

Nursery 2026 - 2027 Autumn Term Overview

<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u> Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. Begin to show and talk about how they are feeling, with adult help if needed. Emotion time words – happy, sad, scared, tired, surprised, cross, safe, miserable, confused, calm, excited, angry. Begin to wait for their turn. Put on their own coat. Begin to share toys that they are using. Begin to understand how others might be feeling. Play alongside or with another child or adult who is not well known to them. <u>Jigsaw</u> Aut 1 – Being in my World. Understanding how it feels to belong, that we are similar and different, our feelings, working together, being responsible and that we are all allowed to learn and play. Aut 2 – Celebrating Differences. Talking about what they are good at and everyone is good at different things, what makes us special, why my home is special, how to be a kind friend, know how to stand up for myself.	<u>Physical Development</u> Begin to climb safely e.g. outside apparatus, crates. Copy the actions of an adult eg PE lessons, when singing actions songs or playing games Explore different ways of moving e.g. sliding, stretching, large steps, moving forwards and backwards. Use a thick paintbrush or large mark making tool to create different effects. Snip using scissors in any way. Thread using large holes in a board. Begin to use a tripod grip to form lines, circles and other shapes. <u>PE</u> Aut 1 - Gymnastics Begin to negotiate space and begin to move in different ways. Use low apparatus. Aut 2 - Dance To move to music freely and with pleasure. Use dance in story telling.	<u>Understanding of the World</u> Begin to make sense of their own personal history, use language of 'long time ago' with adult support. Begin to develop positive attitudes about the difference between people. Begin to look at different countries in the world. Begin to explore and talk about different forces they can feel e.g. floating and sinking, push and pull. Talk about the difference between materials and changes they notice e.g. making playdough, cooking. Explore how things work with adult support. Begin to use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials e.g. mud, sticks, water. Begin to talk about what they see and begin to develop their vocabulary. Aut 2 - Forest School starts.	<u>Expressive Arts and Design</u> Begin to make marks intentionally. Explore paint, using fingers and other parts of their bodies as well as using tools and brushes. Begin to explore different materials eg paper, cardboard, plastic. Begin to manipulate and play with different materials. Begin to use their imagination as they use different materials. Begin to make simple models. Show some attention to sounds and music. Begin to respond to music when it changes. Move and dance to music. Explore their voices and enjoy making sounds. Begin to pretend play using an object to represent another.
<u>Communication and Language</u> Listening to a variety of short and longer stories to maintain attention. Practise using words or actions to communicate what they want e.g. can I go outside? Begin to develop their repertoire of well known songs and join in with whole class singing. Be able to follow a simple instruction eg get your coat, sit on the carpet Listen to unfamiliar adults with attention. Begin to listen to other children with some attention.	<u>Mathematics</u> Begin to recognise the numerals 0, 1, 2. Begin to point to each object as they count. Name the shapes star, heart. Sort and match by colour – red, blue, yellow, green. Begin to identify patterns using informal language e.g. spots and stripes.	<u>Literacy</u> Enjoy songs and rhymes and begin to join in. Begin to enjoy phonological awareness to spot and suggest rhymes, count or clap syllables in a word, recognise words with the same initial sound eg cat and cup. Confidently use a range of mark making tools to create straight and curved lines. Aut 2 – Nativity Play	<u>Influences on Curriculum</u> Animal visit in school Festivals - Diwali, Harvest, Christmas Art House challenge Bonfire Night - 5th Nov Nursery Nativity Play

