



Reception Long Term Curriculum Overview 2026-27

This is a long term overview of the year ahead, however as we follow children's interests throughout the year, this plan is subject to change.

	Autumn 1 <i>Marvellous Me</i>	Autumn 2 <i>Our Festivals:</i>	Spring 1 <i>Amazing Animals</i>	Spring 2 <i>New Life</i>	Summer 1 <i>We are Special</i>	Summer 2 <i>Magical Minibeasts</i>
Visits/ cultural Capital	Autumn Walk	Stickman Theatre	Church visit Book week	Canon Hall Farm Spring Walk in school grounds	Mosque visit Careers visitors	Beach Visit Fitness Week
Special Dates	Black History month	Remembrance day Diwali Christmas	Poetry week Lunar new year	Ramadan Shrove Tuesday Lent Mother's Day Eid Ul Fitr Good Friday	Vaisakhi	Fathers Day Eid Ul Adha Reception Class Assembly
RE Syllabus Unit	<u>F5. Being special - Where do we belong?</u>	<u>F4. Which times are special and why? (Christian focus)</u>	<u>F3. Which places are special and why?</u>	<u>F4. Which times are special and why? (Muslim focus)</u>	<u>F2. Which people are special & why?</u>	<u>F6. What is special about our world and why?</u>
	<u>'F1: Which stories are special and why?' intertwines throughout each unit</u>					
		The Nativity Story	Noah's ark	The Prophet and the ants The crying camel The thirsty cat	Feeding the 5000	The creation story
Book focus/ book enhancements	Starting school/ families & diversity Oliver's Vegetables – harvest	Hibernation Autumn Harvest Say Hi to Hedgehogs!	The Emperor's Egg Penguins Can't fly Our story starts in Africa	The Tiny Seed Superhero Mum Sam plants a sunflower	Supertato (topic) The Lion Inside (topic) Greta Thunberg	Mad about Minibeasts The Very Hungry Caterpillar
The Magic of Stories	Zog You're all my favourite! Room on a Broom Pumpkin Soup Spookyrumpus Funnybones	Never use a knife and fork (verb focus) The Scarecrow who didn't Scare The Little Red Hen- The Gruffalo The Gruffalo's child Stickman	Penguin (Polly Dunbar) Walking through the Jungle Baby goes to Market The Selfish Crocodile Augustus and his smile (India) Little Monkey	That's my flower Rabbits don't lay eggs Farmer Duck What the Ladybird heard The Odd Egg	Traditional tales focus Jack and the Beanstalk Little Red Riding Hood The three Billy Goats Gruff The Elves and the shoemaker Goldilocks and the three bears	Monkey Puzzle The Greedy Bee The Yucky Worm What the Ladybird heard at the seaside Spider (Alison Steadman)

					The Ugly Duckling	The Giant Jam Sandwich
PSED- One Life	Settling in The strength of Self Awareness	The strength of the Response system	The flexibility of bouncing back	The flexibility of compassion	The power of now	The flexibility of balancing doing and being
PD/ PE	Introduction to PE: Unit 2	Dance Unit 2	Gymnastics Unit 2	Fundamentals: Unit 2	Ball skills: Unit 2	Games: Unit 2
Literacy	Oral blending Name recognition and writing Initial sounds CVC words Verbally rehearsing colourful semantics	Colourful semantics CVC Phase 2 tricky words Phase 2 GCPs	Colourful semantics Cvc words Simple sentences Phase 2 & 3 tricky words Phase 2 & 3 GCPs	Colourful semantics Cvc words Simple sentences Phase 2 & 3 tricky words Phase 2 & 3 GCPs	Colourful semantics Simple sentences Phase 2 & 3 tricky words Phase 2 & 3 GCPs Capital letters Full stops More independence	Colourful semantics Simple sentences Phase 2 & 3 tricky words Phase 2 & 3 GCPs Capital letters Full stops Independent writing
Maths	<u>BASELINES</u> Match, sort and compare (wk 1-3) <u>NCETM –</u> 4. Subitising within 3 5. Focus on counting skills 6. Explore how all numbers are made of 1s -Focus on composition of 3 and 4 7. Subitise objects and sounds 8. Comparison of sets - 'just by looking' -Use the language of comparison: more than and fewer than	<u>NCETM – wk 6-10</u> 1. Focus on counting skills -Focus on the 'five-ness of 5' using one hand and the die pattern for 5 2. Comparison of sets - by matching -Use the language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number 3. Explore the concept of 'whole' and 'part' 4. Focus on the composition of 3, 4 and 5 5. Practise object counting skills -Match numerals to quantities within 10	<u>NCETM – wk 11- 15</u> 1. Subitise within 5 focusing on die patterns -Match numerals to quantities within 5 2. Counting – focus on ordinality and the 'staircase' pattern -See that each number is one more than the previous number 3. Focus on 5 4. Focus on 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' 5. Compare sets and use language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number to -Make unequal sets equal	<u>NCETM – 16-20</u> 1. Focus on the 'staircase' pattern and ordering numbers 2. Focus on ordering of numbers to 8 -Use language of less than 3. Focus on 7 4. Doubles – explore how some numbers can be made with 2 equal parts 5. Sorting numbers according to attributes - odd and even numbers	<u>NCETM – 21-25</u> 1. Counting – larger sets and things that cannot be seen 2. Subitising – to 6, including in structured arrangements 3. Composition – '5 and a bit' 4. Composition - of 10 5. Comparison – linked to ordinality -Play track games	<u>NCETM – 26 – review</u> 1. Subitise to 5 -Introduce the rekenrek 2. Automatic recall of bonds to 5 3. Composition of numbers to 10 4. Comparison 5. Number patterns Counting

		-Verbal counting beyond 20				
Maths White Rose Shape, Space and Measures	Talk about measure and patterns	-Circle and triangles - Shapes with 4 sides	Mass and Capacity	Length, height and time (every Friday)	Exploring 3D Shapes (Fridays) and week 6	Visualise, build and map
Understanding the World	Maps/globe – where in the world we live and where our family come from. Talk about our family Harvest festival Autumn Parts of the body	Autumn Hibernation Nativity Christmas Diwali Shadow investigation	Winter Contrasting places- Antarctic, Africa & India. Antarctica explorers Lunar New Year Changing materials	Map skills Spring Growing seeds Ramadan & Eid	Healthy eating & exercise Oral health People who help us Firefighters & nurses in the past	Summer Minibeasts
	Seasonal changes, the weather, celebrations and children's religions will be discussed on a daily basis					
Expressive Arts & Design	Using the equipment correctly. Scissor safety Primary colour mixing Scissor skills- fringe, cutting around lines & shapes. Pastel pumpkins (blending & observational drawing)	Threading and sewing Clay Box modelling Ways of attaching- glue, Sellotape, hole punch and thread, split pin, stapler, string, pipe cleaner	Shade and tone - adding white or black to alter the shade Colour mixing Drawing around shapes and cutting out	Observational drawing (focus on shapes) Watercolours Pencil shading	Collage Printing exploration Yayoi Kusama – printing different size circles	Observational drawing with detail Printing Natural materials sculpture
Music (Charanga)	Me! -	My Stories -	Everyone! -	Our World -	Big Bear Funk - A Transition Unit:	Reflect, Rewind and Replay: Consolidation
	Nursery rhymes and routine songs are taught and sang on a daily basis					
Experiences	Cooking- vegetable/ pumpkin soup Sunflower seeds- harvest the seeds	Bread making (Little Red Hen) Ingredients tasting	African fruits – tasting Chinese food tasting Muslim food tasting (Eid)	Hot cross buns – tasting	Healthy snacks	Observing caterpillars turning into butterflies Fruit Kebab

Key Vocab	Emotions Pinders Primary Family Unique Friendship Survive Brain Heart Lungs Stomach Bones Skull Spine Collar bone Knee cap Ankle Ribs	Autumn Harvest Horse chestnut- Conker Oak- acorn Sycamore- samaras Squirrel Hedgehog Hibernate Christian Christmas Nativity Bible Church Jesus Muslim Quran Mosque	Habitat World Globe Savanna Rainforest Desert Antarctica: Whale, Penguin, Seal Africa: Lion, Giraffe, Elephant, Leopard, Cheetah, Hyena India: Tiger, Rhinoceros, Peacock, Cobra, Tortoise	Life cycle Plant: Seed, roots, shoot, stem, leaf, petal, flower Bird: Egg, chick, hatch Baby farm animals: Foal Calf Lamb Chick Kid Piglet Duckling	Healthy Unhealthy Dentist Decay Doctor Paramedic Nurse Patient Treatment Medicine Firefighter Fire engine, hose, ladder Investigation	Environment Habitat Damp Insects – 6 legs Spiders – 8 legs Wings Antennae Bee, beehive Wasp Woodlouse Worm Dragonfly Ant Butterfly: Egg, Caterpillar, Cocoon Ladybird: Egg, lava, pupa Frog: Frogspawn Tadpole, froglet