Here in our Forsbrook CE Primary Reception class we live by our school motto 'Loving, Learning, Laughing'.

Our motto runs through our EYFS school life as we spread love, hope, peace and joy each and every day.

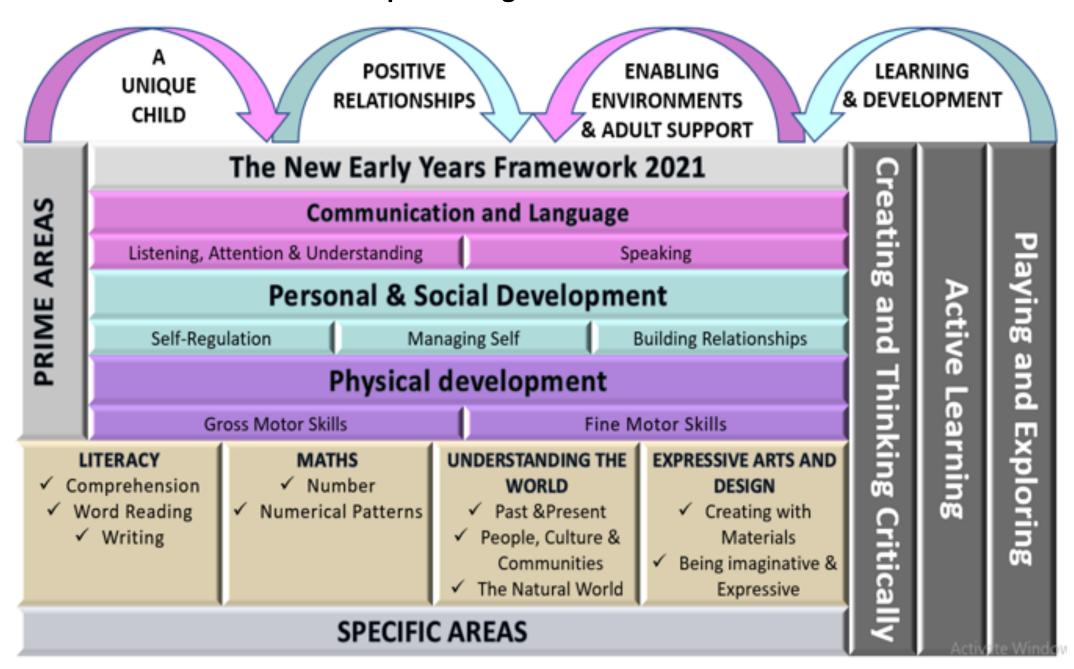
Our class value of joy underpins everything that Reception Class has to offer.

We understand that play is a key part of a child's development which is why our children engage in continuous provision (child initiated learning) every single day. We also know it is important for children to learn through high quality interactions and precise teaching. We teach phonics, writing and maths activities daily as a whole class or in small groups. Throughout each week we also dive into the wonderfully creative world of learning, exploring music, art, the great outdoors, history, computing, science, RE and PE.





"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it". Proverbs 22:6



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Themes	Marvellous Me!	Wonderful Winter	Dinosaur Delivery!	To the Rescue!	Watch out! Minibeasts About!	Once Upon a Time
These themes may be adapted throughout the year dependent on children's developing interests.	All About Me	Winter	Dinosaurs	Superheroes	Minibeasts	Traditional Tales
What's the theme all about?	Starting school, feeling happy/safe, building friendships, developing social skills, getting to know one another, family life, what makes me special	Weather, celebrations (Christmas), nativity play, hibernation, animals in the winter, learning about baby Jesus	Carnivore/ herbivore/ omnivore, investigations, diving into the past, becoming dinosaur experts, fossil making	Real life superheroes, Supertato stories, what makes superheroes 'super'	Becoming explorers, learning facts about minibeasts, exploring the natural world, life cycle of a butterfly (looking after caterpillars), bug hotels, forest schools	Becoming storytellers, diving into traditional stories, engaging in famous stories
What other exciting things are happening?	Harvest Festival	Bonfire Night Diwali Nativity Play Christmas	Chinese New Year Safer Internet Day Pancake Day Valentine's Day	Mother's Day World Book Day Easter St George's Day		World Oceans Day Father's Day School Trip Sport's Day

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
What books will we explore?	All Are Welcome The Colour	Bear Snores On Over and Under	The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet	Supertato stories A Superhero Like	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Jack and the Beanstalk
We like to explore several books	Monster Perfectly Norman	the Snow Owl Babies	The Dinosaur that Pooped the Past	You Superbat	The Bug Collector Superworm	The Gingerbread Man
within the theme to engage the children in a range	In Every House on Every Street	The Gunpowder	Daisy Dinosaur Gets Lost	Superkid	The Very Busy Spider	Goldilocks and the Three Bears
of exciting fiction and non-fiction books.	Every Street	The Nativity Story	Tyrannosaurus Drip	Real Life Superheroes	Aargh Spider!	The Three Little Pigs
						Little Red Riding Hood

We engage in story time at least twice a day.

Straight after lunch we engage in our whole school activity of 'Drop Everything and Read' where we read a phonics appropriate story (Oxford Reading Tree) altogether as a whole class.

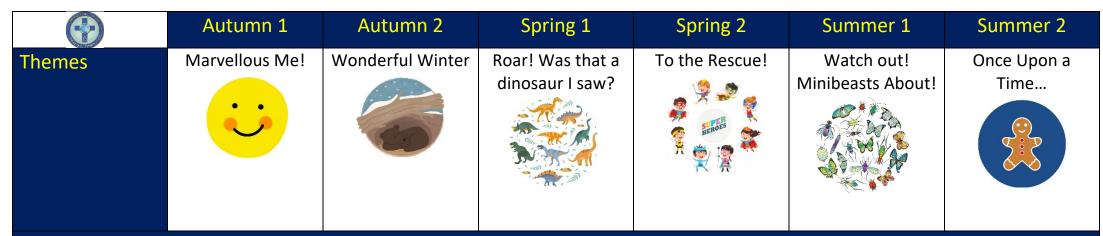
At the end of the day we dive into the wonderful world of books, exploring a range of famous authors such as Oliver Jeffers, Julia Donaldson, Eric Carle and many more.

During the day children are encouraged to explore books for their own pleasure, engaging in a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts.



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
What makes us say WOW? Wow moments hook the children	Norman has a question for us he asks, what makes you special?	Snowy footprints in the classroom, who do they belong to?	A giant egg has arrived in the classroom what could be inside?	A mysterious box has arrived, inside is a cape who could this belong to?	Caterpillars have arrived in the classroom!	Special delivery a magical box arrives with a new story to explore!
into the learning and spark their interest and engagement.				*School trip to Apple Tree Town		*School trip to Cannock Chase
Parental	Evidence Me app	Evidence Me app	Evidence Me app	Evidence Me app	Evidence Me app	Evidence Me app
Parental involvement is a key part of the EYFS. We aim to establish excellent relationships with parents from the very start.	**Throughout the year we encourage parents to read a story to the class. We call this 'Mystery Storyteller'.	Nativity Play Parents Evening	Class Assembly	Mother's Day arts and crafts Parents Evening	Cream Tea Afternoon	Sports Day and Father's Day Picnic Parents Drop In

Throughout the year we encourage parents to celebrate their child's achievements. Parents receive 'Wow Moments' where they can record their child's achievements at home. We celebrate these Wow Moments in school, display them in the classroom and record them in the child's learning journey. We also celebrate 'Caught You Reading' observations from home.



Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

We understand that children learn and develop at different rates during their individual learning journeys. The Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning is a key part of the EYFS:

Playing and Exploring – Children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'.

Active Learning – Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements.

Creating and Thinking Critically - Children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.



Communication and Language

Children in Reception will be learning to:

Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. Learn new vocabulary. Use new vocabulary through the day. Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. Describe events in some detail. Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen. Develop social phrases. Engage in story times. Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound. Learn rhymes, poems and songs. Engage in non-fiction books. Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. (Development Matters 2021)

Early Learning Goal – for the end of the year (a best fit judgement):

ELG: Listening, Attention and Understanding: Children at the expected level of development will: - Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions; - Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding; - Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.

ELG: Speaking: Children at the expected level of development will: - Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary; - Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate; - Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
How are we	Learning new	Learning new	Learning new	Learning new	Learning new	Learning new
developing our	vocabulary	vocabulary	vocabulary	vocabulary	vocabulary	vocabulary
Communication	related to our	related to our	related to our	related to our	related to our	related to our
	theme.	theme.	theme.	theme.	theme.	theme.
and Language	Settling in.	Saying lines and	Making	Asking how and	Learn and recite	Learn and recite
skills?	Introducing	singing songs in	predictions.	why questions.	familiar stories.	traditional stories.
	ourselves.	our nativity play.	Talking about	Articulating	Describing	Talking in detail
Communication	Making friends.	Re-enacting and	science	thoughts and	minibeasts in	about things that
and Language is	Talking about our	retelling stories.	experiments.	ideas into well-	some detail.	are important to
developed	families.	Creating dens for	Talking about	formed	Talking about the	us.
throughout the	Sharing things	animals to	features of	sentences.	great outdoors –	Talking in detail
year through high	that are	hibernate in.	dinosaurs.	Talking in detail	minibeasts	and with
quality	important to us.	Sharing our	Learning tricky	and with	habitats.	description when
interactions, circle	Joining in with	achievements and	dinosaur names.	expression about	Talking about	recounting our
times, stories,	stories.	interests.	Giving ourselves	superheroes.	differences and	school trip.
singing, group	Role playing story	Talking about	tricky dinosaur		similarities	
discussions,	scenarios.	seasons/weather.	names.		between	
weekly Show and	Learning rhymes	Talking about the	Learning lines for		minibeasts.	
Tell, learning new	and nursery	effects of winter.	our class			
vocabulary, class	rhymes.		assembly.			
debates, talk	Talking about					
partners and	where we live.					
interventions.	Learning prayers.					

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children in Reception will be learning to:

See themselves as a valuable individual. Build constructive and respectful relationships. Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others. Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally. Think about the perspectives of others. Manage their own needs - personal hygiene. Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: regular physical activity, healthy eating, toothbrushing, sensible amounts of 'screen time', having a good sleep routine, being a safe pedestrian. (Development Matters 2021)

Early Learning Goal – for the end of the year (a best fit judgement):

ELG: Self-Regulation: Children at the expected level of development will: - Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly; - Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate; - Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

ELG: Managing Self: Children at the expected level of development will: - Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge; - Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly; - Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.

ELG: Building Relationships: Children at the expected level of development will: - Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others; - Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers; - Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
How are we	Behavioural	Confidently trying	Working in small	Understanding	Taking off and	Dressing and
developing our	expectations in	new challenges.	groups whilst	healthy eating –	putting on shoes –	undressing –
Personal, Social	school.	Talking about likes	using an iPad –	what do	climbing.	swimming.
and Emotional	Class rules.	and dislikes.	safety using	superheroes need	Understanding	Confidence to try
	Puppets to talk	Being aware of	equipment.	to eat to keep	safety risks when	new activities –
Development	about feelings.	school rules and	Following more	them strong?	using equipment	swimming.
skills?	What makes us	boundaries.	than a two-step	Understand the	– climbing.	Understanding
	special and	Becoming aware	instruction.	importance of	Demonstrating	safety risks in
Personal, Social	unique.	of others feelings.	Confidently	what we put in	independence	water –
and Emotional	Making friends.	Looking after one	performing in	our bodies.	and resilience in	swimming.
skills are	Learning about	another.	front of a large	Being confident to	their work.	Solve
developed	each other.	Building	audience.	talk to one	Confidently	disagreements
through high	Learning about	confidence by	Turn taking.	another about	tackling	with friends,
quality	different	talking and		their feelings.	challenges and	coming to a
interactions, circle	emotions.	singing in front of		Showing	not being afraid to	solution.
time, building	Forming positive	an audience.		sensitivity to	make a mistake.	
positive	relationships with	Beginning to		others needs.	Forest school –	
relationships,	staff.	regulate own			making minibeast	
having a safe and	Team work.	emotions.			hotels, using logs	
secure		Performing in			safely.	
environment and		front of an				
grow your mind		audience.				
weekly sessions.		Team work.				

Physical Development

Children in Reception will be learning to:

Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired: rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, skipping, climbing. Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace. Develop the overall body strength, coordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming. Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons. Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor. Combine different movements with ease and fluency. Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group. Develop overall body-strength, balance, coordination and agility. Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming. Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball. Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient. Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: lining up and queuing, mealtimes. (Development Matters 2021)

Early Learning Goal – for the end of the year (a best fit judgement):

ELG: Gross Motor Skills: Children at the expected level of development will: - Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others; - Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing; - Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.

ELG: Fine Motor Skills Children at the expected level of development will: - Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases; - Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery; - Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
How are we developing our Physical Development skills?	PE: Dance and Fundamentals. Bikes, trikes and scooters. Balancing track. 5-a-day.	PE: Fundamentals and Gymnastics. Bikes, trikes and scooters. Balancing track. 5-a-day.	PE: Dance and Ball Skills. Bikes, trikes and scooters. Balancing track. 5-a-day.	PE: Gymnastics and Games. Bikes, trikes and scooters. Balancing track. 5-a-day.	PE: Ball Skills and Climbing. Bikes, trikes and scooters. Balancing track. 5-a-day.	PE: Sport Races and Swimming. Bikes, trikes and scooters. Balancing track. 5-a-day.
Gross Motor: Bikes, trikes, scooters, PE twice a week (Getset4PE).	Dough Disco. Threading. Playdough. Tweezers. Pegs. Cutlery.	Dough Disco. Threading. Playdough. Tweezers. Pegs. Cutlery.	Dough Disco. Threading. Playdough. Tweezers. Pegs. Cutlery.	Dough Disco. Threading. Playdough. Tweezers. Pegs. Cutlery.	Dough Disco. Threading. Playdough. Tweezers. Pegs. Cutlery.	Dough Disco. Threading. Playdough. Tweezers. Pegs. Cutlery.
Fine motor: Physical Friday (fine motor activities). Weekly whole class handwriting. Daily fine motor activities embedded into continuous provision.	Developing pencil control. Developing scissor control. Building preference for a dominant hand.	Developing pencil control. Developing scissor control. Building preference for a dominant hand.	Small tools (tap a shape). Securing pencil control. Securing scissor control.	Small tools (tap a shape). Securing pencil control. Securing scissor control.	Small tools (tap a shape). Securing pencil control. Developing a fluent handwriting style. Securing scissor control.	Small tools (tap a shape). Securing pencil control. Developing a fluent handwriting style. Securing scissor control.

Literacy

Children in Reception will be learning to:

Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter—sound correspondences. Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter—sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment. Form lower-case and capital letters correctly. Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s. Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stop. Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense. (Development Matters 2021)

Early Learning Goal – for the end of the year (a best fit judgement):

ELG: Comprehension: Children at the expected level of development will: - Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary; - Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories; - Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play.

ELG: Word Reading: Children at the expected level of development will: - Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs; - Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending; - Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.

ELG: Writing: Children at the expected level of development will: - Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed; - Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters; - Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
How are we	Daily phonics.	Daily phonics.	Daily phonics.	Daily phonics.	Daily phonics.	Daily phonics.
developing our	Sensory writing.	Sensory writing.	Sensory writing.	Sensory writing.	Sensory writing.	Sensory writing.
Literacy skills?	Drawing Club.	Drawing Club.	Drawing Club.	Drawing Club.	Drawing Club.	Drawing Club.
ziceracy simis:	Mark making.	Mark making.	Drawing.	Drawing.	Drawing.	Drawing
Phonics is taught	Drawing.	Drawing.	Name writing.	Name writing.	Name writing.	Name writing.
	Name writing.	Name writing.	List writing.	Writing most	Whole class	Whole class
each day as a	Writing initial	Writing initial	Writing most	letter sounds in	handwriting.	handwriting.
whole class using	sounds.	sounds.	letter sounds in	words.	Sentence writing	Sentence writing
the Little Wandle	Labelling.	Labelling.	words.	Whole class	and introducing	and structure
Letters and	List writing.	List writing.	Whole class	handwriting.	how to use capital	(capital letters,
Sounds scheme.	Caption writing.	Whole class	handwriting.	Beginning to write	letters, full stops,	full stops, finger
Litarani laggana	Whole class	handwriting.	Beginning to write	sentences.	finger spaces.	spaces).
Literacy lessons	handwriting.	Letter to Santa.	sentences.	Writing facts	Writing a fact	Sentence
are taught as a		Further	Newspaper	about real life	about a	detectives.
whole class daily.		developing	report.	superheroes.	minibeast.	Writing an
Danatica Danalina		caption writing	Writing own	Writing a retell of	Sentence	alternative ending
Practice Reading		into sentence	dinosaur names.	a familiar story.	detectives.	to a traditional
Sessions take		writing.	Writing taught	Writing taught	Writing a	tale.
place throughout			phonics tricky	phonics tricky	description of a	Writing a recount
the week.			words.	words.	minibeast.	of our school trip.

Children take home two reading books each week and are encouraged to read at least four times a week at home. At school, staff listen to each child read at least twice a week and all children engage in group Practice Reading Sessions throughout the week.



Mathematics

Children in Reception will be learning to:

Count objects, actions and sounds. Subitise. Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value. Count beyond ten. Compare numbers. Explore the composition of numbers to 10. Automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0–5 and some to 10. Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills. Compose and decompose shapes so that children recognise a shape can have other shapes within it, just as numbers can. Continue, copy and create repeating patterns. Compare length, weight and capacity. (Development Matters 2021)

Early Learning Goal – for the end of the year (a best fit judgement):

ELG: Number: Children at the expected level of development will: - Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number; - Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5; - Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

ELG: Numerical Patterns: Children at the expected level of development will: - Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system; - Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity; - Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
How are we developing our Mathematics skills?	Counting rhymes and songs. Counting to 20. Recognising numbers to 5. Ordering numbers to 5.	Counting rhymes and songs. Counting to 20. Recognising numbers to 5. Ordering numbers to 5.	Counting rhymes and songs. Counting beyond 20. Recognising numbers to 10.	Counting rhymes and songs. Counting beyond 20. Recognising numbers to 10.	Counting rhymes and songs. Counting beyond 20. Recognising numbers to 20. Composition of	Counting rhymes and songs. Counting beyond 20. Recognising numbers to 20. Composition of
Whole class maths lessons are taught daily. Children engage in the NCETM Mastery Number Programme and Powermaths.	Matching quantity to 5. Recognising 2D shapes: square, rectangle, circle, triangle. Subitising to 5. Copy and repeat AB patterns.	Matching quantity to 5. Composition of numbers to 5. Number bonds to 5. Recognising 2D shapes: square, rectangle, circle,	Ordering numbers to 10. Matching quantity to 10. One more and one less than a number to 10. Securing composition of numbers to 5.	Composition of numbers to 10. Number bonds to 10. Securing one more and one less than a number to 10. Recognising 3D shapes: cube,	numbers to 10. Number bonds to 10. Subitising to 5. Odd and even numbers. Doubling. Money.	numbers to 10. Number bonds to 10. Odd and even numbers. Doubling and halving. Length – Jack and the Beanstalk.
Numberblocks help to develop children's number knowledge.	One more and one less than a number to 5. Jigsaws in continuous provision.	triangle, pentagon. Subitising to 5. Create AB patterns. One more and one less than a number to 5.	Securing number bonds to 5. Recognising 3D shapes: cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere. Subitising to 5. Capacity.	cuboid, cylinder, sphere. Subitising to 5. Sharing. Weight – weighing vegetables.		

Understanding the World

Children in Reception will be learning to:

Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them. Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. Draw information from a simple map. Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. (Development Matters 2021)

Early Learning Goal – for the end of the year (a best fit judgement):

ELG: Past and Present: Children at the expected level of development will: - Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society; - Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

ELG: People, Culture and Communities: Children at the expected level of development will: - Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps; - Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.

ELG: The Natural World: Children at the expected level of development will: - Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
How are we developing our Understanding the World skills? We explore forest school and nature activities daily in our garden.	Weather/Seasons. Travelling Tuesday (looking at the wider world, staring with where we live). Peek into the Past – commenting on familiar images from the past. Talking about family members and people who are important to them. Talking about where we live. Science – All About Me. RE – God. Computing – Taking a selfie using an iPad.	Weather/Seasons. Travelling Tuesday. Habitats. Winter theme – how do animals survive the winter? Create own bird feeders. Science – Celebrations. RE – Incarnation. Computing – Beebots.	Weather/Seasons. Travelling Tuesday. Historical figure – Mary Anning. Grouping and sorting dinosaur teeth. Herbivore, carnivore, omnivore. Science – Under the Sea. RE – Being Special, Where do we Belong? Computing – Using the programme 'Paint'.	Weather/Seasons. Travelling Tuesday. Learning about real life superheroes and their jobs. Understanding how fruit and vegetables are grown — Supertato. Class Trip — Role Play Centre. Science — People Who Help Us. RE — Salvation. Computing — iPad apps to explore.	Weather/Seasons. Travelling Tuesday. Live Caterpillars. Comparing different environments that minibeasts live in. Exploring plants and growing own plants. Science – Minibeasts and Growing. RE – Which places are special and why? Computing – Taking photos of nature and using Pic Collage app.	Weather/Seasons. Travelling Tuesday. Comparing different environments in traditional tales. Class Trip – Forest School Activities. Science – Traditional Tales (materials). RE – Which stories are special and why? Computing – Researching information.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children in Reception will be learning to:

Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them. Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills. Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses. Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody. Develop storylines in their pretend play. Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups. (Development Matters 2021)

Early Learning Goal – for the end of the year (a best fit judgement):

ELG: Creating with Materials: Children at the expected level of development will: - Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function; - Share their creations, explaining the process they have used; - Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

ELG: Being Imaginative and Expressive: Children at the expected level of development will: - Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher; - Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
How are we developing our Expressive Arts and Design skills?	Music Monday (Charanga music scheme lesson). Daily whole school Collective Worship including singing. Daily art and construction in continuous provision. Outdoor stage and musical instruments. Artist focus — Pablo Picasso Self- Portrait collage	Music Monday. Daily whole school Collective Worship including singing. Owl Babies inspired artwork. Nativity play performance including singing. Daily art and construction in continuous provision. Outdoor stage and musical instruments. D&T project.	Music Monday. Daily whole school Collective Worship including singing. Class assembly performance including singing. Daily art and construction in continuous provision. Outdoor stage and musical instruments. Artist focus – Paul Klee Block Printing	Music Monday. Daily whole school Collective Worship including singing. Daily art and construction in continuous provision. Outdoor stage and musical instruments. D&T project.	Music Monday. Daily whole school Collective Worship including singing. Daily art and construction in continuous provision. Outdoor stage and musical instruments. Artist focus – Van Gogh Sunflowers	Music Monday. Daily whole school Collective Worship including singing. Daily art and construction in continuous provision. Outdoor stage and musical instruments. D&T project.

We have three artist focuses throughout the year. This engages the children in the magical world of art and lets them explore creating masterpieces inspired by famous artists.

British Values

In Reception class we regularly engage in circle times that develop children's deep thinking and communication skills. We pose open questions to encourage deep thinking and have class debates to discuss what is right and what is wrong. In Reception class we want every child to have a choice and encourage child choice activities within the classroom.

We want all children to be able to work with others and respect other's wants and needs.

Each individual child's voice is key and we want to develop these voices so that all children feel confident to use them.

Every child is a unique individual who is valued.

Assessment Opportunities

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception Baseline	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going
Assessment (RBA).	assessments	assessments	assessments	assessments	assessments
School on entry	(observations).	(observations).	(observations).	(observations).	(observations).
baseline assessment	Pupil progress	Cluster schools	Pupil progress	Cluster schools	Pupil progress
including reading,	meeting.	meetings.	meeting.	meetings.	meeting.
drawing, writing,	Own assessment		Own assessment		Own assessment
maths and	including reading,		including reading,		including reading,
communication skills.	drawing, writing,		drawing, writing,		drawing, writing,
Phonics assessments.	maths and		maths and		maths and
Parents evening.	communication skills.		communication skills.		communication skills.
Cluster schools	Phonics assessments.		Phonics assessments.		Phonics assessments.
meeting.	HFWs assessments.		HFWs assessments.		HFWs assessments.
	Cluster schools		Parents evening.		Parents evening.
	meeting.		Cluster schools		Reports.
			meeting.		Cluster schools
					meeting.