

Nursery – Main topics and foci

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	- Nursery Rhymes - Autumn	- Celebrations - Autumn/Winter	- Cont. winter - Babies - All about me - Chinese New Year	- Lifecycles - Materials	- Farm animals - Plants - Jack and the beanstalk	- Mini beasts - Transition
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	Right and wrong Independence Responsibilities	Sharing, taking turns, looking after equipment	Hospital role play Caring for babies Feelings	Friendships Resolving conflict	Caring for plants and animals	Partner/group work Transition
Communication and Language (CL)	Expressing basic needs Kind words	Listening to others Circle time S+L behaviours	Using 'story language' Following 2 part instructions	Using 'WOW' words to describe materials/characters	Oral retelling of stories Using 'and' to elaborate	Speaking in full sentences Using 'because'
Physical Development (PD)	Safely using outdoor equipment	Fine motor skills – cutting safely Mark making	Ball skills Partner games Mark making	Aiming games Balancing	Pencil grip Cutting around shapes	Sports day relay races
Literacy Development (LD)	Joining in with well known stories Shared writing lists	Shared writing recipes Giving meaning to marks Writing greetings cards	Shared writing sentences and lists Writing prescriptions in the role play hospital	Reading our names Shared writing descriptions of characters	Shared writing plant stories Non-fiction Phase 2 phonics games	Shared witing alternative endings to stories Phase 2 phonics games
Maths Development (MD)	Counting Sorting by colour	Role play bakery – using money Writing price labels More/less	3 bears - comparing sizes Counting larger sets	Positional language Recognising numbers in the environment	Count out seeds Repeating patters	Naming shapes Full/empty Heavy/light Practical calculations
Understanding of the World (UW)	Changes Growing up Exploring sand and water	Diwali Wet/dry Freezing/melting Light/dark Cook Diwali sweets	Senses – taste, smell, touch Changing materials Celebrations around the world	The lifecycle of a chicken Using cameras to photograph our plants/ducklings	Planting seeds Seed diaries Garden centre role play Planting potatoes	Mr Potato Cress heads Using iPads to take photos and videos
Expressive arts and design (EAD)	Printing Using dough Mixing colours Singing nursery rhymes	Leaf prints Using clay Making wheeled toys Dandiya stick dance Marble paintings	Using percussion instruments Play dough bears Cooking a vegetable stir fry	Making scrambled egg Split pin eggs and chicks	Play dough cacti Making stick puppets	Insect garden models Junk modelling Symmetry paintings