



Curriculum Map
Year Reception Spring Term 2026

Communication and Language Key Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaking in full sentences.• Giving reasons for thoughts and ideas.• Retelling stories.• Using new vocabulary taught in context.• Asking questions to clarify understanding. Key Vocabulary: and, because, reason, listen	Physical Development Key Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore moving with a ball using their feet.• Develop technique of dribbling the ball and understand where and why we dribble, keeping control.• Working collaboratively.• Develop their dribbling technique.• Create and explore movements and balances in high and low ways on the floor and on apparatus. Key Vocabulary: control, dribbling, space, apparatus, transition, high, low	PSED Key Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand what 'responsible' and 'innovative' mean.• Describe how we can be responsible and innovative in Reception.• Understand we all learn in different ways.• Learn how to persevere when things are hard. Key Vocabulary: responsible, innovative, persevere, goal, achieve
Literacy Books we will be sharing: Super Milly and the Super School Day by Stephanie Clarkson, The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson, The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle Key Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading graphemes and blending to read words.• Reading words on sight.• Reading and writing captions.• Writing letters and instructions. Key Vocabulary: grapheme, phoneme, blending, segmenting, write, read. At home you can: Read with your child every day. Encourage them to read the words without sounding out. Practise writing caption, labels and simple sentences.	Maths Key Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representing number (from 0 to 10)• Composition of number• Subitising• Finding 1 more and 1 less• Capacity• Mass• Odd and Even• Doubles• Length, height and time• 3D Shapes Key Vocabulary: more, less, same, different, heavier, lighter, altogether, subitise, 3D, odd, even, longer, shorter, before, after, next. At home you can: use the NumBots app. Count objects, look for shapes in the environment, compare and height and length.	
Expressive Arts and Design Key Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating observational drawings by looking carefully.• Using junk and construction to create three dimensional models.• Listening to and exploring different sounds instruments make.• Listening to music from other countries and talking about our likes and dislikes.• Creating cards for celebrations. Key Vocabulary: observation, instrument, fold, cut, join, build	Understanding the World Key Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using our senses to explore the world around us.• Observing and comparing seasons.• Retelling the story of Chinese New Year and finding out how it is celebrated.• Finding out about the Easter story and how Christians celebrate. Key Vocabulary: festival, celebration, similarity, difference	



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