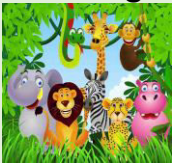


Reception Curriculum Map Overview 2026-2027

Term	Autumn One	Autumn Two	Spring One	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two
Topic Titles	Our Super Selves! 	Let's Celebrate 	Once Upon A Time.... 	To the Rescue! 	Nature Detectives 	Animal Kingdom 
Weekly Themes	Pete The Cat Elmer The Colour Monster Owl Babies Autumn Harvest	Fireworks Remembrance Diwali Christmas Around The World Nativity	Winter Lunar New Year Little Red Riding Hood Goldilocks The Gingerbread Man	People Who Help Us Police Fire Dentist Coast Guard Grace Darling	Healthy Eating Week Caterpillar Life Cycle Frogs Jack And The Beanstalk Insects	On Safari Pets Farm Under the Sea Antarctica/ Arctic
Focus Texts	The Colour Monster Pete The Cat Elmer Owl babies The Leaf Thief The Little Red Hen	The Best Diwali Ever	One Snowy Night The Great Race	Supertato Superhero Like You The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch	The Hungry Caterpillar Tadpole's Promise Jack and the Beanstalk	Going On a Lion Hunt Handa's Suprise Poles Apart
'WOW' Moments	Baby Photos	Post Box Walk Nativity play	Chinse New Year Celebration	Fire Engine Visit	Beanstalk Growing Butterflies Wellington Country Park Trip	ZooLab Summer Concert
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Class rules Sharing interests Sharing hobbies Identifying feelings Importance of exercise Sharing all about families Being unique	School rules and values Listening to others Responsibility	Making the right choices Confidence and independence Consequences Being kind Zones of Regulation	Effects of behaviour Perseverance and resilience Being a good friend Internet Safety Screen Time Zones of Regulation	Healthy eating Managing feelings Calming Techniques Having different opinions Importance of sleep Oral hygiene	Problem Solving Resolving Conflicts Being safe in the sun Getting ready for year one Road safety

Communication and Language	Listening and attention skills Asking and answering 'who' questions' 1:1 discussion	Joining in with repeated refrains in stories Asking and answering 'what' questions 1:1 discussion	Discussing key events in a story Asking and answering 'when' questions Small group discussions Using present tense.	Identifying main characters in a story Asking and answering 'where' questions Small group discussions Using past tense	Linking events in a story to own experiences Asking and answering 'why' questions Whole class discussions Using connectives to join ideas	Sequence story/real life events in detail Hot seating Whole class discussions Using future tense
Physical Development	Gross Motor Different ways of moving Changing speed and direction Gymnastics Balancing Travelling confidently Jumping and landing Fine Motor Scissor skills- snipping Dough Disco Writing position Using cotton buds/paintbrushes to form letters Stacking and balancing	Gross Motor Changing direction Exploring different ways of moving Throwing, catching, kicking Pushing, patting, rolling Balancing an object Fine Motor Scissor skills- straight line Chopping with a knife Using cotton buds/paintbrushes to form letters Doing up zips Tripod Grip Letter formation 'curly' letters s,a,o,c,d,g	Gross Motor Moving in time to music Exploring different ways of moving Fine Motor Scissor skills- curved Using a knife and fork to cut Letter formation 'down' letters r,n,m,l,i,t,h,b,y	Gross Motor Gymnastics Balancing Travelling confidently Jumping and landing Fine Motor Scissor skills- shapes Weaving and wrapping Letter formation 'zig-zag' letters z,x,w,,z	Gross Motor Running Throwing overarm/underarm Jumping Fine Motor Pattern making Using small tools Doing up buttons	Gross Motor Multi-skills Balancing Agility Throwing a ball Fine Motor Sewing
Literacy	Drawing & labelling Ordering letters of my name Writing my name	Identifying initial sounds Tricky words Writing initial sounds Writing CVC words	Writing captions Writing lists	Reading simple phrases and sentences Writing phrases	Writing CVCC words I can see sentences Writing letters	Writing instructions Writing descriptions

Mathematics	White Rose Counting out loud Counting in correspondence Matching and sorting Comparing amounts Comparing size, mass and capacity Making simple patterns Days of the week Months of the year Magic number Subitising to 3 Number bonds to 3 Repeating patterns	White Rose Representing numbers to 5 Comparing numbers to 5 Composing numbers to 5 Identifying 2D shapes Using positional language Identifying one more and one less Magic number Subitising to 5 Number bonds to 5 Repeating patterns 2D shapes Positional language	White Rose Identifying 0 Comparing numbers to 8 Composing numbers to 8 Comparing mass Comparing capacity Making pairs Combining two groups Magic number Subitising to 5 Number bonds to 5 Repeating patterns 2D shapes Positional language	White Rose Length and height Time Comparing numbers to 10 Number bonds to 10 3D Shapes Repeating patterns Magic number Subitising to 10 Number bonds to 10 (addition) 3D shapes Repeating patterns 2D shapes Positional language	White Rose Building numbers beyond 10 Counting patterns beyond 10 Spatial reasoning Adding more Taking away Shape arrangements Magic number Subitising to 10 Numbers bond to 10 3D shapes Repeating patterns 2D shapes Positional language Doubling facts	White Rose Doubling Sharing and grouping Even and odd Positioning Patterns Maps and directions Magic number Subitising to 10 Number bonds to 10 3D shapes Repeating patterns 2D shapes Positional language Doubling facts
Understanding the world	How I've changed Families and communities Body Parts The 5 senses Autumn Taking photos with iPad Maps of Classroom	Diwali Remembrance Day The Christmas Story Exploring Maps of Local area	Our school	Floating and sinking Past and present everyday objects Spring Exploring irreversible and reversible changes.	Life cycle of butterflies/frog Life cycle of a plant How to care for a plant The 4 Seasons	Exploring Maps Of World Winter Arctic/Antarctic Animals Comparing UK and Kenya How to care for an animal Sorting Animals
Expressive arts and design	Singing nursery rhymes Using glue to secure Drawing a person Exploring Colour Mixing Self Portraits	Singing nursery rhymes Using tape to secure Concertina fold Jackson Pollock	Clapping to a rhythm Kandinsky Mixing shades	Playing instruments Join in with choreographed dances Making collages	Matching a pitch Mono printing Giuseppe Arcimboldo	Performing dances Henri Matisse Sewing To join Weaving