

Nursery Curriculum: Long-Term Plan 2025-2026

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme(s)	Wonderful Me	Celebrations/ Christmas	Day and Night	Animals Around the World	Plants & Life Cycles	People Who Help Us
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Talk about likes/dislikes Develop self assurance Sharing Feelings/emotion Differences	Celebrating one another Taking interest in friends Understand how others feel Develop sense of responsibility and membership of a community	Following rules Develop responsibilities Encourage children to welcome new starters	Playing cooperatively Managing conflicts in an appropriate way Begin to take part in group activities that they make up	Remembering rules Independence in self-care Healthy choices	Being a good friend Preparing for Reception Feelings about changes
Communication and Language	Nursery rhymes Journals Story time Understand who and what happened questions Talk to others less familiar	Nursery rhymes Journals Understand why questions Begin to explore tenses Join in with a small group Start conversation	Nursery rhymes Journals Listen to longer stories 2 part instructions Comparing fiction/non fiction books	Nursery rhymes Journals Use longer sentences and express a point of view Sequence events	Nursery rhymes Journals 'Why and 'how' questions Communication with others	Nursery rhymes Journals Use talk to organise play Use complex sentences Talk about places they like to visit and things they like to do

Physical Development (Gross Motor Skills)	Outside play Multi skills Cosmic yoga Putting on own coat Nursery rhymes & actions Large muscle movements	Outside play Ball skills-hand Cosmic yoga Putting on own coat Nursery rhymes & actions Large muscle movements	Outside play Ball skills-feet Cosmic yoga Putting on own coat Nursery rhymes & actions Large muscle movements	Outside play Dance Cosmic yoga Putting on own coat Nursery rhymes & actions Large muscle movements	Outside play Gymnastics Cosmic yoga Putting on own coat Nursery rhymes & actions Large muscle movements	Outside play Athletics Cosmic yoga Putting on own coat Nursery rhymes & actions Large muscle movements
Physical Development (Fine Motor Skills)	Pencil control Funky fingers Dough disco Scissor skills Squiggle whilst you wiggle Mark making	Pencil control Funky fingers Dough disco Scissor skills Squiggle whilst you wiggle Mark making	Pencil control Funky fingers Dough disco Scissor skills Squiggle whilst you wiggle Mark making	Pencil control Funky fingers Dough disco Scissor skills Squiggle whilst you wiggle Mark making	Pencil control Funky fingers Dough disco Scissor skills Squiggle whilst you wiggle Mark making	Pencil control Funky fingers Dough disco Scissor skills Squiggle whilst you wiggle Mark making

Mathematics	Colours	Number focus 1 & 2	Number focus 3	Number focus 4	Number focus 5	Number composition 1-5
	Matching	Patterns	Mass	Height and length	Sequencing	What comes before/after?
	Sorting			Capacity	Positional language	Consolidation
					Shape	
Religious Education	Branch 1: Creation and Covenant	Branch 2: Prophecy and Baptism	Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem	Branch 4: Desert to Garden	Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth	Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter
To know you more clearly						
Understanding the World (Science)	Learn about 5 senses	Changes in state	Changes in materials- ice	Fruit tasting- exploring textures	What plants need to grow	Materials
	Autumn walk		Habitats		Life-cycle of a caterpillar	
			How do animals keep warm in winter			

Understanding the World (History)	Baby photos-discussion. Our family-who?	Birthday photos/celebrations	Observational changes		Life cycles of plants and animals	Jobs
Understanding the World (Geography)	Daily weather report Explore surroundings, school, outdoor area	Daily weather report	Daily weather report Investigating shadows Woodland creatures	Daily weather report Jungles around the world and the countries they're in Jungle climate	Daily weather report Spring walk	Daily weather report Transport Holidays
Expressive Arts and Design (Art and DT)	Explore materials freely Use various construction materials Manipulate play dough	Bonfire pictures/paintings Using different tools	Winter collage with different textures Icing sugar painting	Fruit prints	Water colours Observational drawings	Collage – making emergency vehicles

Expressive Arts and Design (Music)	Nursery rhymes Music and Me Instruments	Nursery rhymes Music and Me Christmas Nativity	Nursery rhymes Music and Me Instruments	Nursery rhymes Music and Me Instruments	Nursery rhymes Music and Me Instruments	Nursery rhymes Music and Me Instruments
PSHE and Wellbeing	Oral health Friendships Emotions Who to talk to	Keeping safe Feelings/emotions Getting together over Christmas	Daily routines–self care Circle time–dreams and fears	Creativity and expression Similarities and differences Making friends	Staying active Healthy eating and food choices	Managing feelings and behaviour Self-confidence
Trips and Visits	Nature walk around school grounds	Visit from Priest and Deacon	Animal encounter			Visit Reception
British values	Mutual respect	Mutual tolerance	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	Democracy	Recap all British values