

Reception Curriculum Overview 2025 - 2026

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Question based learning	Who am I?	What's in the box?	How do we get there?	What made that noise?	How do things grow?	What's in the Water?
Topics covered	All about Me. Family Autumn (seasons) Black History	Winter Arctic animals Christmas	Transport through the years Space Travel (famous astronauts) Bike riding	Farm animals Jungle animals Animals and their Young	Growing plants Gardening	Sea Creatures Floating and Sinking The Seaside through the ages
Possible visits and trips	Environment walks	Visit from Santa Utilise outside area for winter weather Visiting the post box	Travel and Transport museum Little Kids Town Bikeability	Farm visit Animal man Teach Rex visit	Warburton's 'Farm in a box' Planting within the school environment	Teddy Bear Picnic
Key texts (Literacy)	Owl Babies Funny bones The Last Leaf	The Gruffalo's Child Stick Man The Snow Flake	Look Up! The Boy who Sailed the World Usborne transport	The Little Red Hen Chicken Licken Farmer Duck	Jasper's Beanstalk The Very Hungry Caterpillar	The Rainbow Fish Tiddler The Snail and the Whale
Home corner role play	Home corner	Home corner decorated for Christmas and have winter clothes	Suitcases and holiday items to pack	Introduce a pet to the home corner – vet!	A new baby in the home corner	Picnic items
Role play	Home corner	Winter wonderland	Airport/ Travel Agents Garage with mechanics	Safari	Garden centre	At the beach
Link texts to read this half term	The Growing Story Peace at Last Hair Love The Leaf Thief We're Going on a Leaf Hunt The Oak Tree	Where do Animals go in Winter Over and Under the Snow Poles Apart Little Penguin Elmer in the Snow The First Christmas Kipper's Snowy Day	Mr Grumpy's Motor Car The Hundred Decker Bus Whatever Next Two Wheels Emma Jane's Aeroplane I Wish I Were a Pilot	Dear Zoo One Day on our Blue Planet (collection) Animal Babies Monkey Puzzle Rosie's Walk Mog and the Vet	Sam Plants a Sunflower Oliver's Vegetables Luna Loves Gardening Bloom The Tiny Seed Jack and the Beanstalk	Sharing a Shell The Undersea Cleaning Spree Somebody Swallowed Stanley Commotion in the Ocean Billy's Bucket The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Little Kipper's Sandcastle
Links to learning throughout the school	KS1 Seasons Body parts RE – belonging Y1 Geography – plant life in our school grounds Art link - Picasso	Seasons KS1 Weather patterns Animals and their habitats RE - The Nativity KS1 English – Arctic animal stories KS1 History – famous explorers	History of transport – initial links to KS1 chronology Space in KS2 Science KS1 Famous people in History CST – Human dignity	KS1 Science – animals and their young/ Animals and their habitats Traditional Tales in KS1/KS2 for repetition CST – endangered animals	KS1 and KS2 Science – plants KS1 life cycles of Butterflies and KS2 life cycles Y1 Geography – plants in our school environment Art links – Monet and Van Gogh	KS1 Geography – oceans (identifying land and sea) CST – stewards of God's creation KS2 links to plastic pollution KS1 Science – animals and their habitats Science investigation skills KS1 history chronology

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Partnership with parents	Getting to know you sessions Family trees and photo display Phonics workshop	Bambinelli workshop Nativity	Story time session	Mother's Day assembly Lent fundraising art gallery	Come Plant With Us...	Teddy Bear's Picnic Sports Day
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