

Reception Long Term 2026 - 2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
						
Theme	We Are Unique!	We Are Detectives!	We Are Explorers!	We Are Problem Solvers!	We Are Storytellers!	We Are Protectors!
DM – Areas covered	PSED PD CLL UTW EAD	PSED CLL Literacy UTW	PD CLL Literacy Numeracy UTW EAD	PSED PD CLL Literacy Numeracy UTW EAD	PSED PD CLL Literacy Numeracy UTW EAD	PSED PD CLL Literacy Numeracy UTW EAD
Coverage	Settling in, Tour of School, Golden Rules Exploring the 5 senses Develop understanding of body parts Different families What makes me special?	What do we do to celebrate? Find out about different religions and cultures Food /clothes/songs Harvest Festival, Diwali, Hanukah, Christmas	Explore different environments How will we travel What will we see... Compare creatures and their homes What do we need to go...?	Investigate how things grow. What is needed for healthy growth? Plant vegetables and write instructions for others to follow, observe them and grow.	Listen to and discuss a range of tales. Retell and act out stories using story vocabulary. Discuss characters and settings.	How do we stay healthy? What can we do to protect our environment? Who can help us to keep safe?
Phonics	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 4
Maths	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 & 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

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Literacy	Mark making Initial sounds	Letters and lists for Santa	Narrative (stories from other cultures)	Instructions	Traditional tales	Non-chronological reports
Science	Me and My Small World What's in My Basket? Senses	Let's Go Outside What's Changed? Night and Day	Changes in Winter Let it Flow From Desert to Jungle	Watch it Grow Animal Detectives Pushes and Pulls	From city to Sea Look All Around Test it Out!	Happy and Healthy Our Wonderful World We're Going on an Animal Hunt
R.E.	Creation Why is the word God so important to Christians?	Incarnation Why do Christian's perform Nativity plays at Christmas?	Belonging Being Special Where do you belong?	Salvation Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?	Special Stories Which stories are special and why?	Special Places/People Which places/people are special and why?
P.E.	Play, move, explore	Move, match, magic Commando Joe Romeo Resilience Eddie Empathy	Explore, evade, escape	Search, steel, share Commando Joe Self-Awareness Positivity	Crawl, climb, connect	Hands, feet, equipment Commando Joe Excellence Communication
Core Books & Possible Books	Owl Babies, Invisible String, In Every House On Every Street, Perfectly Norman, Pete the Cat Rocking in my School Shoes, The Colour of Us,	Stickman, The Nativity Story, Dear Father Christmas,	Handa's Surprise, The Proudest Blue, Great Explorer, Martha Maps it Out	That's Not a Daffodil, The Extraordinary Gardener, A seed in Need	Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood	Mad About Minibeasts, Twist and Hop Minibeast Bop, Superworm, Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell