

2025-2026 Overview - Reception

We are really excited to be launching our brand new approach to enthusing and motivating children to be a writer - more information to follow.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Food	Monsters and Magic	Animals	Fairy Tales	Growing and Changing	Here, There, Everywhere
English	Wow Week Fiction - The Enormous Turnip Fiction - We're going on a bear hunt (Teddy Bear's picnic trip)	Fiction - The foggy foggy forest Fiction – StickMan Fiction - TBC	Fiction – Walking in the Jungle TBC	TBC	TBC	Fiction –Somebody's swallowed Stanley TBC
Mathematics	SSM- Shape Select, rotate and manipulate shapes Compose and decompose a shape Recognise Numicon shapes to 5. Number Focus on numbers to 5- Compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than'. Recognising numbers up to 5 Counting objects and match numbers to 5 Make symbols/marks to	SSM: length, weight, height Number- Order numbers to 5 Missing numbers to 5 One more and one less up to 5 Number bonds to 5 Subtraction to 5	SSM: capacity, repeated pattern Number 6-10 one number per week- Subitising, composition of numbers and bonds up to 6,7,8,9,10 Sharing and halving	SSM- Positional language / time Recap number bonds 1-5 Number bonds to 10. Sharing and halving	SSM - recap 2D into 3D Focus on areas that need revisiting within the ELG	Focus on areas that need revisiting within the ELG

	represent numbers to 5					
Understanding the World (Geography, History, RE, Science ICT)	Focus on foods we eat which are grown native to the UK exploring our favourite foods and looking at healthy eating. Learn about our local area. Our school/Ladybarn park. I can explore the natural world around me. Changes in seasons Floating and sinking.	Comparing Seasons (Autumn/Winter) A walk in our local area to decorate the local Christmas tree. How do we celebrate Diwali/ Christmas Light and dark Rain, snow, ice (where does rain come from, how is ice formed, what causes ice to change, what does it change into) Shadow puppets Stick insect	Focus on animals which are native to the UK/Manchester, their habitats and landscapes. Compare with animals found in different parts of the word. Look at a map. Link with visit to a local farm next half term. Easter celebrations I can observe and talk about the changes in the seasons and the effect on the natural world. Animals and their habitats Baby animals and adult animals Lunar New Year	Explore landmarks in our local area, Ladybarn. How do we celebrate Ramadan/EID al fitr - countdown calendar I can explore the natural world around me. Magnets (pull/push)	Past and Present / Changes Over Time - Children to explore how they have changed during their first 5 years. Changes over time - grandparents - past/present - toys School - now and then Comparing Seasons (Spring/Summer) I can observe and talk about the changes in the seasons and the effect on the natural world. Planting Life cycles Plants/ flowers Using maps to compare places around the world Beebots - making them travel forwards, backwards, left and right	Exploring the human impact of pollution/ plastic use on sea life and the ocean. Exploring local landmarks Trip in our local area. Introduction to map reading. I can observe and talk about the changes in the seasons and the effect on the natural world Sea creatures Floating/sinking Recycling Saving our seas Beebots - making them travel to a given location

					How do we celebrate Big Eid?	
Key vocabulary	This vocabulary is linked to specific activities at these points in the academic year, but they are also continuously used throughout the year.					
Geography	Winter summer spring Autumn				Map key symbol	church mosque temple
ICT						Bee bots
RE		Festival Religious Beliefs Community				Community
Science	Environment Season Change Plant Animal hot/cold Seeds				Change Animal	Environment
Expressive Art and Design (Art, DT, Music)	Self portraits Transient Art using natural resources Make sandwiches (teddy bear picnic) Rhyme of the week Number songs to 5 Days of the week song	Mixing colours to create winter scene Use of different media to make monsters Manipulate clay to make and Diwali Lamps Design and make a Crown Learning songs for Christmas performance	Mix colours to paint animals. Design an animal using junk modelling Making instruments and music Making witch's hats/ brooms/ wands Learning songs Building imaginative models	Making Crowns using different materials Make a strong sturdy bridge for 3BGG using recycled materials. Looking at different instruments and learning songs	Collage Printing Making a flower (attaching in different ways) Music skills and composition	Make jellyfish Collage Wax resist Sand/ sea pictures Design and make a boat (junk modelling) that can float
					Learning songs linked to topic for assemblies	

			Listening and responding to music			
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Art	colour, green, orange, purple, paint texture, soft, rough, smooth		Mix			
DT	Build, height, rotate, How do I fix it?	Manipulate		Problem		
Music		Loud Quiet Fast Slow Shake Tap Scrape Sing Pitch	Tune in		Compose Pitch	
PSHE	RSE Drugs Ed Race Equality	Gender E-safety	RSE Race Equality	Drugs Ed	E-Safety	Gender Equality Transition into Year 1
Physical (Dance, Gymnastics, Games)	Dance- Christmas performance compile a piece of dance		Move like animals- compile a piece of dance to reflect animals dancing in a jungle/farm Gross motor Skills Kicking, batting	Gross motor Skills Balancing	Introduction to Gymnastics	
	Gross motor Skills Move safely and confidently (walking, skipping, running, climbing, jumping)	Gross motor Skills - Sports Coach Throwing and catching			Gross motor Skills Combining all gross motor skills	Sports Day preparation

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Dance	Movement Safely Control		Movement Safely Control			
Gym						
Games	Control Aim Pass Bat					
Trips	Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park	Theatre show in school	Pizza Express	Farm Trip		Map reading in our local area/picnic in the park