



Reception Overview of Learning 2025-2026

Term Theme	Autumn 1 Me and My Marvellous World	Autumn 2 Once Upon a Time...	Spring 1 Our Local Community	Spring 2 Plants, Plants, Plants	Summer 1 Marvellous Minibeasts	Summer 2 Commotion in the Ocean
Number of weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks
Key Texts	Happy in Our Skin (2 weeks) Once there were giants (2 weeks) Handa's Surprise (2 weeks) 6 weeks	Little Red Riding Hood (2 weeks) Three Little Pigs (2 weeks) The Gingerbread Man (2 weeks) The Jolly Postman (2 weeks) 8 weeks	Small in the City (2 weeks) Naughty Bus (2 weeks) The Train Ride (2 weeks) 6 weeks	Jack and the Beanstalk (2 weeks) Oliver's Vegetables (2 weeks) 5 weeks	Yucky Worms! (2 weeks) What the Ladybird Heard (2 weeks) Minibeast non-fiction text (2 weeks) 6 weeks	Clean Up! (2 weeks) The Rainbow Fish (2 weeks) Billy's Bucket (2 weeks) Transition Week (1 week) 7 weeks
Cultural Capital Events	Black History Month	Black History Month Christmas Performance Diwali Day	Trip on a bus Walk around the local environment Chinese New Year Fire Service Visit	Growing a bean Visit to the local allotment Caterpillars	Zoolab – Minibeast workshop Eid	Visit to the Seaside/ Aquarium
Subsidiary texts	My Mum My Dad's a Superhero The Tiger Who Came to Tea Monkey Puzzle	The Three Billy Goats Gruff Cinderella Goldilocks and the Three Bears	I went walking Non-Fiction Text about the local environment	The Tiny Seed Tadpole's Promise Chick to Chicken The Very Hungry Caterpillar The Ugly Duckling A seed in need	Mad About Minibeasts Aaaarghh Spider The Bad Tempered Ladybird	Mr Gumpy's Outing The Snail and the whale The Pirates Next Door The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch Commotion in the Ocean



Parent Partnership Events	Marvellous Monday Communication and Language Parent Workshop	Marvellous Monday Diwali Day Physical Development Workshop Christmas Performance Parent consultations	Marvellous Monday Personal, Social and Emotional Development Workshop Targeted Marvellous Monday – Reading/Writing	Marvellous Monday Literacy Parent Workshop Targeted Marvellous Monday – Communication and Language/Phonics	Marvellous Monday Literacy Parent Workshop Targeted Marvellous Monday – Mathematics	Marvellous Monday Transition Meeting Nursery to Reception Targeted Parent Workshop – Ready for Reception?
Key Poems and Rhymes	Ten in the bed Head, shoulders, knees and toes Wheels on the bus Hickory, Dickory Dock Five Little Ducks P: Autumn Colour	Five Current Buns Wind the bobbing up Twinkle, Twinkle little star Christmas Songs P: Winter's Here	Mary, Mary Quite Contrary Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush Five Little Firemen P: This is the way we cross the road	I'm a little seed The Farmer Plants the Seed Mary, Mary quite contrary P: Spring Poem	Down in the jungle Five Little Speckled Frogs Row, Row, Row your boat P: Superworm	A sailor went to sea Baby Shark Once I saw an Octopus Ten Little Fishes P: Bed in Summer
Special events /celebrations	Harvest festival Black History Month	Diwali Christmas Bonfire night Black history month Remembrance day Thanks giving Hanukah	Valentine's day Chinese new year	Easter St Georges day St Patricks day Mother's day Pancake day Ramadan	Eid	Eid Father's day

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Listening and Understanding	Neli Assessment	Understanding different	Neli Groups	Neli Groups	Neli Groups	Neli Groups



Communication and Language Development		Daily Read Aloud Sessions New Vocabulary Reception Baseline Rhyme of the Week Positional/size vocab	questions who, what, where, why, when, what doing Neli Groups New vocabulary Rhyme of the week Exploring Non-fiction books	Past and future tenses Using plurals and pronouns	Reasoning when answering questions involving when, what doing, how	Confidently understanding a range of different questions	Retelling stories in detail
	Speaking	Everyday vocabulary Picking up new vocabulary Joining in with social phrases	Develop social phrases Begin to connect sentences and ideas Articulated sentences Talk about stories	Speaking in longer sentences to recall events Talk to problem solve Asking questions	Use of tenses Ask questions to find out more Retell familiar stories	Verbal reasoning with longer explanations	Well formed sentences Explanations on how and why things might work
Physical Development	Gross Motor	Bikes /climbing and balancing (on entry assessment)	Different ways of moving- running, hopping, skipping, climbing	Throwing, catching passing aiming- ball skills	Ball skills- kicking passing aiming	Obstacle courses- tyres, planks, ropes, monkey bars	Scooters
Physical Development	Fine Motor	Scissor control Pencil grips	Knives and forks Paint brushes/scissors woodwork	Practice cutting shapes/lines Handwriting rhymes- rainbow letters	Handwriting- letter formation- copying letters	Handwriting size ascenders and descenders	Handwriting numbers



Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Health and Self Care	Coats and zips	Teeth brushing Healthy eating sorting foods	Healthy- exercise and diet	Personal hygiene	Safety-road	Sleep routine and screen time
Personal, Social and Emotional Development		Friendships/ Relationships Family Routines	Consider feelings of others Rules Sharing / turn taking Kindness	Showing resilience Feelings Moderating own feeling Strategies for staying calm	Problem solving and negotiating	Thinking from others perspectives	Healthy lifestyles – food
Literacy	Reading	Recapping Early Concepts of Print Left to Right/Top to Bottom	Shared reading 1:1 focus with print	Guided reading Reading strategies	Guided Reading Reading strategies	Guided Reading Reading strategies	Guided Reading Reading strategies
	Phonics	Oral Segmenting and Blending Recap – transition week	s,a,t,p,i TW: the I is	n,m,d,g TW: the I is	o,c,k, ck TW: the I is	e,u,r,h TW: the I is	b,f,l TW: the I is
	Writing	Letter patterns Name writing Model writing	Name writing Model writing both lower and uppercase CVC words	Beginning to write a sentence	Remember punctuation Beginning to write a sentence	Write sentences including and Punctuation	Write sentences which include punctuation
	Genres *Name writing each half term*	<u>Once there were giants</u> Sentence Writing <u>Happy in Our Skin</u> Family Picture / Name Writing <u>Handa's Surprise</u> Description of the fruit	<u>Little Red Riding Hood</u> Captions <u>Three Little Pigs</u> <u>The Gingerbread Man</u> Recipe Book <u>The Jolly Postman</u> Letters to Santa	<u>Small in the City</u> Descriptive Writing <u>Naughty Bus</u> Speech/Thought Bubbles <u>The Train Ride</u> Postcard	<u>Jack and the Beanstalk</u> Fact <u>Oliver's Vegetables</u> Healthy Poster	<u>Yucky Worms!</u> Questions <u>What the Ladybird Heard</u> Instructions <u>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</u> Retelling the Story	<u>Clean Up!</u> Letter <u>The Rainbow Fish</u> Narrative <u>Billy's Bucket</u> Labels <u>Transition</u> Booklet



Mathematical Development	Number	Counting 1:1 to 10 Match numerals to sets Subitise 1-3 Order 1-5	Subitise 1-5 Match numerals to amounts Match numerals to amounts Order 1-10	Counting 1-20 Recognise 1-10 Order 1-15	Counting 1-20 Recognise 1-10 Match numerals to amounts Order 1-20	Representing amounts Problem solving with numbers to 5	Problem solving Representing Problem solving with numbers to 10
	Power Maths Topics	Numbers to 5 Numbers to 3 Numbers to 4 Numbers to 5 Comparing Quantities (identical) Comparing Quantities (non-identical)	Comparing numbers within 5 3D shape 2D shape Change within 5	Change withing 5 Number bonds to 5 Space Numbers to 10 Comparing numbers within 10	Addition to 10 Measure length, height weight Number bonds to 10 Subtraction Exploring patterns	Counting on and counting back Numbers to 20 Numerical patterns Shape – composing and decomposing shapes Measure volume and capacity	Sorting Time
	Number Patterns	More and less	Addition Subtraction	Number bonds to 5	Number bonds to 10	Counting on and back	Doubling and halving
	Shape Space and Measures	Jigsaws Height – measures	Shape	Pattern (2/3 part)	Volume capacity and time	Numerical Pattern	Different measures: Height Length Weight
Understanding the World	People, Cultures and Communities	Family- who is in my family? Similarities and differences.	Guy Fawkes Black History Month	Chinese New Year	Mother's Day Pancake day	Hinduism Islam Father's Day Compare environments	Islam Transitions



	Past and Present	Identifying similarities and differences between ourselves and others	Celebrations how they have changed	Hospitals/Medicine Prescriptions	Hibernation	Past and present-Farmers	Past and present-Fisherman/Fishmongers
	Natural World	Autumn- Autumn walk in the garden Family members Growing- plant bulbs	Weather changing Planting bulb	Body Parts – naming and exploring how these work	Spring Life cycles - chicks Growing – grow seeds	Lifecycle of a pig/cow Naming different parts	Summer Shark finning Conservative problems
	ICT	Exploring technology	Exploring technology	Sound buttons	Microphones	Multi-Media	Data programming
Expressive Art and Design	Art Skills	Joining and cutting skills Exploring different materials	Colour Mixing Chalks Junk modelling	Clay Printing	Large scale projects	Pastels	Natural art (Goldsworthy)
	Drawing	Observational drawings	Detailed drawings	Observational drawings	Shading	Drawing maps – Bird's eye views	Refining artistic effects
	Music	Body sounds/percussion	Christmas songs BHM songs	Action songs Body songs	Easter Songs Mother's Day songs	Father's Day Songs	Farm Songs
	Role Play	Act out scenarios	Storylines in play	Storylines in play	Collaborative stories	Collaborative stories	Act out stories