



Curriculum Overview – 2 Year Cycle



Our Early Years department is committed to following our children’s interest and we use our over-arching themes as stimulus for learning to ensure full coverage of the EYFS Curriculum.

Cycle 1 – Odd Year						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Calendar events	Diwali Autumn	Halloween Bonfire Night Remembrance Day Christmas Hanukkah	Shrove Tuesday Lent Chinese New Year Easter Winter	St Georges Day Ramadan Spring Mother’s day		Eid al-fitr Summer Father’s day
Ongoing themes: weather, seasons, people who help us						
Theme	Marvellous me!	Let’s Celebrate	The Big Freeze!	Let it Grow!	Rumble in the Jungle	The sun has got its hat on!
Key Learning Opportunities/ questions	Who do I live with? Where do I live? What makes me different/special? Who is in my family? What is my house like? Who helps us at home? Who helps us at school? Children’s memory box – what is special to them. Keeping healthy Keeping clean	What do people celebrate? How do we celebrate? Do all people celebrate the same things? Why do we wear poppies? How/who do we keep safe on Bonfire Night? Who was Guy Fawkes? Who was Baby Jesus? FIRE ENGINE VISIT/ FIREFIGHTER VISIT	Where does snow come from? How is ice made? Where in the world is it cold? Who lives in the cold? What clothes do we need in the cold? How are snowflake made? Can you keep ice forever? Who helps us when it’s cold? Snow Plough?	What will happen if I plant this seed? What do plants need to grow? Can you name the parts of a plant? What happens to the plant over time? What plants can we eat? How do we look after plants? Look at similarities between different plants... Can we grow our own grass?	What is a jungle? Where are the jungles in our world? What it’s like in the jungle? Who might you meet in the jungle? Does it ever snow in the jungle? What would take to the jungle?	Why is it warmer in summer? What different between winter and summer? Where can we go in summer? Holidays/travel How can we get on holiday? What things can you do on holiday? Keeping safe in the sun
Suggested Texts	Bad tempered lady bird Rainbow Fish Guess how much I love you. Monkey Puzzle Only one you. Brown Bear Brown Bear? Going school books	Scarecrows wedding Don’t wake the Bear hare Funny bones 12 days of Christmas Father Christmas needs a wee/trumps Dinosaur that pooped Christmas The smelly sprout Nativity The jolly Christmas postman Kippers birthday Stick man.	A little bit of winter Winnie the Witch in Winter One Snowy Night The Itsy Bitsy snowman The bears winter house Frog in Winter Elmer in the snow Lost and Found Penguin pete Mitten	Jack and the beanstalk Jasper Beanstalk The Tiny Seed Oliver’s veg The enormous turnip. Non fiction book about plants and growing	Rumble in the jungle Dear Zoo Giraffes can’t dance Monkey puzzle Handas surprise Flip[flap jungle Walking through the jungle	Sharing a shell The Train Ride Mr Gumpy’s Outing Light House Keepers lunch Singing mermaid



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Cycle 2 – Even Year

	Good to be me!	Autumn Days	To Infinity and beyond	A Whole New World	Mini-beast Madness	Once Upon a Time.
Key Learning Opportunities/ questions	<p>Who do I live with? Where do I live? What makes me different/special? Who is in my family? What is my house like? Who helps us at home? Who helps us at school? Children’s memory box – what is special to them. Keeping healthy Keeping clean</p>	<p>What happens to sun at night? What time do you go to bed? Where does light come from? Morning and bedtime routines What happens to animals at night?</p>	<p>What is Space? What do you think is in space? How big is space? What is a planet? How many planets are there? Can you catch a star? How could we get to space? Who works in space? Do aliens exist?</p>	<p>What is inside the egg? How will the animal get out? What animals lay eggs? Have you been to a farm? What animals would you find on a farm? How big is a dinosaur egg? Easter story New life</p>	<p>Are all mini-beasts scary? What is your favourite mini-beasts Lifecycles, frog, butterfly. Where will you find mini-beasts? Do all mini beasts have legs? How can we look after mini -beasts?</p>	<p>What is a fairy tale? Who might you meet in fairy tale? Princesses, knights, wicked witch Are superhero’s real? Who is your favourite superheroes? What character from a book would you be?</p>
Suggested Texts	<p>Bad tempered lady bird Rainbow Fish Guess how much I love you. Monkey Puzzle Only one you. Brown Bear Brown Bear? Going school books</p>	<p>Orion and the dark Dark Owl Babies Owl who was afraid of the dark Peace at least Can’t you sleep little bear We are going on a bear hunt. Non-fiction texts about light and dark</p>	<p>Aliens love underpants Whatever Next How to catch a star? The way back home Laura’s star Orion in the dark Baby Brains</p>	<p>Chicken Licken Non fiction The big wide mouth frog Three billy goats gruff The cow that laid an The odd egg. The green eggs and ham</p>	<p>Snail and the Whale Hungry caterpillar Super Worm Bad tempered ladybird What the ladybird heard Monkey puzzle The very busy spider Mad about mini-beasts. I can only draw worms Fly in a vacuum.</p>	<p>Traditional tales George and the Dragon</p>