



Rushall Primary School

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Early Years

In Early Years we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. The prime subjects are Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, and Physical Development. The specific areas are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

We follow a two yearly topic cycle and have the same topics as the older children, allowing for collaboration and the opportunity to work alongside older children and siblings on creative projects.

Our topics for each term are detailed below.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Summer
CYCLE 1	I Remember	Ice Worlds	The Americas	Africa
Understanding of the World	<p>Autumn Festivals -Bonfire Night, Harvest, Diwali, Remembrance, Christmas</p> <p>Autumn – Seasonal Change</p>	<p>Polar Bears Arctic Animals Freezing and melting Floating and sinking Hot/ Cold</p> <p>Spring – Seasonal Change</p> <p>Chinese New Year</p>	<p>Animals (Horses, Birds of prey) Caterpillars/ Tadpoles/ Farm Animals</p> <p>Plants America- Make tipis, totem poles, musical instruments</p> <p>Eid</p>	<p>Animals (Zebras, Monkeys) Caterpillars/ Tadpoles/ Farm Animals</p> <p>Plants Africa - African garden and market, African schools, African children</p> <p>Eid</p>

Expressive Arts and Design	Painting, drawing, clay, textiles linked to Bears and Old Toys Stage/ instruments/ Dressing up FS Music Express	Painting, collage, paper mache linked to The Snowman Stage/ instruments/ Dressing up FS Music Express	Make totem poles, dream catchers, masks, headdresses, tipis, musical instruments FS Music Express	Pattern, printing, puppet making, mask making, learn African songs and chants, make musical instruments, African drumming and dancing FS Music Express
Communication and Language	Role Play linked to stories Sentence stems to build sentences	Role Play linked to stories Sentence stems to build sentences	Pictographs, sign language, totem poles, sand painting, story sticks, owner stick, storytelling bag, circle time, talking feather	Through Role Play: The African Market, the African Village
Physical Development	Cool Kids / Finger Gym Dance- We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Cool Kids / Finger Gym Dance – The Snowman	Cool Kids / Finger Gym Dance- Native American dance/Games skills	Cool Kids / Finger Gym Dance- the Greedy Zebra/Games skills
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Circle Games The Christmas Story	Care of animals in winter Empathy for Story Characters How can we help the Arctic animals? (Sponsor an Arctic animal)	Earn feathers for good behaviour Circle Time Dreams/ Fears Own Families Transition	Learn African games Discuss how we have enough food and water How we can help African animals Transition
Literacy	Where's My Teddy? We're Going on a Bear Hunt	The Snowman	Grandmother's Dreamcatcher How the stars fell into the sky	Giraffes Can't Dance The Greedy Zebra The African Market
Maths	Measure/ Size (Link to Bears)	Capacity (Ice Cubes/ water tray) Shape	Pattern , Winter Count, Spirals, Wampum, Stick Game	Pattern , Trade/ Money

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
CYCLE 2	Knights, Castles and Dragons	H2O and Beyond	Journeys
Understanding of the World	Castles Autumn Festivals -Bonfire Night, Harvest, Diwali, Remembrance, Christmas Autumn – Seasonal Change	Sea Life Pond Life – Pond Dipping Spring – Seasonal Change Chinese New Year	Travelling Ted Animals Caterpillars/ Tadpoles/ Farm Animals Plants Eid
Expressive Arts and Design	Painting, Drawing linked to Colours, Autumn, Castles Stage/ instruments/ Dressing up FS Music Express	Painting, Drawing, Collage, Textiles linked to Spring/ Sea Life Stage/ instruments/ Dressing up FS Music Express	Collage, Paper Mache, Salt Dough, Painting, Printing, Dance/ Instruments/ Role Play FS Music Express
Communication and Language	Role Play linked to stories Sentence stems to build sentences	Role Play linked to stories Sentence stems to build sentences	Oral re-telling of traditional tales Role Play linked to stories Sentence stems to build sentences
Physical Development	Cool Kids / Finger Gym Dance- Fireworks There was a princess long ago	Cool Kids / Finger Gym Dance – Commotion in the Ocean Games Skills	Cool Kids / Finger Gym Country Dancing/Games Skills
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Circle Games The Christmas Story How we can help animals – hedgehog or birds of prey rescue centre visit	Noah's Ark Jonah and the Whale	Care of animals – Our Pets Empathy for Story Characters Transition
Literacy	Zog /Sleeping Beauty	Commotion in the Ocean/Tiddler/ The Bog Baby	Little Red Riding Hood
Maths	Capacity (Castle kitchen)/Shape	Sorting and Classifying – Sea Life	Shape, Size, Position, Direction, Problem Solving

