ough stories and books.

	Comprehension: Sharing picture books, non-fiction books and stories Listening to and beginning to show an understanding of stories and what has been read to the children. Beginning to join in with stories and repeated refrains Singing songs and nursery rhymes Word Reading: Listening to sounds in songs, stories, poems, rhyme and the environment Introduction to Set 1 sounds RWInc. Phonics sounds Beginning to blend simple CVC words. Writing: Beginning to form recognisable letters Name writing Beginning to match sound to letter.	 Comprehension: Developing understanding of what has been read to them by retelling and sequencing stories and narratives Following reading of a range of high quality texts, poems, and rhymes, applying new vocabulary from in discussions and interactions with adults and peers Participation in 'Helicopter Stories' and willing to re-create stories which have been shared Confidently joining in with stories and repeated refrains. Word Reading: Familiar with all Set 1 RWInc. Phonics sounds Building knowledge and use of Set 2 RWInc. Phonics sounds including digraphs and trigraphs Developing sound blending and simple word recognition in line with phonics knowledge and taught sounds Developing recognition of tricky and red words Beginning to read aloud simple sentences using phonics knowledge and taught sounds. Writing: Developing confidence to writing recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed and on the line independently Listening for sounds at the beginning and throughout words and correctly representing the sounds with a letter or letters Developing writing to produce simple sentences using appropriate grammar such as a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces. 	Comprehension: Demonstrating a solid understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary Using new vocabulary from a range of high quality texts, poems, and rhymes in discussions and interactions with adults and peers Able to reenact and re-create stories in class teaching and independent play Showing prediction skills and character understanding in new texts. Word Reading: Familiar with all Set 1 and Set 2 RWInc. Phonics sounds including up to 10 digraphs Able to recognise and blend sounds in line with phonics knowledge and taught sounds Able to recognise and blend sounds in line with phonics knowledge and taught sounds Showing confidence reading aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with phonic knowledge and teaching, including some common exception words. Writing: Writing recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed and on the line Listening for sounds in words and correctly representing the sounds with a letter or letters Writing simple phrases and sentences which can be read by themselves and others, using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)		ents, digital book, e-book, emotions, end, fact, feelings, fiction, finally, gloss ernet, middle, non-fiction, once upon a time, page, plot, poem, predict, que	
Mathematics	their learning throughout the day. As part of daily routine and continuous provision: Daily self-registration (counting how many children are here/abse	arning during lessons, as well as having resources available in nt using 10 frames); counting how many children in key group, recor- natural objects can be used for counting, weighing, comparing, shar	
	Autumn Term Getting to know you Match, sort and compare Talk about measure and patterns Its me 1, 2, 3 Circles and triangles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Shapes with 4 sides	Spring Term Alive in 5 Mass and Capacity Growing 6,7,8 Length, height and time Building 9 and 10 Explore 3-D shapes	Summer Term To 20 and beyond How many now? Manipulate, compose and decompose Sharing and grouping Visualise, build and map Make connections Consolidation
Understanding the World	As part of daily routine and continuous provision: Adult's encourage children to figure things out and problem solve	l e, asking open ended questions and facilitating their investigations.	1

Links to History, RE, Geography, Science	Forest school – provides opportunities for risk taking, climbing trees, cooking over a campfire, mini beasts, imagination, wellbeing, noticing changes in the seasons, planting seeds, growing vegetables, observing creatures e.g. worms, slugs, snails, butterflies. Life cycles, healthy eating, weather Outdoor kitchen- pots, pans, bowls, natural found objects, water, digging and stirring equipment, recipe cards, clipboards and pencils Nursery/Reception yard- wheeled toys, big space to discover speed and distance, construction on a large scale, water play.						
	Birth of Jesus People, Culture and Communitie Me - what is important to me? Our families, our friends and when Stories about Jesus and being par Our Cragside family The Natural World:	re we live	Past and Present: Showing an awareness for different perincluding people who help us Beginning to describe and discuss thin things which happen in our lives Sharing stories and non-fictions texts wincluding the Easter Story. People, Culture and Communities Developing an understanding and the celebrations and cultural festivals Discussing and understanding different	igs that have happened in the past and with events across different time periods ability to discuss different family	Role-playing and acting stories of Able to discuss lives of Grandpa differences and similarities. People, Culture and Communi Able to describe their immediate discussion with adults and peers	arents and older generations and articulate	
	weekly forest school sessions	lifferent animals and plants and looking after	Christenings and baptisms and how th Sharing stories about different religions The Natural World: Freely exploring our outdoor area and they notice	ey might differ with different communities s and cultures forest environment and discussing changes rent 'worlds' and environments (ice, hot)	The Natural World: Continuing to exploring our outd changes they notice and drawin Able to discuss and describe pla	fferent countries, food, weather and cultures loor area and forest environment and discussing g what they see (wildlife, animals and plants) ants and animals and what they need to grow non-fiction texts to explore our world and discuss wit t play.	
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)	Map, road, path, street, river, s	stream, town, village, countryside, celeb	ration direction, tradition, house, p	ark, post office, shops, land, ocean, se	a, globe, atlas, England, coun	tries, Europe, world, jobs/careers (ongoing),	
Religious Studies	As part of daily routine an Adults encourage children to us		all world play relating to topics covere	ed, such as building churches, the Easter		uch as Judaism and Islam boks are readily available for children to access a	
	Being Special: Where do we belong?	Why is Christmas	Why is the word 'God'	han			
	de we belong.		so important to Christians?	Why is Easter special to Christians?	Which places are special and why?	What times/stories are special and why?	
			so important to Christians?				
	Children will retell religious stories	Begin to recognise the word 'incarnation' as describing the	so important to Christians?	to Christians? king sense of belief	special and why?		

	making connections with	happens at a traditional Christian festival (Christmas)	Talk about things they find interesting, puzzling or wonderful and also about their own experiences and feelings about the world Think about the wonders of the natural world, expressing ideas and feelings Children will be encouraged to talk about what people do to mess up the world and what they do to look after it.	Make connections with signs of new life in nature and the symbols Christians use during holy week	Talk about somewhere that is special to themselves, saying why Get to know and use appropriate words to talk about their thoughts and feelings when visiting a church Express a personal response to the natural world.	Identify some of their own feelings in the stories they hear
			Philosophy- unde	erstanding the impact		
	at a traditional Christian infant baptism and dedication Recall simply what happens	to them Say what makes their family and friends special to them Making connections from stories	Say how and when Christians like to thank their Creator	Recognise some symbols Christians use during Holy Week, e.g. palm leaves, cross, eggs, etc., Talk about some ways Christians remember these stories at Easter.	Recognise that some religious people have places which have special meaning for them Talk about the things that are special and valued in a place of worship	Talk about some of the things these stories teach believers (for example, what Jesus teaches about being friends with the friendless in the story of Zacchaeus; what Jesus' story about the ten lepers teaches about saying 'thank you', and why it is good to thank and be thanked; what the Chanukah story teaches Jews About standing up for what is right), etc.
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.		movement and dance; role play acti				reate roles and experiences; exploring cents; using tools to create; modelling with a

Being imaginative and expressive - Core songs and rhymes:
Twinkle twinkle little star
Im a little teapot
12345 Once I caught a fish alive
5 little speckled frogs
Humpty dumpty
Hickory dickory dock
Wind the bobbin up
5 little ducks
Incy wincy spider
The grand old duke of York
5 little men in a flying saucer
5 fat sausages
Old Mcdonald had a farm
Head shoulders knees and toes
Miss Polly had a dolly
The wheels on the bus
If youre happy and you know it
Baa baa black sheep

	Drawing	Painting	Textiles and collage	Printing	Sculpture
Creating with Materials Links to Art, Dt and Drama Key skills are built upon through the year:	To independently complete mark making. Purposefully choose colours or techniques. Use tools, materials and simple actions to produce a piece of work. Know that drawings have a meaning Create simple representations of events, people and objects.	Use a paint brush to paint Use finger painting Choose colours you like when painting Mix colours in an experimental way	To handle, manipulate and enjoy using materials. To investigate sensory experience. To make simple collages inspired by their own imaginative ideas.	Print marks intentionally on a surface with fingers, object or tools. Use paint to print	Explore materials, describing how they feel and look. Create models expressing their own creative ideas using junk modelling materials Use and explore playdoh.

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 talk about dance and performance art, expressing feelings. To know that we can move with the pulse of the music. To clap some of the words from the song for others to copy. To enjoy finding and moving the pitch of their voices. To develop their singing abilities by matching pitch and following melody. To enjoy singing a song from memory. To know that a performance is sharing music. To engage in music and dance performing solo or groups. To enjoy the challenge of performing with just the backing track	To begin to replicate choreographed dances. To enjoy listening to music and responding to music through dance or other movement To find the pulse in different ways and show this through actions. To copy the sounds they can hear to distinguish high-pitched sounds from low-pitched sounds. To enjoy singing or rapping a song from memory. To add actions to songs. To enjoy the challenge of performing with just the backing track. To listen back to the performance.	To invent and adapt recounts, narratives and stories. To enjoy thinking up and sharing own ideas for actions. To clap a whole line of the song. To learn to sing in unison with support. To enjoy singing or rapping a song from memory. To add actions or substitute a word in some sections. To enjoy the challenge of performing with just the backing track and adding actions to the songs. To play the pulse with a pitched note or untuned percussion instrument. To add one pitched sound to the rhythm of words and short phrases from the song
creatively with music.	the backing track. To enjoy finding a pattern on the instrument.		words and short phrases from the song. To enjoy playing and experimenting with 2-note or 3-note patterns.
Key Vocabulary (for adults to use)		 rine, maracas, triangle, xylophone, loud, quiet, fast, slow, music, beat. jueeze, trickle, pour, scratch, dab, shade, colour, splash, spray, flick, spatter, score,	push, pour, slip, slide, dribble, spurt, squirt.