

Curriculum Map

Nursery 2025-26

Year Group : N	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	All about Me / Superheroes	Autumn Celebrations	People Who Help Us Arctic/Winter	Hungry Caterpillar Fairy tales (Book Week) / Purim Spring	Growing Animals / Minibeasts Farm	Under the Sea
Festivals	Rosh Hashannah	Diwali	Tub'Shavat	Purim	Yom Ha'atzmout	Nursery Graduation Show
Celebrations	Yom Kippur	Fireworks /Bonfire night	Visitors	Pesach	Lag B'omer	
Themed Days	Succot /Simchat	Remembrance Day	- Police		Shavout	Transition
Visitors	Torah	Chanukah	 Fire Bridge 			
		Christmas	- Paramedic		Visitor	Sports Day
			- Dentist		- Pilot	
		Chanukah Show to	- Doctor	Purim day	Trip to Willows	
		parents		Pesach Sedar	Farm	
			Book Week			
		Antibullying Week			Teddy Bear's Picnic	
		Road Safety Awareness Week	Chinese New Year		Israel's birthday	
					VE Day (8 th May)	

Key Texts	All About Me The Colour Monster My 5 Senses Where I live? Incredible You The Same but Different My World Your World Super Duper You Supertato	Owl Babies Leaf Thief Seasons Non Fiction Books Acorns The Very Last Leaf What Can you See in Autumn?	When We Grow Up Jobs People Do Real Superheroes Busy People Books - Teacher - Firefighter - Doctor - Ambulance Topsy + Tim Meet the Firefighters Emergency! Winter Arctic animals Hibernation	Hungry Caterpillar Healthy Eating Non Fiction books Hansel and Gretel Cinderella Alice in Wonderland (Whole School project) Jack and the Beanstalk	Lifecycles From Seed to Sunflower One Little Frog Mad About Minibeasts What the Ladybird Heard Farmyard Hullabaloo A Squash and a Squeeze	Sharing a Shell Commotion in the Ocean Tiddler Rainbow Fish The Snail and the Whale Lets get ready for School I'm Ready for Big School Topsy and Tim Start School
Role Play Area	House / My home Superhero Hut	Enchanted Forest	Doctors / Firefighter / police station	Fairy-tale Castle Gingerbread House Florist (outside)	Aeroplane / Airport Farm / Pet tbc	Aquarium
PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)	Making Relationships and playing in a group- I am special and people who are special to me. Introduction to Nursery, rules, toys, adults, daily routine, key groups, key worker time Importance of Hygiene and washing hands	Similarities and differences in relation to people - friends, family and Including everyone Accessing resources independently	Talk about feelings and understand how others may be feeling People who keep me safe, Staying safe indoors and outdoors, What's safe to go into my body?	Play in a group extending and elaborating play ideas Looking after myself, others and the environment	Become assertive and begin to resolve conflicts Talk about feelings and emotions Growing and Changing When I was a baby. Girls, Boys and families	Confidence and sense of responsibility Preparing children for transition into reception Being My Best - I can do it!

Communication and Language	Communication with adults and peersgaining confidence to speak, ask for help, express their wants and needs Sing songs Understand Questions and Instructions Listen to stories Answering questions (what, who, where, when)	Build up vocabulary Understand Questions and Instructions Listen to Stories and remember what happens. Using a wide range of words appropriately and in context Use short sentences to explain Listen to stories and songs with interest and engagement	What does my body need? Making Healthy Choices Understand 'Why' questions Develop their communication Develop pronunciation Using different vocabulary including scientific and linked to stories Listen to Stories and remember what happens.	Sing songs and be familiar with Rhymes Develop pronunciation Develop sentences Respond appropriately when questioned Pose my own simple questions to find out more Use talk linked to themselves and play Listen to stories and remember what happens	Growing and changing in nature Sing songs and be familiar with Rhymes Listen to stories and remember what happens Use talk linked to themselves and play Take turns to speak in a conversation Explore the use of conjunctions to connect ideas Use language to explain, retell, describe	Understand 'Why' questions Understand Questions and Instructions with two parts. Expressing views and opinions Respond to a range of question types- particularly link to 'why' questions Express a point of view Develop a wide ranging vocabulary- scientific and descriptive
Physical Development	Fine Motor Skills- pencil grip, cutting Working together Develop Gross Motor Skills Revise and use fundamental movement skills e.g. run, jump hop	Pencil grip Use One-handed tools Becoming more independent in putting on coats Develop dominant hand for pencil control	Pencil grip One-handed tools Balancing, ball Skills Climbing Negotiate space and obstacles safely Use different movement styles to match situations	Balancing. Riding bikes, ball skills Movements related to rhythm and music Making large movements Demonstrate strength, balance and co-ordination	Make up own group activities/games with peers skip, hop and stand on one leg Demonstrate different ways of moving	Make up own Group activities/games with peers Balancing, Ball Skills, riding bikes Use a range of small tools effectively- drawing with accuracy

Literacy	Use core muscle strength to achieve good posture (start to develop handwriting posture) Engage in extended conversations Level 1 Phonics Environmental Sounds. Developing mark making skills through gross motor movements Join in with stories, rhymes and songs	Understand that print conveys meaning Level 1 Phonics Instrumental Sounds Developing play linked to stories and retelling Sequencing and retelling stories	e.g. crawling through tunnels etc. Use a range of tools effectively including pencils and scissor Moving like an arctic animal Clapping Syllables Level 1 Phonics Body Percussion Development of fine motor skills Starting to show interest in letters of their name and familiar others e.g. m for mum	and experiment and use different ways of moving- bikes/ scooters etc. Write some letters accurately Level 1 Phonics Rhythm and Rhyme Using story vocabulary in play Writing letters from name (not all) Fine Motor Skills linked to mark making Traditional Tales	Use of large scale movements and balancing Using one handed tools and equipment Write some letters accurately Level 1 Phonics Alliteration Voice sounds Developing emergent writing Acquiring and using new vocabulary	Develop the skills needed to get through the school day e.g. lining up Developing a comfortable pencil grip Name Writing Write some letters accurately Level 1 Phonics Oral blending and segmenting Developing emergent writing Sequence and retell events and stories
Mathematics	Subitise up to 2 Recite numbers past 5	Experiment with their own symbols and marks Link numerals and	Make comparisons between objects related to size, height and length	Patterns- use patterned story The Train Ride- easy retelling	Count, order, recognise and use numbers to 5	Solve real world problems More and fewer
	Make comparisons between objects- size, length, weight and capacity	amounts to 3 Count to 3 Use shapes for building thinking about their	Capacity Make comparisons between quantities	Patterns Create and extend ABAB patterns	Subitise up to 3 objects (recognise up to 3 objects quickly without counting)	Experiment with own symbols and marks Identify, explain, continue and create patterns

	Use shapes for building thinking about their properties e.g. flat sides for stacking Spot patterns and talk about them e.g. stripes on a scarf	properties e.g. flat sides for stacking Describe familiar routes Discuss routes and locations- positional language	Say one number name for each item See 3 in different ways (through different manipulatives e.g. 3 sticks as a row/triangle/ on top of	Combine shapes to make new ones e.g. a bridge/ arch, bigger square, etc. Show 'finger' numbers to 5	Comparisons between objects- 2D and 3D shapes (using informal vocab e.g. sides, straight, round, flat)	Sequence events using time language e.g. first, next, then
			each other) and recognise it without counting			
Understanding the World	Talk about my family Family history- photos /memories Who do I live with, Where am I from? Contrasting countries. Identifying differences between people Exploring different materials and textures	Diwali Seasons Autumn Nocturnal animals British Values Poppies Remembrance Day Christmas Chanukah cultures	Different Occupations PWHU -Visitors emergency vehicles old and new Explore how things work. Making observations Spring Floating/sinking cooking Chinese New Year — Chinese cultures — red envelopes, dancing, music, food Different types of arctic animals How and why animals hibernate	Israeli culture Culture, Food, Flags etc. Weather	Our natural environment How to care for our environment and living things. Grow plants and care for them Life cycle of a plant and an animal. Growing chronology - baby photos - how have I changed?	Use all their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials Explore how things work

Expressive Arts	Explore the use of	Invent and adapt stories	Make use of props	Develop own	Perform and create	Explore the use of a range
and Design	colour and design	through their role play	and materials in the	designs and select	poems, songs and	of tools
	Explore tools and	and small world play	role play area to re-	materials	stories and play	Develop pencil and tool
	their uses	Remember and sing	create well known	Role Play	instruments	control to create complex
	Explore a variety of	entire songs	stories	Adapting	Invent, adapt	and detailed picture
I	materials.	Textures and materials.	Perform songs and	imaginative play	stories- imaginative	Explore and perform
	Pretend Play using	Role Play	stories	through stories and	play	making music
	small world.	Exploring familiar	Explore and	songs	Textures and	
	Construct making	characters and songs.	perform making		materials.	
	complex small	Construction	music		Exploring familiar	
	worlds.	Instruments and music	Explore colours and		characters and	
	Listen to Sounds		paint		songs.	
	Make toys/ junk		Use a variety of			
	modelling		tools and			
			techniques to			
			express themselves.			
			Use emotion in			
i			drawing			
			Silhouette			