

Nursery yearly plan Year 1 2026 - 27

	Autumn Term 		Spring Term 		Summer Term 	
	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Context for learning	Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see by Eric Carle	The Little Red Hen- traditional tale	Goldilocks and the three bears – traditional tale	Mr Gumpy's outing by John Burningham	We're going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen	The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Special Events	Settling in Nursery visits Stay and Play sessions Bonfire night	Christmas celebration Christmas party Diwali	Settling in new children Lunar New Year – visit from parents	Easter Egg Hunt Planting in the Nursery Garden Mother's Day Celebration	Maths mornings Eid	Summer picnic
Communication and Language	Listening in small groups Show and Tell pet photos/soft toy photos Introduce Story Map Phonics games Words of the week	Retell group story together and draw Story Map Introduce sessions of children sharing their learning on Tapestry Phonics games Words of the week	Retell group story using a story map Phonics games Words of the week Families sharing videos of children re-telling story	Small groups retelling story with story maps Children sharing their learning on Tapestry Phonics games Words of the week Question of the week	Children draw their own story maps to retell the story Phonics games Words of the week Question of the week	Children begin to develop their own stories Children sharing their learning on Tapestry Phonics games Words of the week Asking "why" questions
Personal Social and Emotional Development	Separate from main carer Select and use activities and resources with help Introduce Responsible Rhino Introduce Sunshine helper Introducing Next Steps	Turn taking Share feelings Working together Christmas celebration Introduce Concentrating Crocodile Next Steps Taking turns with Advent Calendar	Show confidence in new situations Introduce Go for it Gorilla Next Steps Talking about appropriate behaviour/rules Next Steps	Sharing and turn taking Introduce Win Win Wombat Next Steps New vocabulary Solving conflicts	Talking about different emotions Talking about visitors/family coming to our homes Introduce Kind Kangaroo and Teamwork Tiger Next Steps	Tours of the school and transition activities Introduce Teamwork Tiger and Mindful Mouse Talking about some children moving to different schools Talking about feelings Next Steps
Physical Development	Moving in a range of ways like animals Autumn and firework dance Drawing pictures on whiteboard Autumn walk in school grounds	Making Christmas decorations Talking about healthy bread choices Becoming more independent with coats and shoes Mark making in Christmas cards Acting out the story with gross motor movements	Clothes for cold weather Porridge oats – scooping and pouring Making porridge Talking about healthy breakfasts Using scissors Using chopsticks	Using tools to make boats Easter play dough Egg rolling Planting in the Nursery Garden Digging, raking, sweeping Mark making in Mother's Day cards	Moving in a range of ways like animals Clothes for hotter weather Independence skills Importance of sun cream	Nursery Sports Focus on Healthy eating and oral health Activity mornings
Literacy	Handling books carefully- print direction class book	Adults scribe children's stories Create class book	Shared reading Shared writing 5 key concepts about print	Shared writing Name writing – variety of materials Celebrate World Book Day	Shared reading Shared writing Menu writing Name writing	Shared reading Shared writing Name writing in a variety of materials

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	Mark making on letters to the zoo Introduce Birthday books	Farm animals information books	Sharing Lunar New Year stories and information books		Listening games Information books about bears Watching Michael Rosen re-tell the story Michael Rosen poems	Poems and rhymes Spotting and suggesting rhymes Longer stories Starting school stories
Mathematical Development	Animal number rhymes Sorting farm and zoo animals by size Firework number songs Counting children in class	Cutting shapes for cards Positional language and counting Christmas number songs Advent calendar	Number – Focus on number 3 Space Shape and Measure – building houses Lunar New Year counting coins game	Number line of Easter eggs Number and Shape Easter egg hunt Simple adding and subtracting of people and animals in boat	Compare bears 10 in the bed Teddy bear hunt in garden Positional & comparative language.	Number Space Shape and Measure Days of the week More / less Matching numeral to amount. Subitising
Understanding of the World	Looking at information books about animals, Using a world map and globe Learning about Diwali Planting bulbs in nature garden	Bonfire Night Christmas Seasonal changes Farm animal jigsaw puzzles Exploring flour and water and bread Making bread rolls Making play dough	Seasonal changes – ice Explore hot and cold (porridge) Lunar New year Families – sharing photos from home	Seasonal changes New life – observing changes in the nature garden Easter Floating & sinking Planting seeds Different types of boat Different occupations Mother's day	Seasonal changes Eid Listening walks in field Planting in the garden Using the globe to see where bears live	Seasonal changes Learning information about caterpillars and butterflies Butterfly garden in nursery Making a bug hotel
Expressive Arts and Design	Linking instruments to animals in the story Role play vets Autumn art work Introduce mud kitchen Model making Mark making on giant chalkboard	Selecting from a range of materials Learning songs for celebration Farm inspired songs and artwork Mud kitchen Model making	Making bears with fur fabric/paint Making Goldilocks faces with different lengths of hair Mud kitchen Model making Role play Goldilocks scenes	Egg painting Easter songs Flower painting Mud kitchen Model making Painting large boxes to make a role play boat	Role play Bear Hunt story Mud kitchen Model making – caves – large and small	Printing butterflies Making a class display of the book Making caterpillar art work Mud kitchen Model making Class book end papers like Eric Carle