

Curriculum Map

Reception 2025-2026

Year Group : R	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	All About Me - My Family - Where I live - My Senses - My emotions and feelings - My friends	Light and Dark Space	Food	Kings and Queens	Transport	Animals
Festivals Celebrations Themed Days Visitors	Rosh Hashannah Yom Kippur Succot /Simchat Torah	Diwali Fireworks /Bonfire night Remembrance Day Chanukah Christmas Chanukah Show to parents Antibullying Week Road Safety Awareness Week	Tub'Shavat Book Week Chinese New Year Online Safety Children's Mental Health Week	Purim Pesach	Yom Ha'atzmout Lag B'omer Shavout Visitors - Pilot - Ambulance Driver - Police Officer - Fire Brigade Teddy Bear's Picnic Israel's birthday VE Day (8 th May)	Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park Sports Day Transition to KS1

Key Texts	Jakes First Day Hungry Caterpillar Funnybones Colour Monster Little Acorns Don't Hog the Hedge	Rama and Sita The Cave Back to Earth with a Bump Whatever Next Lauras Star A tale of two feathers	Six Dinner Sid Biscuit Bear Chinese New Year Story Oliver's vegetables Zig Zog – Teeth Book	Non fiction book about King Princess and the Pea Fairy tales Port side Pirates	The Train Ride Naughty Bus Exploring my world – Planes book Mr Grumpys Outing	Rainbow Fish Handa Surprise Dear Zoo Rumble in the Jungle Gruffalo
Role Play Area	Doctors Surgery	Space Ship	Cafe	Castle	Train station, Airport, Bus	Mud hut or a Zoo
PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)	Class Rules and responsibilities linked to feelings Building independence Mental health focus Senses Emotions – Mood Monsters Introduction of My Happy Mind Build respectful relationships, express their feelings	Creating & maintaining relationships Friendships Road safety Consider others feelings and perspectives	Keeping safe Online safety Healthy lifestyles Oral Hygiene Gratitude	Feelings Emotions Gratitude Body Image and Self Esteem Explain reason for rules, know right from wrong, being helpful	Growing and changing (SRE) Safety in the environment See themselves as a valuable individual, show resilience and perseverance, set own goal	Maintaining relationships Respect for the environment and animals. Manage their own needs, life stages, babies, getting bigger Recognise the similarities between their home and those of others.
Communication and Language	Following instructions Turn Taking Share ideas and thoughts with adults and peers- using talk	Engage in story times Join in with songs and rhymes Listen to and talk about stories and rhymes	Give opinion and share ideas with confidence in different situations Explain what has happened	Respond and question Use full sentences Use new vocabulary	Discussion with others Predict what might happen	Use a full vocabulary including technical language Use conjunctions in sentences

	Listen to rhymes, poems and songs Build listening skills Learn new Vocabulary Engage in story time and non-fiction books	Learn rhymes, poems and songs Ask questions, share ideas Use new Vocabulary Listen to and talk about stories Discussing events in detail.	Use new vocabulary Retelling familiar stories Develop social phrases Listen and talk about non-fiction books Use talk to work out problems	Retell Stories, connecting ideas Articulating ideas and thoughts Explain how things work	Listen and respond with ideas and questions. Interacting and responding to group ideas in discussions. Predict what might happen in familiar texts	Use past, present and future forms Expressing ideas and feelings using full sentences – using past, present and future tenses. Hold conversations with teachers and peers
Physical Development	Body strength- coordination and balance. Fine Motor – use a variety of tools including focus on pencil grip Oral Hygiene – link to my body topic	Develop accurate handwriting skills. Develop pencil grip mostly using tripod grip Being a safe pedestrian.	Develop a range of ball skills. Core muscle strength for good posture. Healthy eating, including teeth hygiene link to Food	Combining different movements Moving energetically such as running , jumping, dancing , climbing.	Using a range of small tools e.g. scissors. Accuracy and care when drawing Health and wellbeing. – links to PSED Being a safe pedestrian.	Following Instructions Using large apparatus indoors and outdoors. Parachute games/ making waves.
Literacy	Level 1 phonics Developing mark making skills through gross motor movements Join in with stories, rhymes and songs Letter formation	Level 2 phonics Letter formation Writing initial sounds and basic CVC labels Retell stories through small world and role play	Level 3 Phonics Labels and captions Short sentences- finger spaces, full stops. Draw vocabulary and knowledge	Level 3 phonics Draw vocabulary and knowledge from non fiction books and stories Introducing capital letters.	Level 4 phonics Captions and sentences Use and understand new vocabulary from stories, poems and nonfiction	Level 4 phonics Sentences- finger spaces, caps letter, full stops Use and understand new vocabulary from songs and stories

	Role play and narrative using props Asking questions about the book	Describe events in familiar stories and predict events (join in)	from non fiction and use throughout the day in different contexts		Discuss what they know/ have found out	Sequence and retell stories Adapt narratives
Mathematics	Matching and comparing amounts Representing, comparing and composition of numbers to 3 including subitising Circles and triangles Compare mass, length and capacity Exploring pattern	Representation of numbers to 5 Look closely at the composition of numbers to 5 (including subitising) Squares and rectangles Positional language	Numbers 6, 7, ,8 Comparing numbers to 5- 10 Combining two groups Numbers 9 and 10 Finding pairs Compare mass and capacity Length and height	Number bonds to 10 Starting to count beyond 10 Patterns and number relationships 3D shapes Time	Building numbers beyond 10 Adding more and taking away Doubling and sharing Even and odd Spatial Awareness	Deepening understanding Patterns and relationships Spatial awareness Consolidation
Understanding the World	Begin to make sense of their own life story Discussing their family Sense of belonging Talk about what they see using a wide vocabulary	Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people How we celebrate different cultures in	To develop their knowledge of food. Discuss recipes Oral Hygiene	To begin to understand fairy tales and learn through a story. Explorers- develop understanding of characters from	Explore how things work Road Safety Safety on the road Transport over time.	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things Know that there are different countries in and

	Discussion about families and their similarities and differences Look at life in the past e.g. grandparents Look at our bodies and how they work Oral Hygiene Describe and explore local environment - link to maps of the local area	December - Diwali, Chanukah Guy Fawkes. Know some similarities and differences between religious and cultural communities- look at different celebrations e.g. Christmas, Bonfire Night, Diwali, etc. Space	How plants grow Similarities and differences of food from around the world	the past (kings and queens) Pirates Plant growing - Jack and the beanstalk Royal family in different countries	how trains have changed through the ages horses - cars how roads are made	talk about photos or their experiences Africa- animals and their habitats linked to climate and landscape Know some similarities and differences between the world around them and contrasting environments by describing them Compare the local environment and the seaside Link to work on Africa and sea sides in other countries Contrasting environments Make observations of plants and animals and explore the natural world Describe the local environment and wildlife
Expressive Arts and Design	Explore the use of colour and design Explore tools and their uses Colour identification	Invent and adapt stories through their role play and small world play Primary colours	Make use of props and materials in the role play area to re-create well known stories	Develop own designs and select materials Create and adapt designs	Perform and create poems, songs and stories and play instruments	Explore the use of a range of tools Have preferences for forms of expression and

Colour mixin	g Colour mixing with	Perform songs and	Joining materials	Invent and adapt	explain my use of
	intent	stories	together	stories through	materials and design
		Drawing with		their role play and	
		accuracy		small world play	
		Selecting tools for a		Exploring the use	
		purpose		of textures	