

Early Years Foundation Stage		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic overview		All Around Me Settling in. Learning about ourselves and others. Possible books: We are all different My Family Shine Only One You	Robots Exploring technology. How do things work? Possible books: Hello Robots Robots lost on the city Harry and the robots Ten Little Robots	Wonderful World Comparing countries. Compare and contrast Africa and the Arctic. Possible books: Handa's Surprise Imi's Gift If all the World were Non-fiction books	Transport Compare and contrast transport from the past with modern transport. Possible books: The old steam train The train to impossible places On the way home How do trains work?	Minibeasts Explore the natural world. Life cycle of butterflies. Possible books: The very hungry caterpillar Mad about Minibeasts The butterfly dance	Heroes Everyday heroes. Heroes and villainstraditional tales. Possible books: A Superhero like you Eco Warriors Supertato No big bad wolf in this story
Characteristics of Effective Learning		Finding out and exploring Being involved and concentrating	Having their own ideas Playing with what they know	Keeping on trying Making links	Being willing to 'have a go' Enjoying achieving what they set out to do	Choosing ways to do things Keeping on trying	Choosing ways to do things. Making links Having my own ideas
Prime Areas	Communication and Language	Children aged 3-4 will begin to enjoy listening to longer stories and will be able to describe some of what happens. Children in Reception will understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.	Children aged 3-4 will begin to understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as: "Get your coat and wait at the door". Children in Reception will learn new vocabulary and be able to use it throughout the day.	Children aged 3-4 will begin to understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" Children in Reception will begin to ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.	Children aged 3-4 will be able to start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns. Children in Reception will describe events in some detail.	Children aged 3-4 will be using talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus you sit there I'll be the driver." Children in Reception will articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.	Children aged 3-4 will know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story. Children in Reception will use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.



Personal, social and emotional development	Children aged 3-4 will become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting. They will become more independent in meeting their own care needs. E.g. maintaining good hand hygiene.	Children aged 3-4 will be able to remember rules, be able to follow them and explain why they are important. They will become more independent in meeting their own care needs. E.g. maintaining good hand hygiene.	Children aged 3-4 will select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. This helps them to achieve a goal they have chosen, or one which is suggested to them. They will become more independent in meeting their own care needs. E.g. going to the toilet.	Children aged 3-4 will play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas. They will be able to talk about their feelings using words like, happy and sad. They will become more independent in meeting their own care needs. E.g. going to the toilet.	Children aged 3-4 will develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community. They will be able to understand how others might be feeling.	Children aged 3-4 will be able to find solutions to conflict and rivalries.
	Children in Reception will begin to build constructive and respectful relationships. They will manage their own personal hygiene.	Children in Reception will begin to show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. They will manage their own personal hygiene.	Children in Reception will be learning to think about the perspectives of others. They will Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: regular exercise and healthy eating.	Children in Reception will express their feelings and consider the feelings of others. They will Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: tooth brushing and sleep routine.	Children in Reception will see themselves as a valuable individual. They will Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: sensible amount of 'screen time'	Children in Reception will begin to show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. They will Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: being a safe pedestrian.
Physical Development	Children aged 3-4 will learn to skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a	Children aged 3-4 will use large- muscle movements to wave flags and	Children aged 3-4 will continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding	Children aged 3-4 will match their developing physical skills to tasks and	Children aged 3-4 will use one- handed tools and equipment, for	Children aged 3-4 will be increasingly independent as they get dressed



		game like musical statues. Children in Reception will revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired. They will progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.	streamers, paint and make marks. Children in Reception will use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.	(scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills. Children in Reception will develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently.	activities in the setting. Children in Reception will develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.	example, making snips in paper with scissors. They will begin to show a preference for a dominant hand. Children in Reception will confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group.	and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips. Children in Reception will develop the overall body strength, coordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming.
Specific Areas	Literacy	Children aged 3-4 will understand that print has meaning and can have different purposes. Children in Reception will begin to read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.	Children aged 3-4 engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. Children in Reception will read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. They will form lower case letters correctly.	Children aged 3-4 will develop their understanding of the key concepts about print: they will learn the different parts of books and story sequencing. Children in Reception will blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter—sound correspondences.	Children aged 3-4 will develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: spot and suggest rhymes. Children in Reception will read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme. They will write short sentences with	Children aged 3-4 will develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: clap or count syllables in a word. Also can recognise when words have the same initial sound. Children in Reception will read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with	Children aged 3-4 will begin to write some letters accurately. Will be able to write some or all of their name. Children in Reception will begin to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.



			They will spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.	words with known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.	known letter—sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.	They will re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.
Mathematics	Children aged 3-4 will learn to say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5 and know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle').	Children aged 3-4 will link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.	Children aged 3-4 will talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids) using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.	Children aged 3-4 will talk about and identify the patterns around them. For example: stripes on clothes, designs on rugs and wallpaper. Use informal language like 'pointy', 'spotty', 'blobs', etc. They will extend and create ABAB patterns	Children aged 3-4 will solve real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5. will understand position through words alone – for example, "The bag is under the table," – with no pointing.	Children aged 3-4 will experiment with their own symbols and marks as well as numerals. They will make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.
	Children in Reception will learn to compare length, weight and capacity. They will also begin to continue, copy and create repeating patterns.	Children in Reception will explore the composition of numbers to 10. They will begin to subitise numbers to 5.	Children in Reception will link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value. They will understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers.	- stick, leaf, stick, leaf. Children in Reception will automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0–5 and some to 10.	Children in Reception will compose and decompose shapes so that children recognise a shape can have other shapes within it, just as numbers can.	Children in Reception will select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.



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Understanding the World	Children aged 3-4 will begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history. They will continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people. Children in Reception will talk about members of their immediate family and community. They will name and describe people who are familiar to them.	Children aged 3-4 will explore how things work. Children in Reception will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.	Children aged 3-4 will know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. Children in Reception will recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.	Children aged 3-4 will explore and talk about different forces they can feel. They will talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. Children in Reception will comment on images of familiar situations in the past.	Children aged 3-4 will understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. They will begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Children in Reception will explore the natural world around them. They will understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.	Children aged 3-4 will show interest in different occupations. Children in Reception will compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.
Expressive art and design	Children aged 3-4 will draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and	Children aged 3-4 will join different materials and explore different textures.	Children aged 3-4 will listen with increased attention to sounds. They will then respond to what they have heard, expressing their	Children aged 3-4 explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to	Children aged 3-4 will explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them	Children aged 3-4 will play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas



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Children in Reception	and sing entire	Children in Reception	their own ideas and		Reception will
will develop	songs.	will explore, use and	then decide which	Children in	create
storylines in their		refine a variety of	materials to use to	Reception will	collaboratively,
pretend play.		artistic effects to	express them.	listen attentively,	sharing ideas,
	Children in	express their ideas and		move to and talk	resources and
	Reception will sing	feelings.	Children in Reception	about music,	skills.
	in a group or on		will return to and	expressing their	
	their own,		build on their	feelings and	
	increasingly		previous learning,	responses.	
	matching the pitch		refining ideas and		
	and following the		developing their		
	melody.		ability to represent		
			them.		