Reception Yearly Curriculum Overview (2024-2025)

	Topic	Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Literacy including suggested books See separate phonics plan	Mathematics (WRM units)	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
	Getting To Know You	All about me bags Settling into new	All about me bags	Familiarising with play	We're going on a bear hunt	Getting to know you	All about me bags – talking about their own	Drawing ourselves and
	Children's interests	routines	Settling into new	equipment.	Handas Surprise	Match sort and	lives and families	our families
Autumn 1	Whole school mantle of the expert unit beginning of term	Building confidence to share our ideas through free flow play and making friends	routines Circle times introduced gradually Visual symbols to highlight key information in	Climbing and jumping safely. PE sessions beginning week 3	Literacy tree unit 'Anansi the Spider' Mark making Initial assessments	compare Talk about measure and patterns	Getting to know their friends and adults in the class Looking for and talking about signs of Autumn Looking at simple maps of our school	Exploring materials in the classroom and settling in
Aut			class		Name writing		environment – garden/playground/local area Beginning to use IWB for some games and activities	

	Festivals and Celebrations Children's interests	Listening to stories and modelling asking questions	Understanding people celebrate different festivals	Weekly PE sessions Dances	Room on the broom We planted a pumpkin	Its me 1,2,3 Circles and triangles	Drawing attention to different celebrations as they occur Rosh Hashanah	Enjoying music from different cultural celebrations
Autumn 2		Learning key vocabulary through free flow play Sharing ideas with our friends during circle times	Regular circle times	Dances associated with different festivals Mark making and emergent writing opportunities – developing pencil control	pumpkin Zim zam zoom Spell writing Firework writing Literacy tree unit – Look up! Christmas show invitations	12345 Shapes with 4 sides	Rosh Hashanah (autumn 1) Diwali Bonfire night Christmas Talk about other important festivals e.g. Eid	Rangoli patterns with different materials Christmas decorations – prop making for Christmas concert

	Seasons – The weather all around us	Talking about the weather daily	Which is our favourite	Weekly PE sessions	Nature and weather themed	Alive in 5 Mass and	Engaging with our natural environment	Exploring natural
		Building topic related	weather? What weather		stories including;	capacity	through regular garden time	materials from the school
	Children's interests	vocabulary daily through whole	makes us happy?	Developing pencil control	The Tiny Seed	Growing 6 7 8	Observing the weather daily – class	garden
	Whole school mantle	class sessions and free flow play	Regular circle times	through literacy and topic based tasks	The Very Hungry Caterpillar		discussions, individual drawings/notes	Collages related to The Very
	of the expert unit beginning of term	Talking about what we see in		lasks	Oi Frog Bumblebear		Introduce the cycle of	Hungry Caterpillar and
		our school garden			Zig zag books		the seasons through practical play activities and whole	artistic responses other
					Labelling pictures from		class sessions and games	key texts
1					stories		Identify signs of each	Acting out
Spring `					Literacy tree unit		season that we might see. What can we see	stories
					- The Tiny Seed		now in winter? Looking for and talking	Weather
							about early signs of spring e.g bulbs	pictures and scenes with a range of
							sprouting, changes in the school garden pond	materials
							Sketching in the garden	
							Taking photographs and talking about them	
							Chinese new year story and activities	
							(10/2/24)	

Spring 2	Taking care of our planet Children's interests	Talking about how to look after the environment Learning new related vocabulary from stories Discussing how the world used to look or be different – through stories and images	Telling our friends and families how to care for our planet Regular circle times	Weekly PE sessions Developing pencil control through literacy and topic based tasks	Hey, water! Antoinette Portis Tidy Emily Gravett Here We Are Oliver Jeffers Writing wishes for our planet Literacy tree unit — The Extraordinary Gardener	Length height and time Building 9 + 10 Explore 3D shapes	Reading a range of stories highlighting how to look after our environment Circle times to discuss taking care of our planet Class poster sharing our ideas Trips to our school garden, identifying different features – making our own 'cameras' to look mindfully at features. Drawing/creating simple maps of our school garden. What different environments do people live in around the world? How do people work hard to take care of planet earth? Easter story and	Class assembly performance Exploring a range of materials to make models of earth
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	Superheroes Children's interests	Learning new related vocabulary from stories	What is your superpower? What superheroes do	Weekly PE sessions	Supertato Cat in the hat	To 20 and beyond How many now	Circle times talking about people in our communities who help us.	Making superhero costumes
	Whole school mantle of the expert unit beginning of term	Telling our own superhero stories	you know in real life?	Superhero movement Pencil control and extending	Writing about our superpowers Writing a note to	Manipulate compose and decompose	Role play showing how people around us help us.	Acting out stories Weekly
Summer 1				writing	our own superheroes Literacy tree unit		Making maps of our playground/garden	sessions with Boury Academy Exploring work
nS	qors				– Super Milly and the Super School Day			of Guiseppe Arcimboldo

	Celebrating us!	Speaking about how we have changed this year	What do you like about your friends? What are they good at?	Weekly PE sessions	Great big book of families	Sharing and grouping	Circle times sharing how we have changed since we started Reception	Whole class creative project – collage? To celebrate end of
Summer 2	Children's interests	'I have enjoyed' 'I am proud of'	How do they make you happy?	Pencil control and extending writing	How to catch a star Writing about our strengths What we have enjoyed this year Literacy tree unit -Oi Frog!	Visualise build and map Make connections	Small world play modelling different habitats and climates around the world Travel agent role play area – developing knowledge of different features of the natural world	Exploring work of Andy Goldsworthy



Also see progression of skills in EYFS document, phonics termly and weekly planning document, White Rose Maths documents and Lambeth EYFS SACRE

Suggested activities offered to relate to the topic alongside free flow provision providing opportunities and experiences in all EYFS subjects N.B this document is updated regularly reflecting the interests of children and our child lead approach
Activity ideas above are a sample of tasks adults might carry out with children individually or in groups. Adults are also lead by the children's interests, therefore activities and tasks will vary with each cohort.
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