



## Curriculum Overview 2025 – 2026: Nursery Class

|                                           | Autumn Term                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Spring Term                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Summer Term                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                |
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|                                           | Fantasy World : Once Upon A Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Natural World: How Does Your Garden Grow?                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Human World: My Brilliant Body                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                |
|                                           | Theme 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Theme 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Theme 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Theme 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Theme 1                                                                                                                                        | Theme 2                                                                                                                                        |
| Topics                                    | Nursery Rhymes<br>Traditional Tales                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Traditional Tales<br>Christmas                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Planting and Growing                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Minibeasts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Staying Healthy                                                                                                                                | 5 Senses                                                                                                                                       |
| Special events within that half term:     | Settling in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Fairytale Ball<br>Diwali<br>All Saints Day<br>Bonfire Night<br>Remembrance Day<br>St Andrews Day<br>Advent Christmas                                                                                                                            | New Years day<br>Chinese New Year<br>Valentines Day<br>Shrove Tuesday<br>Ash Wednesday                                                                                                                                         | Mothers Day<br>Leap Year<br>St Davids Day<br>St Patricks Day<br>Lent                                                                                                                                                                                          | St Georges Day<br>Easter<br>Sports Day                                                                                                         | Fathers Day<br>Graduation                                                                                                                      |
| Religious Education                       | Creation and Covenant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Prophecy and Promise                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Galilee to Jerusalem                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Desert to Garden                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | To the Ends of the Earth                                                                                                                       | Dialogue and Encounter                                                                                                                         |
| Personal Social and Emotional Development | <b>Being a Team and Building Relationships</b><br>Getting to know ourselves and each other. Learning Nursery rules.<br><br><b>Good and Bad Choices:</b><br>Children to explore villains and heros of tradional tales and explore choices the characters make and reakte it to their own lives. | <b>Zones of Regulations</b><br>Looking at Zones of Regulations, learning how to control emotions using different strategies.<br><br><b>The Christmas Period:</b><br>Celebrating Christmas with family, friends and the wider community.         | <b>Goal setting and Growth Mindset (CoEL)</b><br>Thinking about things we want to learn how to do and developing resilience and persistence to achieve our goals.                                                              | <b>Easter</b><br>Celebrating Easter with family, friends and the wider community.                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>People Who Help us</b><br>Thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. How can we help each other.                              | <b>Transition:</b><br>Children explore moving on to new settings through discussing changes which happen and managing feelings.                |
| Communication, Language and Literacy      | <b>Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes</b><br>Retelling, role playing and representing stories through meaningful mark making.                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes</b><br>Retelling, role playing and representing stories through meaningful mark making<br><b>Christmas</b><br>Acting out the Christmas story, writing Christmas cards, talking about family traditions. | <b>Planting and Growing</b><br>A mix of information and picture books about plants and gardening                                                                                                                               | <b>.Minibeasts</b><br>A mixture of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts about the minibeasts we find in our gardens.<br><b>Easter:</b><br>Children can retell the story of Easter.                                                                           | <b>Staying Healthy</b><br>Reading fiction and non-fiction books about how to look after our bodies, and the people who help us to stay healthy | <b>My 5 Senses</b><br>A mix of fiction and non-fiction books about how we experience the world through our senses                              |
| Talk for Writing                          | Goldilocks & The Three Bears                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Gingerbread Man                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Jasper's Beanstalk                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The Very Hungry Caterpillar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | We're Going on a Bear Hunt                                                                                                                     | My Five Senses                                                                                                                                 |
| Mathematical Development                  | Colours, Matching, Sorting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Number 1, Number 2, Subtising, Pattern                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Number 3, Number 4, Number 5 ,Subtising, composition                                                                                                                                                                           | Number 6, Height, Mass, Weight and Capcity                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sequencing, Positional Language, More/Fewer than, 3D shape, 2D shape                                                                           | Number composition, what comes before?, what comes after?, Numbers to 5                                                                        |
| Understanding of the World                | <b>Traditional Tales:</b><br>Incororating traditional tales into Britsih Values and traditions of the UK and beyond<br><b>Seasons</b><br>Exploring Autumn                                                                                                                                      | <b>Christmas</b><br>Observing family traditions around Christmas. Celebrating different traditions from around the world.<br><b>Seasons</b><br>Exploring Autumn/ Winter                                                                         | <b>Growing</b><br>How plants grow and develop<br>What all living things need to grow. How to care for all living things. How living things change over time, linking to life cycles.<br><br><b>Seasons</b><br>Exploring Winter | <b>Minibeasts</b><br>What all living things need to grow. How to care for all living things. How living things change over time, linking to life cycles.<br><b>Easter</b><br>Observing family traditions around Easter.<br><b>Seasons</b><br>Exploring Spring | <b>People Who Help us</b><br>Finding out about different occupations.<br><b>Seasons</b><br>Exploring Summer                                    | <b>Change</b><br>How have we changed since we were little? How have we changed since we started Nursery?<br><b>Seasons</b><br>Exploring Summer |

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| Expressive Arts and Design                          | Seasonal Art Exploration<br>Names of colours and how to mix primary colours to make other colours.                                                                                                                                              | Seasonal Art Exploration<br>Acting out the Christmas story.                                                                                                                                                                                       | Seasonal Art Exploration<br>Learning songs and dances.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Seasonal Art Exploration<br>Playing instruments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Seasonal Art Exploration<br>Using puppets to retell stories.                                                                                                                                                                       | Seasonal Art Exploration<br>Making up dances and songs to express emotions.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Physical Development<br><br>GET SET FOR PE PLANNING | <b>Physical Development:</b><br>Self Care: toileting, washing hands, table manners - eating and drinking independently.<br><br><b>Fundamentals: Unit 1</b><br>Fundamental Movement (FM) skills with spatial awareness and gross motor movements | <b>Physical Development:</b><br>Self Care: dressing independently inc socks and shoes, fine motor skill development such a scissor control.<br><br><b>Ball Skills: Unit 1</b><br>FM skills focusing on gross motor skills with various size balls | <b>Physical Development:</b><br>Self care: Brushing our teeth. Developing strength through gross motor skills – monkey bars, climbing walls. Developing fine motor skills through paint brush and pencil grips.<br><br><b>Dance: Unit 1</b><br>Expressive movement looking at travel, shape and balance, whilst learning to count a beat | <b>Physical Development:</b><br>Self care: Knowledge of importance fo a healthy diet. Measuring ourselves to compare height and discussing growth from baby to adult. Inside and outside provision to challenge gross and fine motor skills.<br><br><b>Games: Unit 1</b><br>FM skills with scoring and rule following | <b>Physical Development:</b><br>Self care: Knowledge of importance of a healthy diet. Inside and outside provision to challenge gross and fine motor skills.<br><br><b>Gymnastics: Unit 1</b><br>Basic movements, shapes and rolls | <b>Physical Development:</b><br>Self care: Knowledge of importance of exercise for a healthy life – Sports Day. Inside and outside provision to challenge gross and fine motor skills.<br><br><b>Dance: Unit 2</b><br>Expressive movements copied and repeated |
| Phonics                                             | Little Wandle: Foundations    Phases 1- 2                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |