







Curriculum overview: Early Years - Explorers

						
Themes	<p>Happy to be me!</p> <p>All about me <i>Seasonal changes</i></p>	<p>Help is at hand</p> <p>People who help us & how we can help others <i>Seasonal changes</i> <i>Diwali / Christmas</i></p>	<p>Let's play</p> <p>Toys and games <i>Seasonal changes</i> <i>Easter / Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>No place like home</p> <p>All kinds of houses and homes <i>Seasonal changes</i> <i>Chinese New Year</i></p>	<p>If you go down to the woods</p> <p>Growing things <i>Seasonal changes</i> <i>Eid</i></p>	<p>Tell us a story</p> <p>Fairy stories & traditional tales <i>Seasonal changes</i> <i>Father's Day</i></p>
Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The colour monster • Funny bones • My body is me • What's inside my body? • We are family • So much! • The colours of us • Happy in our skin • Daddy, why am i brown? • Senses non-fiction texts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real superheroes • Emergency • Busy people • Stick man • The Christmas pine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kipper's toybox • Where's my teddy? • Toys non-fiction texts • The three little pigs • Toy story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace at last • Three little pigs • What pet to get? • Farmer duck • The lighthouse keeper's lunch • Can't you sleep little bear? • Six little chicks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinocchio • The tree house that jack built • Eddie's garden • Jasper's beanstalk • Woodland animals non-fiction texts • We're going on a bear hunt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack and the beanstalk • Jim and the beanstalk • The gingerbread man • The runaway chapati • Cinderella
Following interests of the children	<p>Children are given opportunities to explore, investigate and develop their own ideas and interests</p>					

Communication & Language (Listening, attention & Understanding / Speaking)	<p>Key vocabulary is introduced throughout the themes. Children are encouraged to engage in back-and-forth conversations. Conversations and speech is embedded throughout all areas of the curriculum and school day.</p>					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body parts games • Showing a range of emotions • Using our senses • Talking about likes and dislikes • Talking about our families • Groups and clubs we belong to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charades of household chores • Interviewing people who help in school • 999 • Talking about doctors and nurses • Talking about different jobs • Talking about our families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing favourite toys • When I was lost • Explaining how toys move • Predicting outcomes • Describing characters • Explaining rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labelling parts of a house • Cumulative games • Talking about pets • Perform actions to poems • Our dream homes • Identifying sounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing trees • Responding to music • True or false? • Asking questions • Answering questions • Explaining choices • Retelling and re-imagining stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using imagination (our magic beanstalk) • Repeating refrains • Hot seating • Story maps • Drawing a picture from a description
Personal, Social & Emotional Development (Self-Regulation / Managing Self / Building Relationships)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about what we are good at • Colour Monster story - how do I feel? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express and respond to feelings and emotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking turns • Sharing toys • Being lost • Making friends • Kindness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about people who are special to us • Caring for living things 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing cooperatively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour and its consequences
Physical Development (Fine Motor & Gross motor)	<p>Dough Disco and Funky Finger activities are planned throughout the week to develop children's fine motor skills.</p>					
	Fundamental movements	Balancing and core strength	Dance – ways of moving	Hand-eye co-ordination	Run, jump, throw	Games - agility

Literacy (Comprehension / Word Reading / Writing)	Little Wandle					
	Phase 2 graphemes Daily grapheme writing	Phase 2 graphemes Daily word writing	Phase 3 graphemes Daily word writing	Phase 3 graphemes Daily word writing	Phase 4 graphemes Daily word writing Weekly sentence writing	Phase 4 graphemes Daily word writing Weekly sentence writing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark making • Name writing • Introduce letter formation • My family • Sound walk • All about autumn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark making • Name writing • Get well / thank you cards • Opticians chart • Labelling body parts • Stick man caption • Christmas card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free writing • My favourite toy • Where's my bear caption • How do toys move – labels • Three little pigs – describing characters • Shopping list • What did the fox say? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free writing • Labelling house • Labelling pets • Walking in the jungle caption • Letter writing to baby bear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free writing • Tree house design • Who am i? Woodland animal riddle • Pinocchio – describing characters • Sunflower labelling • Bear hunt – story map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free writing • Sorry letter to the giant • Gingerbread man lost poster • Make a wish • Bubbles instructions
Mathematics (Number/Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking)	White Rose Maths					
	Baseline Getting to know you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key times of day • Class routines • Where things belong • Exploring continuous provision (inside and out) Just like Me: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching and sorting 	It's Me 1,2,3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing 1,2,3 • Comparing 1,2,3 • Composition of 1,2,3 • Circles and triangles • Positional language Light and Dark: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing numbers to 5 • One more/less 	Alive in 5!: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing zero • Comparing numbers to 5 • Composition of 4 & 5 • Compare mass (2) • Compare capacity (2) Growing 6,7,8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6, 7 & 8 • Combining 2 amounts • Making pairs 	Building 9,10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting to 9 & 10 • Comparing numbers to 10 • Bonds to 10 • 3D shapes • Spatial awareness • Patterns Consolidation	To 20 and beyond: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building numbers beyond 10 • Counting patterns beyond 10 • Spatial reasoning (1) • Match, rotate, manipulate First Then Now: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding more • Taking away • Spatial reasoning (2) 	Find My Pattern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doubling • Sharing and grouping • Even and odd • Spatial reasoning (3) • Visualise and build On the Move: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepening understanding • Patterns and relationships

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing amounts • Compare size, mass and capacity (1) • Exploring pattern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shapes with 4 sides • Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length & height • Time 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compose and decompose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial reasoning (4) • Mapping
Understanding the World (Past & Present / People, Culture & Communities / The Natural World)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being me • Sharing special things • Family trees • Communicating with family • How we are all connected • Parts of the body • Exploring senses - tasting/smell pots/ Feely bag/messy play trays/sound walk/Kim's game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past and present events in my life • Chores in the past/present • Understanding different jobs • Caretaker/ Firefighter/nurse visitors • Uniforms • Healthy/unhealthy - food/exercise • Recycling • Christmas baking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toys from around the world • Researching how Teddies are made • Investigating moving toys and batteries • Looking at famous constructions • The Solar system • Old-Fashioned games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labelling features of a house • Exploring different types of houses • Researching pets and their homes • Living in the forest (making animal sounds) • Castles (design a palace) • Sources of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floating and sinking - wooden objects • Selecting tools and techniques • Creating forest maps • Seeds changing and growing • Exploring the environment - binoculars/magnifying glasses • Woodland walk - photos • All about bears 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bean life cycle - growing beans • Giant animals • Moving animals • Fruit and vegetables • Baking gingerbread • Bubble making station
Expressive Arts & Design (Creating with Materials / Being Imaginative & Expressive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self portraits • Skin colour mixing • Spot the difference • Recreating family photos • Playdough/loose parts/paper plate faces • Autumn collage • Sing songs about body parts • Body percussion • Explore different 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you're happy and you know it – chores • Designing a lanyard • Fingerprint art • Creating siren sounds • Firework art • Rangoli patterns • Role-play doctor/nurses • Making police/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junk model toys • Collaging teddy • Painting toys • Making moving toys • How toy works videos • Making Sock Thing • Builder role-play - foam bricks/dens • Making telescope/ Rocket/space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating patterned wallpaper • Making 3d houses • Shoe box homes • Playdoh jungle scene • Class jungle collage • Building dens • Making flags • Building sandcastles • Prince and princess role-play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing media • Collaging - wooden materials • Leaf/bark rubbing • Wooden peg dolls • Van Gogh 'Sunflowers' • Garden Centre role play • Scene trays • Fork printing • Designing and creating a picnic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3d models - beanstalk • Creating scene trays • Transient art - dried beans and seeds • Construction bridge/boat for Gingerbread Man • Baker's Shop playdoh role-play • Mud kitchen/tuff

	<p>instrument sounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore different ways to say hello • Autumn songs 	<p>nurse hats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural objects art (Stickman) • Acting out different job roles • Let's Move - People Who Help Us • 999 Song • Christmas songs and performance 	<p>helmet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observational drawing - spring flowers • Composing sound effects for toys • Creating "building" music • Making lanterns/red envelopes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting and creating sounds • Actions at home • Animal poem performance • Walking Through the Jungle song • Mother's Day card 	<p>blanket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making binoculars • Observational painting of plants • Teddy Bears' Picnic role-play • Mud kitchen • Singing and performing We're Going on a Bear Hunt/Teddy Bears' Picnic/Teddy Bear • Exploring pitch 	<p>tray potions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and make wands and crowns • Prince and princess role-play • Creating and sequencing character sounds • Movements to represent characters • Giant's song - "Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum" • Gingerbread Man percussion • Philharmonic - The Musical Story of the Gingerbread Man
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest • Bible stories and • Family customs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diwali • Remembrance Day • The Story of Babushka • Bible stories and family customs • Christmas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese New Year • Simple Bible stories and family customs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple Bible stories and family customs • Mother's Day • Easter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eid • Simple Bible stories • Creation stories and family customs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who are special to me • Right and wrong • Father's Day • Simple Bible stories and family customs