

EYFS Long Term Plan

This long term plan outlines the core topics taught across the Reception year. Topics are carefully chosen to support children’s personal, social and emotional development, build strong language skills, and provide meaningful contexts for learning across the EYFS. Each topic links directly to our medium-term planning and is delivered through high-quality texts, real experiences and purposeful play.

Autumn 1 All About Me	Autumn 2 Celebrations	Spring 1 Traditional Tales	Spring 2 Growing and Changing	Summer 1 Dinosaurs	Summer 2 Adventures!
<p>Focus: Settling into school, building relationships and understanding ourselves.</p> <p>Children begin their Reception journey by learning about themselves and their immediate world. This topic supports transition into school, helping children feel safe, secure and confident.</p> <p>Key learning includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom routines and expectations • Making friends and developing relationships • Understanding feelings and emotions • Talking about family, home and people who care for us 	<p>Focus: Belonging, traditions and seasonal change.</p> <p>Children explore celebrations from their own experiences and those of others, developing respect, empathy and an understanding of community.</p> <p>Key learning includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and cultural celebrations • Festivals such as Birthdays, Diwali and Christmas • Seasonal changes linked to autumn and winter • Kindness, sharing and caring for others 	<p>Focus: Storytelling, language and imagination</p> <p>Traditional tales provide a familiar and engaging context to develop early literacy skills, story structure and vocabulary.</p> <p>Key learning includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retelling and sequencing stories • Understanding characters, settings and simple plots • Exploring right and wrong through familiar tales • Using story language in play and writing 	<p>Focus: Life cycles, health and the natural world</p> <p>Children learn about growth and change through hands-on experiences, observation and discussion.</p> <p>Key learning includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How plants and animals grow • Life cycles (including chicks, butterflies and plants) • Looking after living things • Healthy bodies and healthy choices • Seasonal change and caring for the environment 	<p>Focus: The past, discovery and enquiry</p> <p>This topic builds on children’s earlier experiences of learning about the past, giving them opportunities to ask questions, explore ideas and find out more through stories and play.</p> <p>Key learning includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What dinosaurs were and how we know about them • Comparing the past and present • Exploring fossils and habitats • Understanding extinction and caring for our planet 	<p>Focus: Journeys, exploration and transition</p> <p>The final topic draws together children’s learning through stories of journeys and adventures, while supporting reflection and transition to Year 1.</p> <p>Key learning includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adventures and journeys from stories and real life • Using simple maps and positional language • Developing teamwork, resilience and confidence • Reflecting on learning and personal achievements