



Reception Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

Area of Learning	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
PSED	SCARF: Me & My Relationships	SCARF: Valuing Difference	SCARF: Keeping Myself Safe	SCARF: Rights & Responsibilities	SCARF: Being My best	SCARF: Growing & Changing Transition to Y1
Physical Development	Get Set for PE Unit 2 Introduction to PE	Get Set for PE Unit 2 Ball Skills	Get Set for PE Unit 2 Dance	Get Set for PE Unit 2 Fundamentals	Get Set for PE Unit 2 Games	Get Set for PE Unit 2 Gymnastics
	Fine and gross motor skills within environment and provision, including interventions					
Communication & Language	Each half term (ongoing): • Vocabulary relating to current topic • Use new vocabulary through the day • Engage in story times • Develop social phrases • Understand why listening is important • Describe topics in detail					
Literacy: Fiction	• The Something • Starting school books	• Star in the Jar • The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet	• How to Hide a Lion • Ruby's Worries • Supertato series	• Little Red • Billy Goats Gruff • Goldilocks and the 3 bears	• The Extraordinary Gardener	• Saving Mr Hoot • Ready Steady Mo • What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside

Literacy: Non-fiction	- Diverse families books - Friendship books	- Autumn books (inc. animals that hibernate) - Multi-faith books - Space topic books	Winter books (inc. Arctic & Antarctic animals)	- The True Story of the Three Little Pigs (Recounts) - Easter Story	- Minibeast information books - Spring & Growing books	- Farm animal books (inc. animals and their young) - Summer books
Role Play	Home corner	Home corner	Home corner- Chinese New year	Home corner Construction area – build the 3 little pigs houses	Home corner	Home corner
Mathematics	- 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 3D shapes		- To 20 and beyond - How many now? - Manipulate, compose and decompose - Sharing and grouping - Visualise, build and map - Make connections	
	Ongoing: Number, counting, subitising, comparing numbers					
Lifesavers	Milo’s Money	Milo’s Money	Milo’s Money	Milo’s Money	Milo’s Money	Milo’s Money
Knowledge & Understanding of the World	Myself & My Body	Seasons: Autumn (inc. Autumn Walk)	Seasons: Winter (inc. Winter Walk)	Lent	Seasons: Spring (inc. Spring Walk)	Seasons: Summer (inc. Summer Walk)
	Hallowe’en	Bonfire Night	Ice/freezing/ Melting	Chinese New Year	Plant beans	Farm animals
		Remembrance Day	Shrove Tuesday	World Book Day	Baby animals	LGBTQ+
		Christmas Diwali Hannukah		Easter	Life cycle of a frog	
Expressive Art & Design	Singing and rhyme of the week					

	Music (Charanga): Chant to animals – explore and learn chants	Music (Charanga): Creative moves – magical Christmas journey	Music (Charanga): Lilting lullaby – pitch match and feel the lilt of a 2-3 pattern	Music (Charanga): Number time – sing with expression	Music (Charanga): Wellbeing matters – play loudly and quietly	Music (Charanga): Rhythm adventures – sing songs rhythmically and combine words to compose rhythms
	Painting / Colour Mixing	Printing Christmas cards, calendars & decorations Leaf printing and Autumn collages Christmas songs/singing	Collage / Textures Chinese music & dragon dance Chinese New Year crafts	Observational Painting Easter cards & baskets Mother's Day cards	Colour shades Lighter and darker Using materials to create (junk modelling)	Summer collages Colour mixing Building and moulding with clay