

Curriculum Overview 2026/27 - Nursery (year 2)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Themes	All about me (My family and I)	Celebrate the World (Nativity and Christmas)	Traditional Tales	Space	At the Seaside	Under the Sea
Core texts	What do I look like? Pink is for boys The Colour Monster Roald Dahl - Colours Owl Babies That's when I'm happy	Bonfire night Peppa's Diwali Stickman Dear Santa Aliens love Pantaclaus One Special books	The Gingerbread Man Jack and the Beanstalk The Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears Three Billy Goats Gruff The Little Red Hen	My mum is fantastic Ten Little Aliens What Ever Next The Way Back Home How to Catch a Star Goodnight Spaceman Mole's Star/Here we are	Contrary Mary Sharing a Shell The Singing Mermaid Hooray for Fish There's a Beach in my Pants The Snail and the Whale What the Ladybird heard at the seaside	Commotion in the Ocean Tiddler There' a Beach in my Pants Barry the Fish with Fingers Billy's Bucket Tiny Whale a Fishy Tale A Fish who could Wish
Poetry Basket Rhymes	Chop chop Pointy Hat Wise Old Owl	Falling apples Breezy Weather Cup of Tea	Popcorn Pancakes I Can Build a Snowman	Furry Furry Squirrel A Little Seed Mrs Bluebird	Dance Sliced Bread Five Little Peas	The Fox Thunderstorm Under a Stone
Phonics	Little Wandle No sounds/focus on Rhyme time Kindness makes us strong Where's Lenny	Little Wandle Tuning into sounds (s,a,t,p,i,n,m) Monsters Clothes Lulu Loves the Librar	Little Wandle Tuning into sounds(d,g,o,c,k,e) Car, Car, Truck Hello Friend	Little Wandle Tuning into sounds (u,r,h,b,f,l) Would you Rather	Little Wandle Tuning into sounds (j,w,y,z,qu,ch) Errol's Garden	Little Wandle Tuning into sounds (ck,x,sh,th,ng,nk) All through the Night
Topic Vocabulary	Family, mum, dad, brother, sister, grandparents, pets, colours, facial features	Christmas, nativity, coste, celebration, Guy Fawkes, Remembrance, Diwali, Lights, Pattern	Little Pig, house, straw, brick, goat, bridge, troll, bears, porridge, beanstalk, gold, giant, hen, bread	Space, sky, dark, night, planets, stars, wish, rocket, astronaut, aliens, zoom, moon, blast off	Seaside, water, sea, sand, bucket, spade, shells, deckchair, beach hut, swimming, ice-cream, sunglasses	Sea, under, creatures, fish, deep, blue, boat, ship, net, fishing rod, blue, waves
Maths (in the style of WRM)	Block 1 – Comparison Block 2 – Shape, space and measure 1 Block 3 – Pattern 1 Block 4 – Counting 1	Block 5- Counting 2 Block 6 – Subitising 1 Block 7 – Pattern	Block 8- Shape, space and measure 2 Block 9- Subitising 2 Block 10- Counting 3 Block 11- Shape, space and measure 3	Block 12-Pattern 3 Block 13- Counting4 Block 14- Shape, space and measure 4 Block 15 -Subitising	Block 16- Comparison 2 Block 17-Pattern 4 Block 18-Shape, space and measure 5 Block 19- Pattern 5	Block 20-Subitising 4 Block 21- Counting 5 Block 22 -Pattern 6 Block 23 – Counting 6 Block 24-Comparison 3
Communication and Language	Listening to stories, using a wider range of vocabulary, understanding questions and instructions, singing songs. (Helicopter Stories and Love of Reading - see Phonics)					
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Developing responsibility, showing confidence, playing with a group of children, following rules, talk about feelings (Colour Monster), independence including brushing teeth, going to the toilet, washing hands and making healthy food choices.					
Physical Development	Gross Motor - Developing movement, balancing, riding, climbing, ball skills, skipping, hopping, and standing on one leg. (Daily Wake and Shake dances, outdoor play and PE Lessons) Fine Motor - using one-handed tools and a pencil grip.					
Understanding the World	Life stories and family history	Repeating actions	Talk about what they see	Exploring natural materials Life cycle of animals	Different jobs Planting seeds	Differences in the world
Expressive Arts & Design	Pretend play, developing stories, exploring materials, joining techniques, drawing using shapes and continuous lines, colour and mixing, singing and creating songs and playing instruments.					
Knowledge and Skills	There are 7 aspirations that we hope our Nursery children achieve before transitioning to the next stage of their education (see separate document). The aspirations are split into 7 strands and are assessed and monitored throughout the year. 1. Imagine 2. Question 3. Manage 4. Draw 5. Create 6. Solve 7. Write					
Celebrations	Black History Month	Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas Nursery Rhyme Week	Storytelling Week Chinese New Year Valentine's Day Pancake Day	Communication/Language Week Mother's Day, Ramadan, Science Week, Easter, Eid-Al-Fitr	Father's Day Gypsy Traveller Month	Father's Day Eid Al Adha
Trips and Experiences		Nativity		Life Cycle of a Frog		Butterflies

