

Reception

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 2025-2026

The curriculum in the Early Years Foundation Stage draws from the Development Matters Statements Framework (DfE) to plan for the learning and development of the children at the school. The statements below provide a sequence that enables planning for progression and next steps in learning across the year. School subject curriculum approaches also inform the learning experiences for children. We recognise the importance of providing a child based approach to learning which means responding to individual needs and interests. This may mean that some of the statements below could be taught across the whole year, as well as being regularly revisited in recognition of their vital role in developing the child. Teachers will carefully use the statements below to plan play-based and direct teaching learning activities that help children to develop their knowledge and understanding of a broad and balanced curriculum.

The Early Years Curriculum is divided into two areas of learning:

Prime Areas of Development: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development **Specific Areas of Development** Literacy, Mathematical Development, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design

Underpinning the approach to teaching and learning are the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'. These describe the behaviours children use to help them learn. They are

Playing and Learning: Children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go

Creative and Critical Thinking: children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

Active Learning: Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements.

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Right of the month	September: Article 28 - the right to learn and go to school October: Article 12 - the right to be listened to	November: Article 19 - the right not to be harmed and to be looked after and kept safe December: Article 14 - the right to follow your own religion	January: Article 29 - the right to become the best you can be February: Article 42 - the right to learn about your rights	March: Article 7 - the right to a name and a nationality April: Article 24 - the right to food, water and medical care	April: Article 24 - the right to food, water and medical care May: Article 20 - the right to practise your own culture, language and religion	June: Article 22 - the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee July: Article 31 - the right to play and rest
Skills Builder	September: Listening Aim: to hear and understand things that other people say to us. Useful Resources: listening skill story; skill challenges Skill Text: Listen Buddy by Helen Lester October: Speaking Aim: to clearly tell	November: Teamwork Aim: to work well with others. Useful Resources: teamwork skill story; skill challenges Skill Text: The squirrels who squabbled December: GLOBAL GOALS	January: Problem Solving Aim. to complete tasks we are given. Useful Resources: problem solving skill story; skill challenges Skill Text: Stuck by Oliver Jeffers February: Adapting Aim. to keep trying when things go wrong.	March: Creativity Aim. to use our imagination and come up with new ideas Useful Resources: creativity skill story; skill challenges Skill Text: Sky Colour by Peter H. Reynolds April: GLOBAL GOALS	April: GLOBAL GOALS May: Planning Aim. to try our best at our tasks. Useful Resources: aiming high skill story; skill challenges Skill Text: Grace for President by Kelly DiPuccio	June: Leadership Aim: to understand how I and others feel about things. Useful Resources: leadership skill story; skill challenges Skill Text: The

	others new information or ideas Useful Resources: speaking skill story; skill challenges Skill Text: The Clever Stick by John Lechner		Useful Resources: staying positive skill story; Skill Text: The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires			Giving Tree by Shel Siverstein July: GLOBAL GOALS
Topics	Marvellous Me	Let's Celebrate	Magic Materials	Sunshine and Showers	Wriggle, Stomp and Crawl	Marvellous Machines
	Who Am I?	How do people celebrate?	What do we know about space?	How do things grow?	Where do animals live?	How do we get around?
Communication and Language	Learn why listening is important and develop language for communication	Ask questions and use new vocabulary in learning and play	Respond to questions, use connectives in their talk and learn rhymes and songs	Use talk to organise thinking and use different sentence tenses Retell stories	Describe events in growing detail Talk about a range of texts using a wide range of vocabulary	Connect one idea to another using a range of connectives
Literacy (see also phonics progression document)	Learn single letter GPC and write some letters accurately	Blend and segment sounds in words and begin to form lower case letters correctly	Read and write short words using GPC Start letters in the correct position	Read and write simple phrases made up of known GPC Develop some automaticity when forming letters	Write short sentences and re-read familiar books to develop fluency and confidence	Read written work to an adult Talk about a book that has been read independently
Core Texts	King of the Classroom What I Like About Me Lulu's Nana Visit	Each Peach Pear Plum Cake The Christmas Pine	Bob: The Man on the Moon Suzy Orbit Astronaut Whatever Next	Farmer Duck The Tiny Seed Eco Girl	Commotion in the Ocean What the Ladybird Heard Nabil Steals a Penguin	Mr Gumpy's Outing On the Way Home Naughty Bus
Texts to support topic discussion	Super Duper You A Place Called Home Real Superheroes Meesha makes a friend Sometimes I am furious What happened to You	Rama and Sita: The Story of Diwali Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go The Night Before Christmas Let's celebrate: special days around the world Barbara throws a Wobbler	How to Catch a Star The Way Back Home Lunar New Year Around The World Jabari jumps Black Rabbit	Wangaris Tree of Peace From Seed to Sunflower The Boy who Lost His Bumble Yucky worms	The Storm Whale The Blue Footed Bobby Hairy Maclary Clean Up	Martha Maps it out Willam Bees Wonderful World of Things Blown Away Stanley's Stick Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

Physical	In addition to PE lessons, the continuous provision will enable children to: Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. Develop their upper arm, shoulder strength, core strength as well as stability to support fine motor skills Use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently							
Development	Using and Exploring Space Use all the space available Change speed and direction Running Games I can change speed and direction.	Using and Exploring Space Negotiate obstacles safely Bat and Ball Skills I can aim a ball in a general direction with a bat.	Throwing and Aiming: Try a range of throwing techniques. Yoga Copy adult movements and poses (developing coordination /strength/balance)	Gymnastics Try a range of balances Catch after bouncing/throwing upwards Big Ball Skills I can catch after bouncing/throwing up (hand-eye coordination).	Athletics Complete a basic relay race with adult support Dance Make big clear actions and move in relation to the music	Indoor Relay Races Take part in practice races for Sports Day		

Personal Social and Emotional Development	<u>Self Regulation</u> Learn about their own feelings	Self Regulation Learn how to consider the feelings of others and adjust their behaviour to a range of situations	Self Regulation Learn how to focus to the teacher for increasing periods of time	Self Regulation Learn how to identify their own feelings and those of others Learn how to regulate their behaviour	Self Regulation Set a target and reflect on their progress Learn a range of strategies to manage emotions	Self Regulation Give focused attention to the teacher and take account of others ideas whilst engaged in an activity
	Managing Self Manage their own needs Learn how to see themselves as valuable individuals Managing Self Explain the need for class rules and be confident to try new activities		Managing Self Learn now to show resilience when facing a challenge	Managing Self Learn about the importance of a healthy diet	Managing Self Learn about independence and perseverance in the face of a challenge	Managing Self Talk about ways to keep safe
	Building Relationships Enjoy the company of other children and seek support Learn about members of the community who help us	Building Relationships Learn how to develop new friendships and positive relationships	Building Relationships Learn how to work as group and use taught strategies to support turn taking	Building Relationships Learn to Listen to the perspective of others when engaged in work and	Building Relationships Learn how to work as a group showing sensitivity towards other needs	Building Relationships Show confidence when communicating with adults around the school

				play		
			NCETM maths f	or mastery sessions		
Maths	Mastering Number Counting Cardinality 1:1 Correspondence Measures	Mastering Number Composition of Number Shapes Time	Mastering Number Number facts within 5 and 10 Equal and Unequal Measures	Mastering Number Odd and Even 3D Shapes Patterns Writing and Reading Number sentences	Mastering Number Doubles Number Facts within 10 Spatial Reasoning	<u>Mastering Number</u> Review Grouping Patterns
Understanding the World	The Natural World Describe and explore their immediate environment Learn about position and use basic locational vocabulary	The Natural World Recognise that some environments are different to the one they live in Observe changes in weather, environment and daylight hours	The Natural World Learn about changes in matter and explore a range of materials Explore and observe shadows Talk about the features on a map	The Natural World Explore and observe the natural world Observe the effect of changing seasons on natural world Learn that animals are different and live in different places	The Natural World Learn there are some similarities and differences between their natural world and contrasting environments	The Natural World Investigate forces through play and talk, using their senses Explore travel and movement Create a simple map
	Past and Present Explain their life story Learn about the lives and roles of adults in the community	Past and Present Learn about the past through stories/rhymes/songs Learn about different clothes for different times of the year	Past and Present Learn about figures from the past	Past and Present Learn, discuss and compare celebrations in their recent past		Past and Present Learn and discuss Similarities and differences between the past and now drawing upon experiences Learn about figures from the past

	People and Communities Talk about people who are familiar to them Respond to questions about what different communities do	People and Communities Understand about celebrations in the UK and around the world Learn about different beliefs and that some places are special to members of the community and people celebrate in different ways	People and Communities Learn what Lunar New Year is and how/where it is celebrated	People and Communities Learn that Christians celebrate Easter, Muslims celebrate Eid and where they are celebrated Make connections between different beliefs and understand different perspectives	People and Communities Learn about similarities and differences between life in this country and others	
Expressive Arts and Design						

There are specific focus activities linked to the topics but experimental painting, sticking, drawing, role play and responding to music are available during freeplay on a daily basis	Learn how to create simple representations of people Use colours for purpose	Safely use and explore a range of materials, tools and techniques (Kapow Junk modelling project) Use pastels and collage to respond creatively to experiences	different mark to making tools point to be		Share creation talk about the process Create observations Explore patter when creating	e vational erns	Explore different artistic effects to express their ideas Know about primary colours and explore colour mixing Use more details when drawing peop and objects	,	Plan, adapt, share and evaluate creations (Kapow Project Boats)
	Music sessions Participate in action songs Learn simple songs and chants with accurate rhythm and some pitch accuracy	Music sessions Show the beat with physical gestures Transfer the beat to untuned percussion; practice starting and stopping	Music sessions Show strong/ weak iterations of the beat by alternating two physical gestures: tap+clap Start to sing while keeping a beat on untuned percussion Music sessions Copy and invent simple rhythmic motifs; Move to music in simple and compound time signatures		Music sessions Develop active listening skills by recognising learned songs from picture cues or clapped rhythms; examine musical concepts of low/high and loud/quiet.		Music sessions Develop control of hand held percussion instruments; control the sound of beater-struck instruments; create a sequence of sounds; layer or combine two or more sounds.		
Computing	everyday lives and the p	they will begin to build foun to bout how to stay safe online term. In Reception Digital Literacy To recognise technothat is used at home school. Understand what a computer is and the	play and conditional knows through store on children we have been been and in the play and in	ntinuous provis how owledge of con ries such as Je	sion they will ex it works. nputational thin ssie and Friends rn some of the dia and observe ove it gy to listen to ods, music oks (Press and stop)	king, comp s/ DigiDuck lessons of <u>IT- Data</u> <u>Use techorganise</u> <u>groups</u> <u>Interpre</u>	nat will enable them to yday technology and s outer science skills, ICT x / Smartie the Pengui each 'Digital Citizen'.	Skills n as w Cor Und neee Plai sim or t Cre Give	the use of technology in their curiosity as to its purpose and and digital literacy. I well as discrete lessons once a set to go in the correct order. In, follow and complete a seple program on a computer floor robot. I wate and read an algorithm see commands/instructions sen using simple tware/hardware