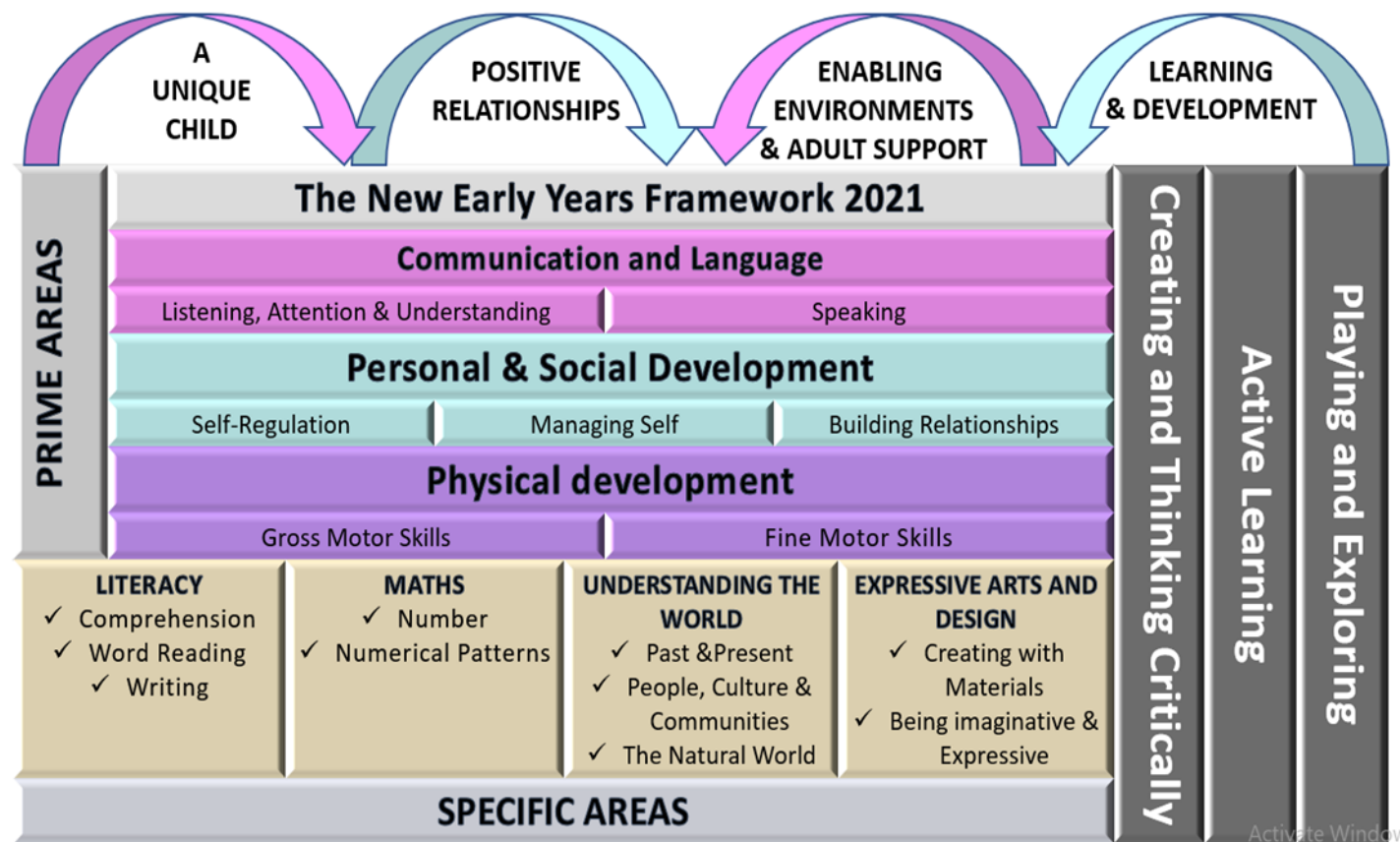




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At Griffe Field Primary School we offer a curriculum rich in wonder and memorable experiences. We work hard to provide a stimulating environment that provides exciting opportunities, promotes challenge, exploration, adventure and a real love of learning.

It is our intent that all children develop physically, verbally, cognitively and emotionally in an environment which values all cultures, communities and people. We aim for our children to be confident and independent, to believe in themselves and interact positively with others.



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GENERAL THEMES NB: These themes may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests to flow through the provision	ALL ABOUT ME! Starting school My new class My new friends What I like New Beginnings The Season of Autumn	LET'S CELEBRATE! Halloween Diwali Bonfire Night Birthdays Christmas Christmas Traditions The Season of Winter	ONCE UPON A TIME...! Traditional tales Moral Stories Story telling Imaginative Play The Season of Winter	THE GREAT OUTDOORS! Plants & Flowers Animals from Around the World Farm Animals Minibeasts Animal Patterns Day and Night animals Andy Goldsworthy Sculptures Reduce / Reuse / Recycle Spring and Easter	WHEN I GROW UP...! Who helps us at home? Who helps us at school? Who helps us to keep safe? Everyday Heroes Aspirations Setting goals Who is important to me?	TICKET TO RIDE! Around Derby Town How do I get there? Where do we live? Where in the world have we been? Vehicles past and present Fly me to the moon! The Season of Summer
POSSIBLE TEXTS AND 'OLD FAVOURITES'	When a Dragon Goes to School Little Hedgehog's Big Day Hugless Douglas Goes to Little School Nursery Time You Choose Starting School	Just Like Jasper Ruff Kipper's Birthday Postman Bear The Nativity Story Stick Man	The Three Billy Goats Gruff The Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears The Great Race The Tortoise and the Hare	The Tiny Seed Christopher Nibble The Emperors Egg The Very Hungry Caterpillar Giles Andreae Animal Poems Monkey Puzzle Dear Polar Bear	People Who Help us collections What Jobs You Could Do When We Grow Up Clothesline Clues to Jobs We Do Superhero Like You	The Naughty Bus Car, Car, Truck, Jeep We all go travelling by Mr Gumpy's Outing Whatever Next! Tootles the Taxi The Snail and the Whale
ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES 'WOW MOMENTS'	Take One Picture Week Autumn Trail Harvest Time Halloween	Bonfire Night Diwali Children in Need Nursery rhyme week Remembrance Day Nativity Christmas Activities Elf Day	Art/ Book Theme Week World Religion Day Lunar New Year Pancake Day Safer Internet Day Random Acts of Kindness Week Valentine's Day	Planting seeds in the garden Nature scavenger hunt Mother's Day Science Week Earth Day Easter Egg Hunt	Big Pedal Start of Ramadan Eid	Creating own vehicles using junk model resources Father's Day World Environment Day School Trip



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CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING	Playing and exploring: Children investigate and experience things, and ‘have a go’. Children who actively participate in their own play develop a larger store of information and experiences to draw on which positively supports their learning Active learning: Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties. They are proud of their own achievements. For children to develop into self-regulating, lifelong learners they are required to take ownership, accept challenges and learn persistence. Creating and thinking critically: Children develop their own ideas and make links between these ideas. They think flexibly and rationally, drawing on previous experiences which help them to solve problems and reach conclusions.					
OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES	Unique Child Every child is unique and has the potential to be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. Positive Relationships Children flourish with warm, strong & positive partnerships between all staff and parents/carers. This promotes independence across the EYFS curriculum. Children and practitioners are NOT alone – embrace each community. Enabling environments Children learn and develop well in safe and secure environments where routines are established and where adults respond to their individual needs and passions and help them to build upon their learning over time. Learning and Development: Children develop and learn at different rates (not in different ways as it stated 2017). We must be aware of children who need greater support than others. PLAY At Griffe Field Primary School We understand that play is an integral part of learning and this is at the heart of our early years curriculum. We believe that the correct mix of adult directed and uninterrupted child initiated play ensures the best outcomes for pupils. Warm and positive relationships between staff and children, consistent routines and strong relationships with parents are key. We recognise the crucial role that early year’s education has to play in providing firm foundations upon which the rest of a child’s education is successfully based.					



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OUR BRITISH VALUES AND PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS ASSEMBLIES PSHE CIRCLE TIMES	Throughout the year, children will be taught about Fundamental British Values and how they relate to them at their stage of development. These will be taught throughout the year as and when it is applicable to the child(ren). The children will hear about how these values link to them and why it is important to show and hold these values. These values are : Mutual Respect - We are all unique. We respect differences between different people and their beliefs in our community, in this country and all around the world. All cultures are learned, respected, and celebrated. Mutual Tolerance - Everyone is valued, all cultures are celebrated and we all share and respect the opinions of others. Mutual tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. Rule of Law - We all know that we have rules at school that we must follow. We know who to talk to if we do not feel safe. We know right from wrong. We recognise that we are accountable for our actions. We must work together as a team when it is necessary. Individual Liberty - We all have the right to have our own views. We are all respected as individuals. We feel safe to have a go at new activities. We understand and celebrate the fact that everyone is different. Democracy - We all have the right to be listened to. We respect everyone and we value their different ideas and opinions. We have the opportunity to play with who we want to play with. We listen with intrigue and value and respect the opinions of others. Children will also learn about the importance of equality and fairness too. This will be done through learning about Protected Characteristics. This will be taught and referred to throughout the year at an age appropriate level for the children, ensuring they understand the need for fairness, acceptance, tolerance and open-mindedness.					
ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Weekly Floor books/ displays Baseline Assessments Intervention groups (to be established and monitored throughout the year)	Weekly floor books/ displays On going assessments Parents evening info EYFS team meetings Autumn Reports	Weekly floor books/ displays On going assessments	Weekly floor books/ displays Ongoing assessments Mid year assessments Parents evening info Spring Reports	Weekly floor books/ displays Ongoing assessments	Weekly floor books/ displays Ongoing assessments End of year assessments Summer Reports
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT	Staggered Start to aid initial transition Daring Ducks Transition Project News From Home Books Parent Workshops (Curriculum and Fine Motor Development) Fine Motor Borrow Bags Star of the Week bag and story sack	News From Home Books Parents Evenings Fine Motor Borrow Bags Star of the Week bag and story sack Christmas Play and Craft Sessions Nativity Performance	News From Home Books Parent Workshops (Early Phonics and Reading) Fine Motor Borrow Bags Star of the Week bag and story sack Bedtime Story Evening	News From Home Books Parents Evening Fine Motor Borrow Bags Star of the Week bag and story sack	News From Home Books Fine Motor Borrow Bags Star of the Week bag and story sack	News From Home Books Fine Motor Borrow Bags Star of the Week bag and story sack Parent Workshop School Trip Transition to New School Nursery Graduation



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COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE Talk to parents about what language they speak at home, try and learn a few key words and celebrate multilingualism in your setting.	The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. Children's back-and-forth interactions from an early age form the foundations for language and cognitive development. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing, and echoing back what they say with new vocabulary added, practitioners will build children's language effectively. Reading frequently to children, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts, will give children the opportunity to thrive. Through conversation, story-telling and role play, where children share their ideas with support and modelling from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate, children become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures. Throughout the year children will develop these listening skills • Responding to questions and instructions directed to them • Following 2 part instructions • Taking part in short exchanges with others – listening and responding to adults and peers • Taking turns in conversation • Joining in with repeated refrains in rhymes and stories/ re-tell recite some familiar songs/ rhymes/ stories Throughout the year children will develop these speaking skills • Articulating and speaking clearly • Speaking in 4-6 word sentences • Explaining feelings in simple terms i.e. I am sad because.... • Expressing wants and needs, such as asking for particular resources • Using simple conjunctions to connect ideas such as 'and' and 'because' • Using some positional language • Retelling a story/ event (not always in correct order) • Joining in with repeated refrains in stories/ rhymes					
Whole EYFS Focus – C&L is developed throughout the year through high quality interactions, daily group discussions, sharing circles, PSHE times, stories, singing, speech and language interventions, Pie Corbett T4W actions, EYFS productions, assemblies and weekly interventions. DAILY STORY TIME	Settling in activities, learning to make friends. Encouraging children to talk about experiences that are familiar to them. Model talk routines throughout the day e.g. it is snack time, I have juicy apple, I have a ripe banana.	Settling in activities, Develop vocabulary Sequencing stories (not always in order), talking about characters in stories. Encouraging and modelling the use of vocabulary heard in stories. Respond to questions and instructions directed to them	Hears and uses new vocabulary from stories, rhymes and poems. Joins in with familiar rhymes and stories Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.	Sequences stories/ events (not always in order) Identifies characters / settings/ events in stories Knows that print carries meaning and is read, in English, from left to right Hears and uses new vocabulary from stories, rhymes, poems and non-fiction books. Joins in with familiar rhymes and stories.	Sequences stories/ events (not always in order) Identifies characters/ settings/ events in stories. Knows that print carries meaning and is read, in English, from left to right. Hears and uses new vocabulary from stories, rhymes, poems and non-fiction books. Hears initial sounds. Joins in with familiar rhymes and stories. Begins to predict what might happen in stories.	Sequences stories/ events (not always in order) Identifies characters/ settings/ events in stories. Knows that print carries meaning and is read, in English, from left to right. Hears and uses new vocabulary from stories, rhymes, poems and non-fiction books. Hears initial sounds. Joins in with familiar rhymes and stories. Begins to predict what might happen in stories



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PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGING SELF	Being Me In My World • I understand how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different. • I understand how feeling happy and sad can be expressed. • I can work together and consider other people's feelings. • I can use gentle hands and understand that it is good to be kind to people. • I am starting to understand children's rights and this means we should all be allowed to learn and play. • I am learning what being responsible means.	Celebrating Difference • I know how it feels to be proud of something I am good at. • I can tell you one way I am special and unique. • I know that all families are different. • I know there are lots of different houses and homes. • I can tell you how I could make new friends. • I can use my words to stand up for myself.	Dreams and Goals • I understand what a challenge means. • I can keep trying until I can do something. • I can set a goal and work towards it. • I know some kind words to encourage people with. • I can start to think about the jobs I might like to do when I'm older. • I can feel proud when I achieve a goal.	Healthy Me • I know the names for some parts of my body and am starting to understand that I need to be active to be healthy. • I can tell you some of the things I need to do to be healthy. • I know what the word 'healthy' means and that some foods are healthier than others. • I know how to help myself go to sleep and that sleep is good for me. • I can wash my hands and know it is important to do this before I eat and after I go to the toilet. • I know what to do if I get lost and how to say NO to strangers.	Relationships • I can tell you about my family. • I understand how to make friends if I feel lonely. • I can tell you some of the things I like about my friends. • I know what to say and do if somebody is mean to me. • I can use Calm Me time to manage my feelings. • I can work together and enjoy being with my friends.	Changing Me • I can name parts of my body and show respect for myself. • I can tell you some things I can do and some food I can eat to be healthy. • I understand that we all start as babies and grow into children and then adults. • I know that I grow and change. • I can talk about how I feel moving to School from Nursery. • I can remember some fun things about Nursery this year.
PSHE JIGSAW SCHEME	<u>Linked stories</u> 'Hands are not for hitting' by Martine Agassi	<u>Linked stories</u> 'It's OK To Be Different' by Todd Parr.	<u>Linked stories</u> 'The Hare and the Tortoise' Aesop's Fables 'The Jungle Run' by Tony Mitton	<u>Linked stories</u> Little Red Riding Hood	<u>Linked stories</u> 'George and Martha' stories by James Marshall	<u>Linked stories</u> 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle
SELF - REGULATION	-Controlling own feelings and behaviours -Applying personalised strategies to return to a state of calm -Being able to curb impulsive behaviours -Being able to concentrate on a task -Delaying gratification -Persisting in the face of difficulty.					



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PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives . Gross and fine motor experiences develop incrementally throughout early childhood, starting with sensory explorations and the development of a child's strength, co-ordination and positional awareness through tummy time, crawling and play movement with both objects and adults. By creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, adults can support children to develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness , co-ordination and agility. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being. Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination , which is later linked to early literacy . Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence .					
FINE MOTOR	Making snips with paper :- Practise tearing paper Digging , scooping, pouring :- Sand/ water (buckets, spades and jugs) Able to use a spoon to feed self/ cups to drink Paint brushes – large movements – circular, up and down :- large paintbrushes/ large sheets of paper/ ground Use tweezers to pick up/ move large objects i.e. pasta Thread large objects onto pipe cleaners Using a variety of tools to manipulate play dough Using glue spreaders Pencil control :- Mark making using tools such as chunky chalks, mark makers in sand etc, predominantly using fist grip.	Making snips with paper :- Practise opening and closing blades on play dough etc. Digging , scooping, pouring :- Sand/ water (buckets, spades and jugs) Able to use a spoon to feed self/ cups to drink Paint brushes – large movements – circular, up and down :- large paintbrushes/ smaller sheets of paper/ ground Use tweezers to pick up/ move large objects i.e. pompoms Thread large objects onto pipe cleaners Using a variety of tools to manipulate play dough Using glue spreaders Pencil control :- Mark making using tools such as chunky chalks, mark makers in sand etc, predominantly using fist grip.	Making snips with paper :- Practise snipping, using foam sheets etc, moving onto lines drawn on sugar paper Digging , scooping, pouring :- Sand/ water (buckets, spades and jugs and funnels) Able to use a spoon to feed self/ cups to drink Paint brushes / chalks – large movements – circular, up and down : - large paintbrushes/ chalks smaller sheets of paper/ ground Use tweezers to pick up/ move smaller objects i.e. Small pompoms/ objects Thread large beads onto lace Using a variety of tools to manipulate play dough Using glue spreaders Pencil control :- Using mark makers with developing tripod grip and dominant hand to follow large pattern outlines such as wavy lines or straight lines	Practise activities to promote crossing the mid-line of the body i.e. passing a ball from left to right Digging , scooping, pouring :- Sand/ water (buckets, spades and jugs and funnels) Able to use a spoon to feed self/ cups to drink Paint brushes / chalks – large movements – circular, up and down : - large paintbrushes/ chalks smaller sheets of paper/ ground Use tweezers to pick up/ move smaller objects i.e. Small pompoms/ objects Thread large beads onto lace Using a variety of tools to manipulate play dough Using glue spreaders Pencil control :- Using mark makers with developing tripod grip and dominant hand to follow large pattern outlines such as wavy lines or straight lines	Making snips with paper :- Promote activities to strengthen bilateral coordination i.e. lacing cards Digging , scooping, pouring :- Sand/ water (buckets, spades and jugs and funnels/ different sized scoops/ pipettes etc) Able to use a spoon to feed self/ cups to drink Paint brushes / chalks – large movements – circular, up and down : - smaller paintbrushes/ smaller sheets of paper/ ground Use tweezers to pick up/ move smaller objects i.e. Small pompoms/ objects Pegs onto paper plates/ material Thread large beads onto lace/ lacing cards Pencil control :- Using mark makers with developing tripod grip and dominant hand to form some letter shapes	Cut a straight line with some accuracy Digging , scooping, pouring :- Sand/ water (buckets, spades and jugs and funnels/ different sized scoops/ pipettes etc) Able to use a spoon to feed self/ cups to drink Paint brushes / chalks – large movements – circular, up and down : - smaller paintbrushes/ smaller sheets of paper/ ground Use tweezers to pick up/ move smaller objects i.e. Small pompoms/ objects Pegs onto paper plates/ material Thread large beads onto lace/ lacing cards Pencil control :- Using mark makers with developing tripod grip and dominant hand to form some letter shapes
GROSS MOTOR	Use lower blue crates and planks of wood to build obstacle courses Use of climbing frame Practise throwing and catching large ball back and forth with bounces between the catch Practise riding the bikes and scooters Running races	Use lower blue crates and planks of wood to build obstacle courses Use of climbing frame Practise throwing and catching large ball back and forth with bounces between the catch Practise riding the bikes and scooters Running races	Use lower blue crates and higher red crates and planks of wood to build obstacle courses Use of climbing frame Practise throwing and catching large ball with one bounce between the catch Practise riding the bikes and scooters Galloping races Balancing on one leg during Simon Says game	Use lower blue crates and higher red crates and planks of wood to build obstacle courses Use of climbing frame Practise throwing and catching large ball with one bounce between the catch Practise riding the bikes and scooters Galloping races Balancing on one leg during Simon Says game	Use lower blue crates and higher red crates and planks of wood to build obstacle courses . Encourage children to climb and build independently Use of climbing frame Practise throwing and catching large ball Practise riding the bikes and scooters Galloping races Balancing on one leg during Simon Says game Pick up small buckets of water/ sand using 2 hands	Use lower blue crates and higher red crates and planks of wood to build obstacle courses . Encourage children to climb and build independently Use of climbing frame Practise throwing and catching large ball Practise riding the bikes and scooters Galloping races Balancing on one leg during Simon Says game Pick up small buckets of water/ sand using 2 hands
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS OVERVIEW	Movement (Gross Motor Skills) Use 2 hands to pick up heavy objects, and with support, seek assistance to move heavier objects Balance on one foot for a short time Be able to climb up/ walk across/ jump off climbing equipment with support Be able to throw and catch a large ball Run in a straight line Sit on balance bikes and scoot self along Gallop (pre-skipping) Large up and down/ circular movements					



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LITERACY	It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading . Reading consists of two dimensions: language comprehension and word reading . Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together . Skilled word reading, taught later, involves both the speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words (decoding) and the speedy recognition of familiar printed words . Writing involves transcription (spelling and handwriting) and composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech, before writing)					
RETELLING AND RECALLING VOCABULARY ACQUISITION PREDICTION	Throughout the year, the children will be: • Joining in with familiar rhymes and stories • Singing Nursery Rhymes and other well known children's songs • Beginning to predict what might happen in stories • Hearing and using new vocabulary from stories, rhymes, poems and nonfiction books • Sequencing stories and events, both from stories and real life events/experiences (not always in order) • Identifying characters/ settings/ events in stories • Knows that print carries meaning and is read, in English, from left to right					
PRE-PHONICS SKILLS AUDITORY DISCRIMINATION VOCALISATION	The children will continually develop their pre-phonics skills by accessing a range of activities, both adult and child initiated, where they will be taught and apply their skills to hear, identify and make a range of sounds. These skills include being able to : - discriminate between sounds in the environment and different instrumental sounds. - describe sounds heard. - match sounds to objects / instruments that made them - explore making and changing different sounds with their body and instruments - identify and copy a pulse or beat - recall and recreate sounds they have heard - count or clap syllables in a word - direct attention, developing concentration and recalling/repeating what has been heard. - spot and suggest rhymes - recognise words with the same initial sound - hear initial sounds in words - identify sounds or chunks of sound in words - orally blend/ segment compound words into/from two separate words - orally blend /segment simple CVC words - hear some initial sounds and begins to use letters to identify meaning i.e. 'd' is for Daddy					
LITTLE WANDLE PHONICS ORAL BLENDING AND SEGMENTING LETTER KNOWLEDGE	'Rhyme Time' sessions to be taught daily as the Phonics sessions. These sessions can be whole class or small groups and focusing on learning different nursery rhymes and exploring different activities to develop children's knowledge and skills. Activities will cover; Listening, Syllables, Rhyming, Alliteration and Sound knowledge Progression - One target GPC to be taught per week. Sound Focus - In each session, play different games encouraging the children to develop their awareness of sounds and practise vocalising the target sound in different ways. Sound games will also develop the children's general awareness of sounds, which don't need to be the focus sound for the week. Oral Blending Focus - Sessions involve the children playing oral blending games which focus on awareness of sounds in general and practising orally blending and segmenting words.					
	GPC Focus : s a t p i n m	GPC Focus : d g o c k e	GPC Focus : u r h b f l	GPC Focus : j v w x y z q u c k	GPC Focus : c h s h t h n g n k	



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FINE MOTOR SKILLS	Pencil control :- Mark making using tools such as chunky chalks, mark makers in sand etc, predominantly using fist grip. Handles tools with increasing control	Pencil control :- Mark making using tools such as chunky chalks, mark makers in sand etc, predominantly using fist grip. Handles tools with increasing control	Pencil control :- Using mark makers with developing tripod grip and dominant hand to follow large pattern outlines Shows a dominant hand and can use the basis of a 3 finger pencil grip	Pencil control :- Using mark makers with developing tripod grip and dominant hand to follow large pattern outlines Shows a dominant hand and can use the basis of a 3 finger pencil grip	Pencil control :- Using mark makers with developing tripod grip and dominant hand to form some letter shapes Shows a dominant hand and can use the basis of a 3 finger pencil grip	Pencil control :- Using mark makers with developing tripod grip and dominant hand to form some letter shapes. Shows a dominant hand and can use the basis of a 3 finger pencil grip
WRITING	Mark making using mark making tools in trays of sand etc. Using larger paintbrushes to paint with. Using chunky chalks on the ground outside. Manipulating play dough with variety of tools Draw some marks on paper, not always distinguishable	Mark making using mark makers such as chunky chalks, paintbrushes, pens Following large pattern templates Draw some marks on paper, not always distinguishable	Mark making using pens/ pencils/ chalks/ paintbrushes Follows large pattern outlines such as wavy lines or straight lines / can give meaning to the marks they make	Mark making using pens/ pencils/ chalks/ paintbrushes Follows large pattern outlines such as wavy lines or straight lines / can give meaning to the marks they make	Uses pens/ pencils/ paintbrushes with developing tripod grip. Can draw some recognisable pictures and give meaning to the marks they make	Uses pens/ pencils/ paintbrushes with developing tripod grip. Form some letter shapes/ can copy or write their own name/ writes for a range of purposes i.e. shopping list, letter, a picture (not always using correct letters.)



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MATHEMATICS	Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically. Children should be able to count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers. By providing frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply this understanding - such as using manipulatives, including small pebbles and tens frames for organising counting - children will develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary from which mastery of mathematics is built. In addition, it is important that the curriculum includes rich opportunities for children to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures. It is important that children develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, 'have a go', talk to adults and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes.					
	Comparison - Looking at quantities: - More than... - Fewer than... - Same as... Shape, Space and Measure - Exploring and building with objects - Exploring and building with shapes Pattern - Exploring simple repeated patterns Counting - Hearing and saying number names.	Counting - Beginning to order number names - Chanting Number names Subitising - Seeing 1, 2 and 3 in the environment. - Identifying quantities of 1, 2 or 3. Pattern - Exploring and joining in with making simple repeated patterns. Shape, Space and Measure - Exploring position and space - Using positional language and describing objects by size/	Subitising - Identifying quantities of 1, 2 or 3. - Showing 1, 2 or 3 in different ways, including using fingers (fingeragnosis) Counting - Counting small sets by ordering and moving. - Matching numeral and quantity (1-3) Shape, Space and Measure - Exploring position and routes Pattern - Exploring different patterns	Counting - Counting small quantities. - Giving and taking away 1, 2 and 3. Shape, Space and Measure - Making and describing arrangements of shapes - Using directional language. Subitising - Subitising dot plates. - Matching different arrangements of the same quantities Comparison - Comparing and sorting sets of objects in different ways - Colour - Shape - Size	Pattern - Creating and continuing own repeated patterns. Shape, Space and Measure - Solving puzzles involving shapes and size Subitising - Playing games involving subitizing up to 3	Counting - Counting and exploring sets of objects up to 5 Pattern - Continuing to create and explore repeated patterns Counting - Counting up to 5. - Exploring adding and taking away practically up to 5. Comparison - Matching, comparing and sorting different sets of objects



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UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD Science History Geography RE / Festivals Our RE Curriculum enables children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others and learn how to form positive and respectful relationships. They will begin to understand and value the differences of individuals and groups within their own community. Children will have opportunity to develop their emerging moral and cultural awareness.	Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community . The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.					
	Past and Present :- History • Able to say who they are and who they live with. • Can talk about any pets they may have. • Can talk about some members of their family. (All About Me) People, Culture and Community :- RE/ Geography • Use family photographs in circle time to talk about themselves and their family. • Comments on key events and celebrations in their own life. • Shows an interest in different occupations The Natural World :- Science and Geography • Respect and care for the environment. • Talk about what they see in their own environment (school/ home) • Hands on exploration using senses. • Begin to talk about recycling and the environment.	Past and Present :- History • Comments on experiences in their own life (Christmas, Diwali etc) • Comments on fictional characters in stories • Shares similarities between characters, figures or objects • Compare Christmas from the past to now. People, Culture and Community :- RE and Geography • Comments on celebrations in their own life • Knows there are special places of worship • Knows there are differences in what we believe • Develop positive attitudes about differences between people The Natural World :- Science and Geography • Changing seasons • Identify suitable clothing for different weather • Hands on exploration using senses	Past and Present :- History • Comments on fictional characters in stories • Shares similarities between characters, figures or objects (different types of animal) People, Culture and Community :- RE and Geography • Shows an interest in different occupations • Develop positive attitudes about differences between people The Natural World :- Science and Geography • Respect and care for the environment • Explore the world around them and how things work • Understand the difference between plants and animals • Exploring the effect of seasonal change on the environment. • Spotting the similarities and differences between the seasons • Explore natural materials using all senses.	Past and Present :- History • Comments on experiences in their own life Culture and Community :- RE and Geography • Knows there are special places of worship • Knows there are differences between what we believe • Develop positive attitudes about differences between people The Natural World :- Science and Geography • Hands on exploration using senses • Changing seasons • Identify suitable clothing for different weather • Understand the difference between plants and animals • Plant seeds and care for growing plants with support	Past and Present :- History • Able to say who they are and who they live with • Can talk about any pets they may have • Can talk about some members of their family • Comments on experiences in their own life People, Culture and Community :- RE and Geography • Shows an interest in different occupations • Respect and care for the environment • Talk about what they can see in their own environment • Talk about and describe different types of houses, including where they live • Hands on exploration using senses • Explore collections of materials and identify similar and different properties • Explore the world around them and explore how things work • Explores and talks about forces (push and pull) The Natural World :- Science and Geography • Respect and care for the environment • Talk about what they see in their own environment • • Talk about and describe different types of houses, including where they live • • Changing seasons • • Identify suitable clothing for different weather • • Identify suitable clothing for different weather • • Name and describe different animals and where they live.	Past and Present :- History • Can talk about some members of their family • Sequence family members by size and name (baby, child, adult) (PSHE) • Comments on experiences in their own life People, Culture and Community :- RE and Geography • Know there are some other countries/ cities • Develop positive attitudes about differences between people The Natural World :- RE and Geography • Talk about what they see in their own environment • • Talk about and describe different types of houses, including where they live • • Changing seasons • • Identify suitable clothing for different weather • • Identify suitable clothing for different weather • • Name and describe different animals and where they live.
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	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
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EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN	The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe. Give children an insight into new musical worlds. Invite musicians in to play music to children and talk about it. Encourage children to listen attentively to music. Discuss changes and patterns as a piece of music develops.					
	Explore :- • Colour – recognise colours / choose colours for a purpose • Can use thick paint brushes • Use glue sticks independently and glue spatulas with support • Manipulates playdough in different ways (rolls, cuts, squashes, pinches, twists) Imaginative Play :- • Develop storylines • Plays with familiar resources • Participates in small world play related to rhymes and stories • (Small world/ sand pit/ toys / resources) Music :- • Responds to music – verbally and using movement • Sings in a group and tries to keep in time (Carpet time/ routine songs)	Explore :- • Colour – recognise colours / choose colours for a purpose • Can use thick paint brushes • Use glue sticks independently and glue spatulas with support • Manipulates playdough in different ways (rolls, cuts, squashes, pinches, twists) Imaginative Play :- • Develop storylines • Plays with familiar resources • Participates in small world play related to rhymes and stories • (Small world/ sand pit/ toys / resources) Music :- • Responds to music – verbally and using movement • Sings in a group and tries to keep in time (Carpet time/ routine songs/ Christmas songs/ Nativity)	Explore :- • Draws potato people (no neck or body) • Draw simple things from memory i.e. cat • Adds other materials to develop models • Beginning to weave using large outdoor shapes and large ribbons • Adds additional textures Imaginative Play :- • Uses own experiences to develop storylines • Create and use small world set ups (small world/ sand pit/ toys/ resources) Music :- • Talks about how music makes them feel • sings a selection of nursery rhymes/ songs from memory (carpet time/ routine songs)	Explore :- • Draws potato people (no neck or body) • Draw simple things from memory i.e. cat • Adds other materials to develop models • Beginning to weave using large outdoor shapes and large ribbons • Adds additional textures Imaginative Play :- • Uses own experiences to develop storylines • Create and use small world set ups (small world/ sand pit/ toys/ resources) Music :- • Talks about how music makes them feel • sings a selection of nursery rhymes/ songs from memory (carpet time/ routine songs)	Explore :- • Print with blocks, sponges and fruit • Draw things that they observe • Works independently to develop basic skills • Begin experiment with mixing colours • Builds walls to create enclosed spaces, beginning to add towers etc Imaginative play :- • Creates their own piece of art and gives meaning • Begins to work with a friend, copying ideas and developing skills together • (small world/ sand pit/ toys/ resources) Music :- • Copies basic actions and begins to learn short dance routines • Watches dances and performances • Able to name a wide variety of instruments (drum, tambourine, maraca, triangle) • Plays a given instrument to a simple beat (carpet time/ routine songs)	Explore :- • Print with blocks, sponges and fruit • Draw things that they observe • Works independently to develop basic skills • Begin experiment with mixing colours • Builds walls to create enclosed spaces, beginning to add towers etc Imaginative play :- • Creates their own piece of art and gives meaning • Begins to work with a friend, copying ideas and developing skills together • (small world/ sand pit/ toys/ resources) Music :- • Copies basic actions and begins to learn short dance routines • Watches dances and performances • Able to name a wide variety of instruments (drum, tambourine, maraca, triangle) • Plays a given instrument to a simple beat (carpet time/ routine songs)



EARLY LEARNING GOAL AREAS

End of Year Expectations for Nursery Holistic / Best Fit Judgement

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE	PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	LITERACY	MATHS	UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD	EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN
Listening Skills Respond to questions and instructions directed to them. Follow 2 part instructions Take part in short exchanges with others – listening and responding to adults and peers Take turns in conversation Join in with repeated refrains in rhymes and stories/ re-tell recite some familiar songs/ rhymes/ stories Speaking Skills Articulate and speak clearly Speak in 4-6 word sentences Explain feelings in simple terms i.e. I am sad because.... Express wants and needs, such as asking for particular resources Use simple conjunctions to connect ideas such as 'and' and 'because' Use some positional language Retell a story/ event (not always in correct order) Join in with repeated refrains in stories/ rhymes Describe Recount and retell	Developing sense of self Name and talk about own feelings, sometimes using props as a support Manage own basic hygiene (toileting, washing hand, feeding self, drinking) Talk about likes and dislikes Building relationships Work and play co-operatively with others i.e. building simple role play in the home corner Show empathy to the feelings of others Know they belong to the class community Form good bonds with adults and peers Take turns with others, sometimes with support Follow Rules Beginning to understand right and wrong and follow classroom rules Follow simple 2 part instructions	Movement / Gross motor skills Use 2 hands to pick up heavy objects, and with support seek assistance to move heavier objects Balance on one foot for a short time Be able to climb up/ walk across/ jump off climbing equipment with support Be able to throw and catch a large ball Run in a straight line Confidently ride the red and yellow bikes Sit on the balance bikes and scoot self along Gallop (pre-skipping) Large up and down/ circular movements Fine motor skills Making snips in paper with scissors Digging, scooping, pouring Able to use a spoon to feed self/ cups to drink Paint brushes – large movements- circular, up and down Use tweezers to pick up/ move large objects i.e. pasta, pom poms Thread beads/ large objects onto string/ pipe cleaners Pencil control use mark making equipment with increasing accuracy i.e. drawing shapes/ simple pictures Basis of pencil grip Dominant hand	Retelling and recalling Sequences stories/ events (not always in order) Identifies characters/ settings/ events in stories Knows that print carries meaning and is read, in English from left to right Fine motor skills Handles tools with increasing control i.e. paint brushes, glue spreaders, play dough tools etc. Shows a dominant hand Uses the basis of a 3 finger pencil grip Vocabulary Acquisition Hears and uses new vocabulary from stories, rhymes, poems and non-fiction books) Sound Discrimination :- Hears initial sounds Can orally blend/ segment simple CVC words Identifies sounds in words Letter Knowledge Can copy/ wrote own name Hears initial sounds and begins to use letters to identify meaning i.e. 'd' is for daddy Writes for a range of purposes i.e. shopping list, a letter, a picture (not always using correct letters) Prediction Joins in with familiar rhymes and stories Begins to predict what might happen in stories	Shape and Space Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes, using informal language and mathematical language (sides, corners, straight, flat, round) Select shapes appropriately i.e. triangular prism for a roof Understand and use positional language Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity Number Patterns Extend and create simple AB patterns Talks about and identifies patterns around them i.e. stripes on clothes, designs on rugs Spotting and exploring errors in repeating patterns Begin to describe a sequence of events (real or fictional), using words such as first, then etc. Number Rhymes Explores simple composition of number through rhymes i.e. 5 little frogs, 3 in the pool Knows and signs a selection of number rhymes Numbers to 5 Subitise small amounts of up to 3 objects Link numeral and quantity up to 3 Count reliably to 5, and beginning to count beyond 5 Say one number name for each item in order 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Know the last number reached when counting a set of objects tells you how many there are (cardinal principle) Show 'finger numbers' up to 3 Solve real word mathematical problems up to 3 Experiments with own symbols and marks as well as numerals Compare Quantities Sorts by a variety of criteria Describes similarities and differences Compares quantities by more than, less than and the same Verbally rote count to 10.	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Knows there are special places of worship Knows that there are differences between what we believe Develop positive attitudes about differences between people Know there are some other countries/ cities The Natural World – Science and Geography Respect and care for the environment – classroom/ outdoors Talk about what they see in their own environment (school/ home) Talk about and describe different types of houses, including where they live Hands on exploration using senses Explore collections of materials and identify similar and different properties Explore the world around them and explore how things work Explores and talks about forces (push and pull) Changing seasons – understand that the weather changes, and in different places you find different weather Understand the difference between plants and animals Plant seeds and care for growing plants with support Know the life cycle of a butterfly	Explore Colour – Recognise colours/ choose colours for a purpose Begin to use primary colours to mix secondary colours Can use thick paint brushes Print with blocks, sponges and fruit Draws potato people (no neck or body) Draw things that they observe Draw simple things from memory i.e. cat Use glue sticks independently and use glue spatulas with support Adds other materials to develop models (tissue paper, glitter etc) Adds additional textures i.e. describes as bumpy or smooth Beginning to weave Builds walls to create enclosed spaces, beginning to add towers, roofs etc Manipulates play dough in different ways i.e. rolls, cuts, squashes, pinches, twists etc Imaginative Play Develop storylines Plays with familiar resources Uses own experiences to develop storylines i.e. going on a bus/ car ride Participates in small world play related to rhymes and stories Create and use small world set ups Creates their own piece of art and gives meaning Works independently to develop basic skills Begins to work with a friend, copying ideas and developing skills together Music Responds to music – verbally and using movement Talks about how music makes them feel Copies basic actions and begins to learn short dance routines Watches dances and performances Sing a selection of rhymes/ songs from memory Sings in a group and tries to keep in time Able to name a wide variety of instruments (drum, tambourine, maraca, triangle) Plays a given instrument to a simple beat