

Early Years Curriculum Overview

	Year 1 (2025-2026)			Year 2 (2026-2027)		
	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Topic theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where do we live? Buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot and Cold Space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What lives in your garden? Journeys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does it move? Toys and transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dragons and Magic! Eggs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What will you find at the seaside?
CL	Daily opportunities to listen and talk develop these key skills. New vocabulary is introduced through our class story theme and explorations in all areas of learning					
PSED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are supported to become well rounded, confident and kind members of our community who understand what it means to treat people with respect Children will grow in independence to manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing and toileting, and will be taught the importance of healthy lifestyle choices including oral health 					
PD	A wide range of activities are offered daily to develop fine and gross motor skills, as well as specific timetabled PE sessions					
Literacy	Daily opportunities to mark make are provided. From week two, children will be taught letter formation alongside daily phonics sessions, building to using phonic knowledge to spell words and to write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.					
Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics Phase 2 and 3 Little Wandle phonics Rhyme Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics Phase 3 and 4 Little Wandle phonics Rhyme Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics Phase 3 and 4 Little Wandle phonics Rhyme Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics Phase 2 and 3 Little Wandle phonics Rhyme Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics Phase 3 and 4 Little Wandle phonics Rhyme Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics Phase 3 and 4 Little Wandle phonics Rhyme Time
Mathematics: White Rose Maths scheme of learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block 1: Match, sort and compare & Comparing amounts Block 2: Talk about measure and pattern Block 3: It's me 1, 2, 3 Block 4: Circles and triangles Block 5: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Block 6: Shapes with 4 sides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block 1: Alive in 5 Block 2: Mass and capacity Block 3: Growing 6, 7, 8 Block 4: Length, height and time Block 5: Building 9 and 10 Block 6: Explore 3D shapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block 1: To 20 and beyond Block 2: How many now? Block 3: Manipulate, compose and decompose Block 4: Sharing and grouping Block 5: Visualise, build and map Block 6: Make connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block 1: Match, sort and compare & Comparing amounts Block 2: Talk about measure and pattern Block 3: It's me 1, 2, 3 Block 4: Circles and triangles Block 5: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Block 6: Shapes with 4 sides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block 1: Alive in 5 Block 2: Mass and capacity Block 3: Growing 6, 7, 8 Block 4: Length, height and time Block 5: Building 9 and 10 Block 6: Explore 3D shapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block 1: To 20 and beyond Block 2: How many now? Block 3: Manipulate, compose and decompose Block 4: Sharing and grouping Block 5: Visualise, build and map Block 6: Make connections

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Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families, houses and homes Occupations Images from the past (houses) Seasonal change: Autumn and Harvest Exploring materials (building) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring materials (clothing) Polar regions Seasonal change: Winter and Spring Exploring different environments Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minibeasts, including bees, plants and life cycles How to care for plants and animals Seasonal change: Summer Using our senses to explore the natural world Draw information from simple maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families, houses and homes Exploring materials and forces (toys) Seasonal change: Autumn and Harvest Images and objects from the past (toys) Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal change: Winter and Spring Planting Exploring different environments Dragons in different cultures Eggs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about the sea: creatures and coasts Seasonal change: Summer Use our senses to explore the natural world How to care for plants and animals Draw information from simple maps
EAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will have daily opportunities to explore a range of media and art techniques, both adult led and independently. Opportunities for role play and small world play are available through continuous provision indoors and outside. 					
RE and festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which places are special and why? Diwali Christmas around the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which times are special and why? Chinese New Year Easter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where do we belong? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which stories are special and why? Diwali Christmas around the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which people are special and why? Chinese New Year Easter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is special about our world?
Visits/resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village walk Pantomime 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newby Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Toys from the past' resource box from Swaledale Museum 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saltburn Coast visit
Examples of stories and texts that will be enjoyed as part of our termly theme. Poems and non-fiction texts are also explored and discussed.	Traditional tales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three Little Pigs Town Mouse, Country Mouse Little Red Riding Hood Supporting Stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percy the Park Keeper stories Leaf Man The Very Helpful Hedgehog Pumpkin Soup 	Traditional tales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goldilocks and the Three Bears We're Going on a Bear Hunt Supporting Stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percy the Park Keeper stories Lost and Found Blue Penguin The Bear Dear Polar Bear Handa's Surprise 	Traditional tales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Enormous Turnip Three Billy Goats Gruff The Little Red Hen Supporting Stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Very Hungry Caterpillar Famer Duck Rosie's Walk Bumble Bear We are the Wibbley The Train Ride Arrgghhh Spider 	Traditional tales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gingerbread Man Pinocchio Supporting Stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dogger Toys in Space Kipper's Toy Box Ferdie and the Falling Leaves The Magical Toy Box My Friend Bear 	Traditional tales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack and the Beanstalk Rapunzel Supporting Stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George and the Dragon Zog Marmaduke a Very Different Dragon The Night Dragon The Egg Tell Me a Dragon 	Traditional tales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ugly Duckling Peter Pan Supporting Stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Little Pirates Commotion in the Ocean The Snail and the Whale The Pirates Next Door Tiddler The Singing Mermaid

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PE - specific sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agility: playground games, negotiating space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance: gymnastics equipment, movement and dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination: ball skills and games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agility: playground games, negotiating space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance: gymnastics equipment, movement and dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination: ball skills and games