

Early Years Topic Overview 2026-27

Subject Area	Autumn 1 (8 weeks) 2 Weeks CI (Part Time) Myself Family & Friends Autumn People Who Help Us (2 Week Topic)	Autumn 2 (7 weeks) Bonfire Night and Fireworks Diwali (8 th Nov) (2 Week topic) Space (2 Week topic) Cultural Week (7 th Dec) (Spain) Christmas	Spring 1 (6 weeks) Superheroes (2 Week Topic) Science Week 18 th Jan Animals Chinese New Year (6 th Feb) (2 Week Topic)	Spring 2 (5 weeks) Room on the broom The Gruffalo Great Berry Reading Week (8 th March) Easter (2 Week Topic)	Summer 1 (7 weeks) Jack and the Beanstalk (2 Week Topic) The Gingerbread Man <i>Barleylands Trip TBA</i> (2 Week Topic) The Three Little Pigs (2 Week Topic) Dinosaurs	Summer 2 (7 weeks) Minibeasts (2 Week Topic) Pirates and Mermaids (2 Week Topic) Summer Year One
Communication , Literacy and Language	Sharing Time Show and Tell Rhymes Stories Non-fiction texts	Sharing Time Show and Tell 2 stars and a wish Celebration Assembly Rhymes Stories Non-fiction texts 1:1 Reading	Sharing Time Show and Tell 2 stars and a wish Celebration Assembly Rhymes Stories Non-fiction texts 1:1 Reading	Sharing Time Show and Tell 2 stars and a wish Celebration Assembly Rhymes Stories Non-fiction texts 1:1 Reading	Sharing Time Show and Tell 2 stars and a wish Celebration Assembly Rhymes Stories Non-fiction texts 1:1 Reading	Sharing Time Show and Tell 2 stars and a wish Celebration Assembly Rhymes Stories Non-fiction texts 1:1 Reading
Physical Development	Outside Area (inc., bikes, sand) Multiskills Dance and games Ongoing fine motor activities	PE Outside Area (inc., bikes, sand) Multiskills Ball skills Dance - Indian Diwali dance - Spanish Flamenco dance Ongoing fine motor activities Focus on strengthening pencil grip	PE Outside Area (inc., bikes, sand) Multiskills Ball skills Gymnastics - mats and benches Dance - Chinese dragon dance and plate painting Ongoing fine motor activities	PE Outside Area (inc., bikes, sand) Multiskills Ball skills Gymnastics - mats and benches Ongoing fine motor activities Focus on strengthening pencil grip	PE Outside Area (inc., bikes, sand) Multiskills Ball skills Ongoing fine motor activities Focus on strengthening pencil grip	PE Outside Area (inc., bikes, sand) Multiskills Ball skills Sports Day Ongoing fine motor activities Focus on strengthening pencil grip

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Rules - as a class discuss and decide rules for the classroom, take pics and display on wall Playground games Sharing Time Show and Tell Holiday News Snack Star of the Day	Rules Sharing Time Show and Tell Holiday News Snack Star of the Day	Rules Sharing Time Show and Tell Holiday News Snack Star of the Day	Rules Sharing Time Show and Tell Holiday News Snack Star of the Day	Rules How have we changed? What can we do now? Sharing Time Show and Tell Holiday News Snack Star of the Day	Rules Transitions between Rec and Yr 1 Sharing Time Show and Tell Holiday News Snack Star of the Day
Literacy	Letter formation and rhyme Phase 1 and 2 Letters and Sounds Watch My Progress. Complete baseline.	Letter formation and rhymes Phase 1 and 2 Letters and Sounds Phase 3 Letters and Sounds 1:1 Reading Simple sentence	Letter formation and rhymes Phase 1 and 2 Letters and Sounds Phase 3 Letters and Sounds 1:1 Reading Simple sentences Sticky glue words Wow words	Letter formation and rhymes Phase 1 and 2 Letters and Sounds Phase 3 Letters and Sounds Phase 4 L&S Watch My Progress: Update 1:1 Reading Simple sentences Sticky glue words Wow words Story language	Letter formation and rhymes Phase 1 and 2 Letters and Sounds Phase 3 Letters and Sounds Phase 4 L&S 1:1 Reading Simple sentences Sticky glue words Wow words AA Sentence Story language	Letter formation and rhymes Phase 1 and 2 Letters and Sounds Phase 3 Letters and Sounds Phase 4 L&S Watch My Progress: Update 1:1 Reading Simple sentences Sticky glue word sentences Adjectives Story language AA sentences
Mathematics	Number rhymes Counting to and back from 10	Number rhymes Counting to and back from 10	Number rhymes Counting to and back from 20 Recognition and	Length, Height and Time Number bonds to 10 Addition and	Counting to and back from 20 and beyond Recognition and composition of	Numbers to 20 Number bonds to 10 Using non-standard measures

	Recognition and composition of 1-3 Matching and sorting Making patterns	Recognition and composition to 5 Finding 1 more or 1 less Circles & Triangles Shapes with 4 sides	composition of numbers to 10 Finding 1 more or 1 less Mass and Capacity	Subtraction within 10 Exploring 3D shapes	numbers 11-20 Repeating patterns 2D and 3D shapes Addition and Subtraction	Odd and Even numbers Sharing and Grouping
Understanding of the World	Walk around school Explore our school Seasons - change Family members and friends People in the Community C-Touch Board	Explore our school - nature trail - changes in Autumn Seasons Firework Safety Other cultures - Diwali and Christmas People in the past Cultural Week - Spain Computing - PurpleMash C-Touch Board	Explore our school - changes in Spring Seasons Other cultures - Chinese New Year Chinese Food tasting Computing - PurpleMash, Beebots C-Touch Board	Explore our school - changes in Spring Seasons Other cultures - Easter Computing - PurpleMash, Beebots C-Touch Board	Explore our school - changes in Summer Plants- Growing Seasons Barleylands Farm trip Dinosaur Workshop Computing - PurpleMash, Beebots C-Touch Board	Explore our school - changes in Summer People in the past Minibeasts- Habitats, observation- Caterpillars in the classroom into butterflies. Transition into Year 1 Computing - PurpleMash, Beebots C-Touch Board
Expressive Arts and Design	Explore paints, pencils, pastels, collage materials, pe equipment and role-play linked to topics and making representations. Rhymes and songs linked to numbers and sounds.	Explore paints, pencils, pastels, collage materials, pe equipment and role-play linked to topics and making representations. Explore instruments through firework noises - loud and quiet noises. Make Diva pots and decorate Explore Spanish dancing	Explore paints, pencils, pastels, collage materials, pe equipment and role-play linked to topics and making representations. Chinese dance through workshop. Chinese plate painting.	Explore paints, pencils, pastels, collage materials, pe equipment and role-play linked to topics and making representations.	Explore paints, pencils, pastels, collage materials, pe equipment and role-play linked to topics and making representations.	Explore paints, pencils, pastels, collage materials, pe equipment and role-play linked to topics and making representations.