

Curriculum Overview

Year Group

Nursery

Half Term

Autumn 1

Big Question

How am I special?

Literacy

Hello Friend

Joining in with stories, songs and rhymes

Giving meaning to drawings and marks

Maths

More than, fewer than and the same
Exploring and building with shapes
Noticing and creating repeated patterns

Communication and Language

Listening to familiar adults
Talking about ourselves and our families
Using words to express needs and choices

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Settling into Nursery
Building relationships
Learning routines and expectations

Physical Development

Moving safely indoors and outdoors
Running, climbing and balancing
Exploring mark-making tools

Understanding the World

Me, my family and my school
Our bodies and senses
Autumn and seasonal change
The Lost Sheep

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring colour, marks and textures
Painting and using different materials
Songs, sounds and pretend play



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Autumn 2

Big Question

What is a special time for me?

Literacy

Where's Lenny?
Drawing a favourite game or activity
Rhymes, stories and early sound awareness

Maths

Ordering number names
Exploring position and space
Matching, sorting and comparing

Communication and Language

Talking about special events
Learning celebration vocabulary
Listening to and recalling familiar stories

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Sharing special experiences
Recognising similarities and differences
Showing hope, kindness and respect

Physical Development

Developing balance and coordination
Using one-handed tools
Strengthening hands through creative activities

Understanding the World

Birthdays and family traditions
Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas
Autumn to winter changes
The Nativity Story

Expressive Arts and Design

Christmas crafts and celebrations
Exploring sounds and movement
Using materials to express ideas



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Half Term Spring 1

Big Question

Who are some people who help me?

Literacy

All Through the Night / Lulu Loves the Library
Talking about what we might be when we grow up
Listening for initial sounds

Maths

Exploring numbers 1, 2 and 3
Taking and giving amounts
Joining in with repeated patterns

Communication and Language

Talking about different occupations
Asking and answering simple questions
Using new vocabulary in role play

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Recognising people who keep us safe
Showing kindness and care
Cooperating with others in play

Physical Development

Running, climbing and negotiating space
Throwing and catching large objects
Developing grip and hand control

Understanding the World

Doctors, nurses, police and firefighters
Jobs in our community
Winter and the local environment
The Good Samaritan

Expressive Arts and Design

Colour mixing
Role play linked to people who help us
Creating sounds, movements and pictures

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Half Term Spring 2

Big Question

What is my home like?

Literacy

The Three Little Pigs / Goldilocks
Drawing characters and objects from stories
Using story language in play

Maths

Exploring position and routes
Creating simple patterns
Counting and comparing small groups

Communication and Language

Describing homes and familiar places
Retelling parts of traditional stories
Using positional and descriptive language

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talking about home and family life
Making choices and following routines
Playing cooperatively with others

Physical Development

Moving with control and balance
Cutting, painting and constructing
Creating lines, circles and shapes

Understanding the World

Different houses and rooms
Cooking, baking and materials
Exploring the local environment
The Wise and Foolish Builders

Expressive Arts and Design

Building and constructing homes
Using tools for a purpose
Traditional-tale role play

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Half Term Summer 1

Big Question

What happens on the farm?

Literacy

The Little Red Hen / Errol's Garden
Drawing characters and events
Hearing initial sounds in words

Maths

Showing amounts to 5
Comparing and sorting collections
Creating and continuing patterns

Communication and Language

Using vocabulary about animals and growing
Explaining simple changes
Talking about stories and experiences

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Caring for animals and plants
Working together
Developing confidence and resilience

Physical Development

Hopping, skipping and balancing
Using tools with greater control
Drawing and constructing in more detail

Understanding the World

Farm animals and farm workers
Planting seeds and observing growth
Simple life cycles
Noah's Ark

Expressive Arts and Design

Detailed drawings of plants and animals
Using natural and creative materials
Farm songs, movement and role play

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Summer 2

Big Question

How can we travel
to different places?

Literacy

Car, Car, Truck, Jeep / Toot, Toot,
Beep, Beep
Designing and describing a vehicle
Oral blending and initial sounds

Maths

Counting objects to 5
Matching numerals and quantities
Exploring routes, shapes and patterns

Communication and Language

Talking about journeys and places
Explaining how things move and work
Using longer sentences in conversation

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Preparing for Reception
Managing belongings and personal needs
Talking about achievements and change

Physical Development

Moving with coordination and
control
Riding, climbing and dancing
Developing pencil control and
name writing

Understanding the World

Cars, buses, trains, boats and
aeroplanes
Journeys and places beyond
school
Forces and how vehicles move
Jonah and the Big Fish

Expressive Arts and Design

Designing and making vehicles
Choosing materials for a
purpose
Transport songs and
imaginative journeys

