

Early Years Curriculum Themes and Key Vocab 2022 - 2023

Term	Themes	Texts	Visitors/ Trips/ Experiences/ British Values/ Capital Culture	Spirituality/ Pathways	Nursery Key Vocab	Reception Key Vocab
Term 1a	Nursery Rhymes/ Favourite Stories All about me	Nursery Dear Zoo, All Nursery Rhymes, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Peace at Last, Brown Bear Brown Bear Reception Nursery texts, Gruffalo, Room on the Broom, Farmer Duck	Bear Hunt using school woodland. Autumn Reception – church visit. Harvest Festival World Mental Health Day Black History Month Diwali	Caregivers – introduction of kind and friendly within the class. Naturalists The beauty of school grounds and season change. Traditionalists Church visit, learning prayer and assemblies	Nursery rhyme characters, Mum, Dad, brother, sister, eyes, head, nose, legs, arms, hands fingers, toes, bottom, hair, tummy, happy, sad, excited, boy, girl	Nursery vocab Grandma, Nana, Grandad cousins, aunties, uncles, knees, elbows, shoulders, neck, face, hair, eyebrows, nostrils, worried, excited, lonely, frightened, angry, smell, touch, sight, taste, hear
					Key Questions What is your favourite story? Who are your family? How are you feeling today?	Key Questions What is your favourite story and why? Who are your family? How are you different from your friend?
Term 1b	Celebrations and Colour	Nursery Postman Bear, Kipper's Birthday, Colour me happy, The Selfish Crocodile, Non-Fiction - Diwali, Eid, The nativity Reception Elmer, The Nativity, Our House, Toy's Party, Kippers Birthday, The owl and the pussy cat, Diwali, Sparks in the sky, Owl babies	Church - Christening Owl man Wedding in Reception Faith Visit – Eid or Diwali Rule of law Poppy day/ Remembrance Sunday World Cup Tolerance	Traditionalists Church visit, nativity Enthusiasts Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and other faiths. Senates Song, colour and taste	Prime colours, rainbow, light, dark, birthday, Christmas, Diwali, Eid, Christening/Baptism, bonfire night, Easter.	Nursery vocab Colours, church, mosque, temple, anniversary, transparent, opaque, multi-coloured, Chinese New Year
					Key Questions What celebrations can you name? What is your favourite colour? When is your birthday? How old are you?	Key Questions What celebrations can you name? How do different families celebrate? What happens when you mix 2 colours?
Term 2a	Our World	Nursery Train Ride, 5 Little men in a flying saucer, Noah's Ark, Walking through the jungle, Handa's Surprise, Stickman, We're going on a lion hunt, The Little Polar Bear, Nonfiction recycling, weather, Beautiful Bananas Reception Poetry – Commotion in the Ocean, Sharing a Shell, Noah's Ark, Handa's surprise, Stickman, Little Red Riding Hood Nonfiction recycling, weather,	Litter Picking - Janet Visitor from another country Safari Sam Reflection Garden	Naturalists The beauty of our world, jungles etc Activist – Doing something about it litter picking Contemplatives Thanking God for creating the world	Home, city, Leeds, England, land, sea, globe, planet earth, weather – sunshine, cloudy, rain, snow, wind, autumn recycle, pollution, litter.	Nursery vocab United kingdom, capital city – London, countries, mountains, rivers, lakes, desert, ocean, forests
					Key Questions Where do you live? How can we look after the world? Where is your favourite place to visit?	Key Questions Where do you live? How can we look after the world? Where would you like to visit?
Term 2b	New Life/ Growing	Nursery/ Reception Jack and the Beanstalk. The Hungry Caterpillar, Jasper's Beanstalk, Monkey Puzzle, Oliver's Vegetables, The enormous turnip. Non-fiction – Lifecycle Books, Easter Story	Chickens/Caterpillars/Ta dpoles Planting – Janet Visiting Baby Queen's Birthday St Georges Day Mothering Sunday Pancake Day Easter Bonnet Easter Service World Book Day Book Swap	Traditionalists Church visit, learning prayer and assemblies Enthusiasts Celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. The mystery of new life.	Caterpillar, chrysalis, egg, butterfly, frog spawn, froglet, frog, growing, plant, seed, shoot, root, stem, baby, child, adult, human	Nursery vocab Developing, timeline, egg, chick, chicken. Hatching, nest, incubation, age, months, years, days, weeks
					Key Questions What happens when you plant a seed? What is the difference between a baby and a grown up? What does a caterpillar grow into?	Key Questions Can you think of something that grows? What do plants need to grow?/ What do we need to grow? How do we change?

Term 3a	Adventures Space/Pirates	<p>Nursery Aliens love underpants, Whatever next, Roaring Rockets, Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly, Pirates love underpants. Ten Little Pirates</p> <p>Reception Aliens love underpants, Whatever next, The way back home, Tiddler, Pirates love underpants, Night Pirates, Dragon tree, Non-fiction – space, under the sea</p>	<p>School Trip – Nell Bank VE Day –May 8th Father's Day • Walk in local area Pirate Topic Day (dress up) Kings Coronation Democracy</p>	<p>Contemplatives Thanking God for creating the world Naturalists Being closer to God outdoors</p>	<p>Planets, stars, rockets, space station, astronaut, earth, sun, moon, ocean, wave rock pool, octopus, shark, turtle, whale, fish, crab, diver, pirate ship, treasure</p>	<p>Nursery vocab Saturn, Jupiter, Venus, satellite, Neptune, mars, tide, coral, lobster, submarine, Jolly roger</p>
					<p>Key Questions What would you find in space? Where would you like to go on an adventure? How would you get there?</p>	<p>Key Questions What would you find in space? Where would you like to go on an adventure?</p>
Term 3b	People Who Help Us	<p>Nursery My mum and dad, Farmer Duck, Emergency, Super duck Super Daisy, Super worm, Non-Fiction.</p> <p>Reception Super Worm, Supertato, Super Daisy, Emergency Non-Fiction – police, firemen etc. Road safety</p>	<p>Visit Pennington Court Police Visit Father's Day Wimbledon Sports Day</p>	<p>Caregivers – importance of helping and giving to others kind and friendly within the class. Activist – Doing something to help others and our planet</p>	<p>Police officer, fire fighter, paramedic, doctor, nurse, dentist, lolly pop person, teacher, ambulance, fire engine, shop worker, safe, dangerous, seat belt, emergency services, superhero, hospital</p>	<p>Nursery vocab Taxi driver, vicar, vet, midwife, road worker, mountain rescuer, lifeguard, stranger, teacher</p>
					<p>Key Questions Can you think of someone who helps you? How do you help people?</p>	<p>Key Questions Can you think of someone who helps you? How do they help you? How do you help people?</p>