

Nursery Overview – 2023/2024 Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Nursery Rhymes - Autumn - All about me	Celebrations - Autumn/Winter	People who help us- firefighters, paramedics, doctors, vets and police officers	Traditional Tales and materials -Three little pigs - Little Red Riding Hood -Goldilocks	Our Wonderful World - Animals; lifecycles - Plants -minibeasts - dinosaurs	We're all going on a Summer Holiday --Holidays/day trips -Transition -Changes
Cultural Capital Opportunities	Parent workshop – craft time	Diwali dance workshop- Parent reading a story from religion. -Father Christmas visit	Essex Fire Engine visit Police officer visit	Traditional story/fairy-tale workshop.	Pond area visit Make minibeast hotel near pond area Animal petting workshop. Caterpillar/Butterfly net	Map work in playgrounds-reception area. Park visit- parents compulsory.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	Right and wrong Independence Responsibilities Emotions Likes and dislikes	Sharing, taking turns, looking after equipment. Confidence	Hospital/ Doctors role play Caring for babies- relate to self as baby Feelings People who help us	Feelings of characters Friendships Elaborate play ideas. Resolving conflict Safety- stranger danger Changes over time Caring for others.	Caring for plants and animals Resolving conflicts	Partner/group work Sharing memories Transition- showing confidence in new social situations. Safety outside- sun safety
Communication and Language (CL)	Expressing basic needs Kind words Singing and enjoying songs with actions.	Listening to others Circle time S+L behaviours	Following 2part instructions Sing rhyming songs Talk about familiar books and settings. Using talk to organise self and play.	Using 'WOW' words to describe materials/characters Begin to use longer sentences.	Oral retelling of stories and lifecycles Using 'and' to elaborate. Express point of view.	Speaking in full sentences Using 'because' Learning new songs Retelling a longer story.

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Physical Development (PD)	Safely using outdoor equipment. Gross motor movements outside.	Fine motor skills – pinching. Mark making Wrapping Independence in getting dressed-putting coats on.	Large movement skills Partner/ group games Mark making Fine motor skills – cutting safely	Aiming games Balancing Sequence and patterns of movements related to music.	Pencil grip Cutting around shapes. Developed fine motor Lifting and carrying Planting	Sports day relay races Learning to use a knife and fork-fruit salad and making picnic sandwiches Safety
Literacy Development (LD)	Joining in with well-known song, rhymes and stories. Retelling a story with props- sequencing events. Shared writing lists Phonics scheme	Shared writing- firework poem Giving meaning to marks Writing greetings cards Holding a book accurately Phonics scheme	Shared writing sentences and lists Writing prescriptions in the role play hospital. Listening to stories and sharing thoughts and ideas Recognising name Phonics scheme	Reading our names Shared writing descriptions of characters. Recognising letters in name. Phonics scheme	Shared writing plant stories Non-fiction Alphabet songs Forming letters in some/all of name Hungry Caterpillar, Ugly Duckling, Jack and Beanstalk Phonics scheme	Shared witting alternative endings to stories Phonics scheme games Alphabet songs Writing name
Maths Development (MD)	Counting Sorting by colour 2D shapes Repeating pattern	Role play toy shop- Money Writing price labels More/less Big and Small Patterns- Rangoli	Positional language Counting larger sets Linking numeral and amount. Building buildings and vehicles with 3D shapes.	Recognising numbers in the environment. Counting Patterns Big and small	Count out seeds- reciting numbers past 5 Repeating patters	Naming shapes Full/empty Heavy/light Practical calculations
Understanding of the World (UW)	Changes Growing up Exploring sand and water. Introducing animals and animal sounds. Different counties- pictures and music.	Guy Fawkes Diwali Christmas Autumn Walk Wet/dry Freezing/melting Light/dark Cook Diwali sweets	Senses – taste, smell, touch Related job to vehicle. Sinking and floating Explore how things work.	Using cameras to photograph our plants/ducklings Changing materials Floating and sinking. Materials to keep little pigs dry.	Planting seeds Lifecycles Garden centre role play Planting potatoes Mr Potato Cress heads Looking after nature- changes Materials for a bug hotel.	Using iPads to take photos and videos Beaches-collection of materials (shells, sand, stones) Senses

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Expressive arts and design (EAD)	Printing Using dough Mixing colours Singing action nursery rhymes Plough dough self portraits	Leaf prints Using clay Making wheeled toys Dandiya stick dance Marble paintings. Firework.	Using percussion instruments to express feelings Cooking a vegetable soup Transport and travel art	Explore materials and textures Cutting materials for collage Listen with increasing attention to sounds Making story stick puppets or spoons	Play dough cacti Make imaginative and complex 'small world'. Creating own music Junk modelling animal Split pin eggs and chicks Symmetry paintings	Junk modelling- bags, hats etc for holiday Sand art Singing and dancing
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