

2025-2026 Overview - Reception

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

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
PSED	Focus on relationships, routines and expectations Class promises recap Learning animals recap Mental Health Sessions 1, 2 & 3 RSE Sessions 1 & 2 Independent challenges begin	RSE Sessions 3 & 4 Drugs Education Sessions 1 & 2 Learning like a dolphin (concentrating) Learning like a chimp (finding different ways to complete tasks) Anti-bullying week focus	Race Equality Sessions 1 – 4 Children's mental health week Safer Internet Day	Gender Equality Sessions 1-4 Learning like an octopus (making links) International Women's Day	Mental Health Session 1, 2 & 3 revisit E-safety Sessions 1 -4 Drugs Education 3 & 4	Mental Health Session 1, 2 & 3 revisit Healthy Eating week Transition
Emotional Development	Emotion bears – weekly focus Restorative approach recap and staff use Reflective language used to develop emotional awareness	Emotion bears – weekly focus Restorative approach recap and staff use Reflective language used to develop emotional awareness	Emotion bears – weekly focus Continued use of restorative approach and reflective language to support emotional development Identifying new emotions- the colour	Emotional development – weekly focus Continued use of restorative approach and reflective language to support emotional development	Emotional development – weekly focus on developing empathy and using the language of emotions effectively. Continued use of restorative approach and reflective language to support emotional development	Emotional development – weekly focus on developing empathy and using the language of emotions effectively. Continued use of restorative approach and reflective language to support emotional development

	Calm corner used as a strategy to manage emotions.	Different breathing styles used in mindfulness	monster, scribble dots song			
Developing a sense of belonging	WOW week All about me activities Class promises Class pegs- create peg labels etc Getting to know each other and building strong relationships Tidy up time – big tidy jobs	Celebrations and events Class expectations Circle times- PSHE	Celebrations and events Circle times- PSHE	Celebrations and events Circle times- PSHE	Life cycles- baby photos Circle times- PSHE	Celebrations and events Circle times- PSHE
Involving parents	Transition drop in sessions at the beginning of the year Setting up Seesaw and observations shared Half termly parent overviews shared Parent workshops focused on building independence	Parents evening Nativity show Ongoing communication through Seesaw, including weekly observations Half termly parent overviews shared Parent workshops focused on building emotional development/ Growth mindset	Parent story time Pizza express trip Half termly parent overviews shared	Parents evening Farm trip Half termly parent overviews shared	Parent story time Half termly parent overviews shared	Transition support to year 1 Half termly parent overviews shared
Physical Development	Using the permanent outdoor and indoor	Zumba – following instructions.	Moving in different ways – at different heights	Yoga – mindful movements	Moving in different ways – at different speeds	Gym – using mats, benches and small

(dance, games and gym)	equipment correctly and safely Circle games/ stop and go games Music focus: Singing and moving to music	Following a series of movements to performance dance for the Christmas show. Running and moving in different ways in playground Music focus: Listening and moving – building up a repertoire of songs and dances.	Creating a sequence of movements. Using the castle to climb, scramble, walk along a rope net and slide Using tools to cut ingredients when making pizza or sandwich (see NF link)	Throwing and catching ball skills and other sports skills.	Creating a sequence of movements (progression from Spring 1) Team games Hopping, skipping, jumping and balancing. Dancing to music from different cultures	table to allow travel using previously learned skills. Sports Day Running games
Key vocabulary – Dance	Movement Safely Control					
Key vocabulary – Games				Control Aim Pass Bat		
Key vocabulary – Gym					Movement Safely	Apparatus
	This vocabulary will be introduced linked to specific activities at these points in the academic year but they will also be continuously used throughout the year.					
CLL development	Consistent use of descriptive commentary by all staff to support language development. Vocabulary for adults in each provision area- 2 words per area	Consistent use of descriptive commentary by all staff Reading folders- tricky word focus Vocabulary linked to celebrations Colourful semantics questions used as	Vocabulary linked to farms and animals Vocabulary linked to habitats Colourful semantic developed through Literacy texts.	Vocabulary linked to growing and changing Colourful semantic developed through Literacy texts.	Emotional language – what can we do next time, how can we use our words?	

	Communication aids incorporated in daily provision Colourful semantics questions used as comprehension in story times/ lilac reading	comprehension in story times				
English	The Enormous Turnip - change the vegetable We're going on a bear hunt - change the places they visit - as storytimes	The foggy, foggy forest - Change what they see - rhyming focus Stick man – Julia Donaldson - change the characters Non-Fiction – letter writing	Non-fiction- Instructions Making sandwich/ pizza Room on the Broom - change the setting	The three billy goats gruff - Change the events Non-fiction – Recount Farm trip	Jack and the Beanstalk - change the main character Non-fiction – information - life cycles (tadpoles to frogs)	Someone swallowed Stanley - change the characters Non-fiction – information - Pollution in the ocean Non-fiction – information Transition to Year 1
Reading	Reading for pleasure book all year round in book bags Lilac books- reading focus RA RA RA texts- Read Aloud, Read Along, Read Alone Guided reading – daily group sessions focused on Twinkl mini books	Daily high-quality storytelling sessions Decodable books started Guided reading – daily group sessions focused on Twinkl mini books	Daily high-quality storytelling sessions Vocabulary/ tricky word wall in classroom Guided reading – daily group sessions focused on Twinkl mini books	Daily high-quality storytelling sessions Key vocab on literacy display and phonics sounds on phonics display Guided reading – daily group sessions focused on Twinkl mini books	Daily high-quality storytelling sessions Whole class guided reading – whole class sessions focused on Twinkl mini books – reading skills built up over the week	Daily high-quality storytelling sessions Whole class guided reading – whole class sessions focused on Twinkl mini books – reading skills built up over the week

Phonics	Level 2 recap phonemes and tricky words Decodable word development Level 2 (Set 1-6) to support reading development Level 1 activities linked to key experiences	Level 2 recap Introduce Level 3 - phonemes and tricky words Decodable word development Level 2 (Set 1-6) to support reading development	Level 3 – digraphs and tricky words – word reading and writing	Level 3 – digraphs and tricky words – caption reading and writing	Level 3 – recap of all phonemes and application activities	Level 4 introduction – phonemes and tricky words – simple sentence reading and writing.
Maths – Number	Verbally counting forward and backwards within the number sequence 1- to 10. Numbers 1-5 - Numicon representation - Introduce numeral - Subitising - Counting objects, actions and sounds - Composition of number - Counting out (including money) Using numbers up to 5 - Order Numicon then numerals to 5. - 1 more and 1 less to 5.	Verbally counting forward and backwards within the number sequence 1- to 10 – starting at different numbers. Number order to 5 Odd and even up to 5. Number bonds to 5 (simple addition) Doubling numbers to 5 Subtraction using numbers up to 5 Sharing (including halving) up to 5.	Verbally counting forward and backwards within the number sequence 1- to 20 Numbers 6-10 - Numicon representation - Introduce numeral - using 10 frames - Counting objects, actions and sounds - Composition of number - Counting out (including money)	Verbally counting forward and backwards within the number sequence 1- to 20 – starting at different numbers. Numicon and number recognition to 10. Numicon then number order to 10 One more and one less up to 10 Odd and even numbers up to 10 Number bonds to 10 (simple addition)	Verbally counting forward and backwards within the number sequence 1- to 20 – starting at different numbers. Number bonds to 10 (simple addition) Doubling facts to 10 Subtraction to 10 Sharing up to 10 (including halving)	Verbally counting forward and backwards within the number sequence 1- to 20 – starting at different numbers. Number bonds to 10 (simple addition) Mental recall of number bonds to 10. Additional focus to be determined through assessments of children’s learning

Maths – SSM	2D Shape: Rotating and manipulating shapes Combing shapes to create different shapes	Compare length, height and weight.	Capacity Repeated pattern – copy and continue	Positional language Time	2D and 3D shape recap - decomposing shapes	Pattern – continue and create
Understanding the World (History, Geography, ICT, RE, Science)	Sharing pictures of us as babies Building relationships through sharing information about our families and our school Seasons – looking for signs of Autumn Taking photos of different settings using tablets (inspiration for ‘We’re going on a bear hunt innovation’) Harvest	Exploring forces: ramps, magnets and vibrations Beebots – making them travel forwards, backwards, left and right Diwali activities day	Exploring what happens when different liquids are mixed Caring for birds Seasons – looking for signs of winter Light travelling through different materials Creating shadows using different light sources Use tablets to record videos of story/ song performances. Chinese New Year celebrations	History of farms Caring for our environment – litter picking Creating simple maps (link to The three billy goats gruff) Seasons – looking for signs of spring Naming and learning about farm animals Exploring what happens to ingredients when heated and cooled Use a keyboard to type the letters of their name. Easter activities	Comparing baby pictures with photos of us now – how have we changed. Using maps to identify places around the world Learning about food/ music and famous landmarks in key places (include Jamaica – link to English text) Naming and describing minibeasts Planting beans Learning about the lifecycle of tadpoles (English link) Life cycles – chicks, ladybirds and ourselves Using tablets to take photos of our friends so we can see how we’ve changed. Eid celebrations	Countries of the world – where have we been? Maps – comparing Burnage with other places. Local area focus - Look at places of worship in the local area Watching our beans grow – using them in a recipe. Healthy eating – what do our bodies need to stay healthy. Eco links – reduce, reuse, recycle focus (link to English NF) Beebots – making them travel to a given location. Eid celebrations

Key vocabulary – History	now, finished, before, after last year grandparents, grandma, grandad, community			Past, present Changes over time, in the past a long time ago	Changes over time	
Key vocabulary – Geography	Winter Summer Spring Autumn				Map key symbol	church mosque temple
Key vocabulary – ICT		commands Forward/ backward/ left/ right		Keyboard Laptop Type Space bar Mouse pad Cursor		
Key vocabulary – RE	Festival Religious Beliefs Community					Community
Key vocabulary – Science	Environment Season			Environment Change hot/cold Animal	Plant	Environment
	This vocabulary will be introduced linked to specific activities at these points in the academic year but they will also be continuously used throughout the year.					
Expressive Arts and Design (Art, DT, Music)	Exploring textures linked to ‘We’re going on a bear hunt’. Self-portraits Clay faces – outdoor learning day	Post office role play Christmas crafts Creating their own stick man using different craft resources and their own ideas.	Making potions for the witch/ wizard Colour mixing Construction – imaginative models Café role play	Building a bridge that is strong enough for the goats to travel over. Baking activity Music focus: Singing and playing instruments	Creating detailed pictures of plants and animals. Using different materials to create an animal collage.	Creating art using items found in nature using Andy Goldsworthy’s art work as a stimulus Singing songs together around the campfire

	Music focus: Singing and moving to music	Making porridge following instructions Music focus: Listening and moving – building up a repertoire of songs and dances.	Music focus: Listening and responding to a range of music		Music focus: music skills and composition Listening to music from different cultures	Music focus: music skills and composition
Key vocabulary – Art	colour, green, orange, purple, paint texture, soft, rough, smooth.		mix			
Key vocabulary – DT	rotate, manipulate		Build, height	Problem, How do I fix it?		
Key vocabulary – Music	loud Quiet Fast Slow Sing		Tune in	Shake Tap Scrape	Compose Pitch	
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Key experiences	Outdoor Learning day - Outdoor games/ clay faces Going on a bear hunt Exploring our favourite foods	Outdoor Learning day - Nature art collection/ autumn crown Visit from Santa Claus. Christmas party Visit from the Post delivery person	Outdoor Learning day - Winter Walk/ making bird feeders National Storytelling Week - performing the stories we have learnt and make rhymes etc	Outdoor Learning day - Signs of Spring/ litter pick World Book Day 2 nd March Easter egg hunt	Outdoor Learning day - Planting beans/ minibeast hunting	Outdoor Learning day - Nature art/ tent and campfire End of Reception year fun day
Trips	Library visit	Theatre show (in school)	Trip to the shop to purchase ingredients for pizza/ sandwich	Farm trip (Trust)	Trip to the garden centre	Picnic in the park