

## **Reception Year Overview 2024-25**

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme	Settling In My Family Space	Bears Around The World Christmas	Africa Healthy Eating Chinese New Year	Minibeasts and Life cycles Easter & Eid	On The Farm	Dream Big & Transition
Core Books	Splat the Cat Starting School My Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh Big Book of Families Whatever Next! The Hundred Decker Rocket Aliens Love Underpants	Goldilocks and the Three Bears Peace at Last All About Bears (NF) My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes I Want My Hat Back Jesus' Christmas Party	Handa's Hen Handa's Surprise Oliver's Vegetables Oliver's Fruit Salad Oliver's Milkshake The Great Race	Mad About Minibeasts The Woolly Bear Caterpillar The Very Hungry Caterpillar Diary of a Spider Diary of a Worm Superworm! The Bears Guide to Beekeeping	The Little Red Hen Farmer Duck What the Ladybird Heard Rosie's Walk The Three Little Pigs	Super-Duper You Look Up! Jabari Jumps Odd Dog Smartest Giant in Town Ready Steady Mo Ruby's Worry
Linked Texts (including non- fiction)	Non-fiction text on Space and planets First person on the moon	Atlas of the World Diwali Hanukkah	Non-fiction text on Africa Non-fiction text on Chinese New Year	Non-fiction text about Easter	Non-fiction books about farms and baby animals	Non-fiction books about Mae Jamison Non-fiction book about the Olympics
Key Vocabulary	school, starting, playground, teacher, carpet, register, lunchtime, home time, worries, whisper, pet, lunchbox, amazing, excited, laugh, spots, stripes, weekdays, weekends, winter, summer, safari, different, countries, jobs, nurse, police officer, firefighter, whoosh, baby bear, moon, rocket, helmet, colander, journey, chimney, aliens, underpants, washing line, breeze, flapping, sight, bloomers, competitions	biggest, medium, smallest, Once upon a time, porridge, lost, soft, lumpy, hard, bears, Polar bear, Brown bear, Black bear, Sun bear, hibernation, cat, boxes, beret, Nisse, Matador, Lederhosen, sombrero, kimono, Parthenon, hens, dove, partridge, Christmas, Hanukkah, fox, innkeeper, inn, climbed, register, shepherds, manger, knock, chorus	Kenya, Mondi, grandma, Handa, Akeyo, butterflies, clay pots, lizards, sunbirds, crickets, bullfrogs, footprints, spoonbill, cheep, peep, starling, lion, elephant, ostrich, parrot, monkey, giraffe, zebra, antelope, goat, beak, trunk, stripes, spots, tongue. red onion, white onion, cabbage, spring onion, celery, sweet potato, parsnip, scrummy, scrunchy, sweet, sour, tongue, delicious, nasty, lovely, perfect, my favourite, shadow puppet, cellophane, left hand scissors, right-handed scissors, puppet theatre, feelings thermometer	Minibeast, caterpillar, moth, ladybird, bee, slug, snail, spider, worm, centipede, dragonfly, ant, stick insect, woolly bear caterpillar, beetle, dandelion, gardener, flower bed, sycamore, moth, wings, fellow, vapourer, twig, fierce, Julia Donaldson, dull, dock leaf, cocoon, diary, date, insects, flies, web, vacuum, far away, moulted, long legs, postcard, breeze, compost, wormery, tunnels, wiggle, superhero, villain, lair, beekeeper, bee, hive, honey, queen bee, worker bee, recipe, guide	The little red hen, rooster, mouse, farm, bread, bread rolls, wheat, grinding, flour, grains, lazy, mischievous, ladybird, prize-cow, thieves, map, steal, duck pond, farmer, said, around, across, over, under, past, through, onto, above, below, in front, behind, outside.	constellations, stars, queue, telescope, mobile phone, astronaut, meteor, flyers, each, sharing equally, same, equal, amazing, unique, brave, diving board, ladder, stretches, surprises, scared, squeezed, feelings. busy, swimmer, sailor, soldier, scout, leave behind, journey, odd, scarf, house, goat, mouse, boat, fox, giraffe, socks. finishing last, falling over, finishing first, someone cheating, calling me names, slow, rubbish, winning a medal

Songs, rhymes & Poems to learn by heart Rhymes Songs	Banana, Banana Chop, chop, choppity, chop Ickle, Ockle, blue bottle Dipidu Here is my family Let's make a cake Up like a rocket Five little men in a flying saucer	The firework song Five little mice One teddy on a trampoline Teddy bear, teddy bear Dip, dip, dip, my blue ship Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel Feliz Navidad Whoopsie Daisy Angel	Kwaheri Se mama ka Chicken and rice Five fat peas Cauliflowers fluffy Belle mama	A B-U-G Let me be a happy minibeast I have a little spider Bumblebee tuna Feet, feet Swing me over the ocean	Down on the farm Giddy up, Neddy Horse Little mice Hammering here Chick, chick, chicken	1,2,3 good to be me All my love My dog is a good dog Doggy, doggy where's your bone Queen Caroline Summer is here
Role Play Area  Literacy: phonics and reading	RWI speed sounds (whole class) (Most children on Group B)	The Three Bear's House  RWI groups (Group C - Know most of the set 1 sounds and can blend	Handa's & Oliver's Fruit & Veg shop RWI groups (Ditty + -Know all set 1 sounds speedily and most words)	Railway Fields Science Hut RWI groups (Red +- Know all set 1 sounds and special friends, most	RWI groups (Green + - Teaching set 2 sounds and words)	Future jobs and roles in society  RWI groups (Green + - Teaching set 2 sounds and words)
(Phonics follows RWI)	1:1 reading key children Shared reading Storytime, adult support in Book corner	sounds and can bend sounds into words)  1:1 reading Shared reading Storytime, adult support in Book corner	1:1 reading Shared reading Storytime Book corner	words and alien words  1:1 reading Shared reading Storytime Book corner	1:1 reading Shared reading Storytime Book corner	1:1 reading Shared reading Storytime Book corner
Literacy: Writing	Writing names Initial sounds  Mark making Story scribing and Writing  Form recognisable letters. Write name. Say a sentence.	Writing names, CVC words  Say a sentence. Use initial sounds. Form recognisable letters. Write words.	Writing sentences Words, finger spaces, capital letters, full stops.	Writing sentences (more than 1)  Finger spaces, capital letters, full stops.	Writing sentences - extended writing / paragraphs (2 pages)  Finger spaces, capital letters, full stops	Writing paragraphs - extended writing / paragraphs (2 pages)  Finger spaces, capital letters, full stops
Mathematics: Follows White Rose Maths	Getting to know you Match, sort and compare Talk about measure and patterns	It's me 1,2,3 Circles and triangles 1,2,3,4,5 Shapes with 4 sides	Alive in 5 Mass and capacity Growing 6,7,8	Length, height and time Building 9 and 10 Explore 3-D shapes	To 20 and beyond How many now? Manipulate, compose and decompose	Sharing and grouping Visualise, build and map Make connections
Wider curriculum & Key experiences Subjects & concepts from:	PSHE: Respect Families & community Zones of regulation – identifying feelings – Linked text 'The Colour Monster'  Geography: Seasons and the effect	PSHE: Respect Special places in my community Zones of regulation Friendship – Linked text 'A friend for Henry' Pantosaurus - NSPCC Geography:	PSHE: Honesty Oral hygiene – linked text 'The Tooth book' Zones of regulation - linked text expected & unexpected behaviour Linked text 'Silly Billy' Geography:	PSHE: Safeguarding RSHE curriculum  Geography: Seasons – Spring in the local area. Explore Railway Fields, ponds and The New River	PSHE: Contribution People who can help us in our community, e.g. dentists, doctors, nurses, police officers, fire brigade, paramedics  Geography: Farms, their features	PSHE: Resilience What's unique about me? Speak positively about self. Exploring changes and preparing for transition – linked 'Ruby's Worry'  Geography:
Personal Social Emotional	of change on the natural world around them.	Seasons – Autumn in the local area.	Seasons – winter in the local area.	History: Class timeline – add events to months	and use. Understand where food comes from.	Seasons – Summer in the local area. Visit Finsbury Park and draw a journey

Development (PSED)  Understanding the World (UTW)  Expressive Arts & Design (EAD)	Locate UK and London on a globe and map.  History: Own life story and family history Class timeline begins Moon landing - significant people  Computing: Complete a simple programme on an electronic device  Art/DT: Design and make a rocket Linked artist - Kandinsky - Shapes in Art  Music: Start feeling comfortable with performing as a large group. Perform and record on Tapestry songs and rhymes from the week	Use Google earth and globes for Around the World? Locate and find out about our children's cultural backgrounds (Turkey, Spain, Somalia Albania, etc.)  History: Describe the things they can do now that they couldn't do when they were younger. Class timeline – add events to months  Science: Describe how their bodies have changed from when they were a baby, toddler, etc. Identify parts of the human body associated with each sense. Light & dark – shadow puppets  Art/DT: Making props for play Making own Shadow puppet theatre  RE: Special times – Christmas, Diwali & Hanukkah  Music: Performance – Whoopsie Daisy Angel	Identify similarities and differences in the environment of the UK and Kenya. Identify Kenya using Google earth and on the globe.  History: Class timeline – add events to months Explore the vocabulary and concepts of past, present and future in relation to our class timeline.  Science: Eating healthy & exercise Name animals in different habitats (Kenya and UK). Name fruit and veg grown in Kenya and those from the UK.  Art/DT: Kenyan animal masks/plates. Masai necklace using paper plates.  Music: Explore Kenyan percussion instruments  RE: Special times – Chinese New Year	Science: Name minibeasts and their features and their habitats in the local area. The Life cycle – Butterflies  Art/DT: Cooking - Making playdough minibeasts Observational drawings & Clay work – textures in the natural environment Artist: Andrew Goldsworthy (nature art) Linked text – Leaf man  RE: Special times – Easter, Ramadan (Eid)  Art/DT: Exploring symmetry in art.  Music: Exploring composing a soundscape from nature sounds on a computer programme	History: Kentish town farm history over 50 years. Class timeline – add events to months Describe the things they can do now that they couldn't do when they started reception.  Science: Seasons – Spring in the local area Plants – What they need to grow from seeds. Floating & sinking Lifecycles – Ducklings in class  Art/DT: Observational drawing and painting – linked artist Georgia O'Keeffe  Music: Play instruments with control to express feelings and ideas.	map from the school to Finsbury Park Add to the map of the local area with special places, e.g. church, park, etc  History: Class timeline – add events to months, exploring the changes from the past year from their year in reception.  Science/DT: Seasons – Comparing Summer in the local area and the whole of UK - Explore the longest day of the year and why it happens Cooking - Observing melting/freezing - making ice lollies  Art/DT: Cityscapes & landscapes – linked artist Paul Kenton (Jabari Jumps)  Music: Compose a small piece in small peer groups Perform your composition in front of the class.		
For further areas of learning and development refer to termly curriculum documents & Development Matters in the EYFS.								
Events & wider opportunities & other	Black History Month	Trip - Local Library Visit Christmas Diwali Hanukkah	Chinese New Year Dentist visit – Oral health Kenyan visitor Optician visit - Eye Health	Trip - Railway Fields Ramadan/Eid Easter	Trip - Kentish Town City Farm visit	Sports day Transition visit – new teacher & classroom		