








Reception Curriculum Plan 2025-2026

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Me and my community 	Exploring Autumn 	Winter wonderland 	Once Upon a Time 	Signs of Spring 	Creep, Crawl and Wiggle 	On the Beach 
Significant events	Harvest festival Roald Dahl Day Black history month. Diwali	Anti-bullying week Halloween Bonfire night Remembrance Day	Christmas	Women in history Chinese New Year Shrove Tuesday Valentines Day	World Book Day Mother's Day International Children's Book Day St. Patrick's Day Easter	Eid al-Fitr St George's Day Shakespeare's birthday VE day	Eid al-Adha Father's Day National sports week
Super Starter	Different families visiting Reception.	Autumn learning walk.	Pyjama day and Christmas stories.	Surprise reader – different adults read their favourite fairy tales to Reception.	World book day dress up and bring your favourite book.	Visit the farm learning about farm animals and minibeasts.	Creating beach art.
Fabulous Finish	Classroom visit from people who help us from the community.	Tiger who came to tea.	Visit from Santa.	Fairy tale dress up day.	Following instructions – baking cakes.	Topic sharing about minibeasts with parents.	Teddy Bear's Picnic with parents.

Texts linking with the topic	Do you want to be my friend? The Lion and the Mouse. Once There were Giants. Lost and Found. Five minutes peace. People who help us.	Leaf Man Pumpkin Soup The Gruffalo The stickman Hibernation Station. The leaf thief	The Gruffalos Child. One Winters Day. Snowflakes. All About Animals in Winter. Jolly Christmas Postman.	Goldilocks Jack and the Beanstalk. Mr Wolf's pancakes. The three little pigs. How to Grow a Dragon. Cinderella.	Everything Spring. One spring Day. The First Egg Hunt. The Tiny Seed. That's MY flower!	Superworm. What the Ladybird Heard. Diary of a Spider. The very hungry caterpillar. Twist and Hop, the Minibeast Bop! The Buggliest Bug. Tad.	The Rainbow Fish. The Singing Mermaid. Sharing a Shell. One is a snail Ten is a Crab. The odd fish. At the Beach. Under the Sea. The lighthouse keeper's Picnic. Teddy bear picnic.
Phonics and early reading	Little Wandle Phase 2	Little Wandle Phase 2	Little Wandle Phase 3	Little Wandle Phase 2	Little Wandle Phase 3	Little Wandle Phase 4	Little Wandle Phase 4
Writing	Mark making, letter formation, name writing.	Letter formation, Name writing. Creating an autumn walk checklist with words and symbols.	Christmas cards, lists and letters.	Story Maps, Character descriptions.	Creating instructions – how to bake a cake. Shakespeare – A midnight summers dream. Linking to the magic flower.	Minibeast fact files.	Writing sentences independently about sea creatures and the beach.
Maths	Match sort and complete. Talk about measures and patterns.	It's me 123. Circles and triangles.	1,2,3,4,5. Shapes with 4 sides.	Alive in 5. Mass and capacity. Growing 6,7,8.	Length, height and 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.
The Natural World	To learn about the different seasons. Book – a stroll through the seasons.	Changes in the natural world during seasons and animals in winter.	Knowing similarities and differences between the natural world and contrasting environments.	Woodland features and creatures. Holes and tunnels.	Focus on the season of spring. The changing states of matter.	Explore the natural world, with a focus on minibeasts and plants.	Materials and changes with a focus on floating and sinking.

EAD	Performing songs, rhymes, poems and stories.	Performing songs, rhymes, poems and stories.	Sing in a group or on their own, matching the pitch and follow the melody.	Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.	Explore and engage in music making and dance.	Explore, use and create a range of artistic effects to express ideas.	Develop storylines in their pretend play.
EAD - D&T	Landscape, creating pictures and artwork inspired by nature.	Landscape, creating pictures and artwork inspired by nature.	Creating Christmas cards.	Making 2D and 3D art with loose parts, natural materials.	Baking cakes.	Plan and share the process of designing and creating. Creating collages using fabric and simple stitches.	Creating artwork using recycled materials.
EAD – Music	Nursery rhymes – exploring pitch, pulse, tempo.	Whatever the weather – work as a group to make music.	Christmas performance	Tradition tales – to create a sequence of sounds and move to music.	Journeys – respond to symbols and write rhythms.	Minibeast – play percussion instruments.	Deep blue sea – to move to music, develop pulse and rhythm.
Artist of the term	Focus artist – Phillip Sutton			Focus artist -Andy Goldsworthy		Deborah Roberts.	
People, Culture and Communities	To know how people help us in our family and community.	Learning about our local area and community. Celebrating Diwali.	How people celebrate Christmas in different cultures. Celebrating Christmas.	Who is the King? Where does the King live? Focus on Kings and Queens.	What do farmers and gardeners do?	Comparing where we live to another country.	Talk about the features of a coastal environment and coastal safety.
Past and present	Talk about the lives of people around them and their roles in society.	Explorers – my first heroes.	Explorers – my first heroes.	Understand the past through characters and events encountered in books.	Who lives here? Know similarities and differences between now and the past.	How humans and animals grow and change over time.	Holidays in the past.
Concepts for History	Power/leadership - Don't read this book, Jill Lewis.	Conflict and invasion - The magic crayon by	Conflict and invasion - The magic crayon by	Migration and exploration - The great	Society and human rights - Rapunzel.	Settlements – On the way home by Jill Murphey	Culture and pastimes - How we

	If I were Prime Minister.	Joel Stewart. The Gruffalo.	Joel Stewart. The Gruffalo.	explorer by Chris Judge. Goldilocks. Jack and the beanstalk.		Building boy.	lived in ancient times.
MFL	Comptines et chansons	Comptines et chansons	Comptines et chansons	Les couleurs	Les couleurs	Nombre zero-dix.	Nombre zero-dix.
PE	To move safely and sensibly in a space with consideration of others.	Balance and direction	Balance and direction	Gymnastics	Dance	Ball skills	Games
RE	Learning about religion in our diverse community. Books – The kindest Red. What is Diwali? Understanding the celebration of Diwali. Book – The best Diwali ever.	Learning about religion in our diverse community. Books – The kindest Red.	What is Christmas? Understanding the celebration of Christmas. Book - Christmas around the world.	Talk about why some people belong to different religions. Book - The proudest blue.	Children begin to explore the world of religion with a focus on special people, books, times and places.	Retell stories from different faiths.	What do different religions think about God?
CLL – Communication, Language and Literacy.	Talk about their local community. Book – In every house, on every street.	Listening and following instructions.	Listening and following instructions.	Retelling familiar stories.	Talk about things that interest them. Ask questions about their learning.	Offer explanations for why things happen using new vocabulary.	Express ideas and feelings in full sentences.
GMS – Gross motor skills.	Can we explore it? Under, over, through it.	Construct models and structures using a range of materials. Den building.	Construct models and structures using a range of materials. Den building.	PE – Large apparatus.	Let's get moving.	Ball skills	Team games

FMS – Fine motor skills.	Letter formation.	Using a range of tools, techniques and different materials.	Using a range of tools, techniques and different materials.	Using tools and techniques, including scissors and joining materials.	Improving writing skills.	Using arts and crafts with care.	Letter formation Using arts and crafts with care.
PSE – Personal, Social, Emotion Development	Jigsaw - Being me in my world.	Jigsaw - Celebrating differences. Book – this is me!	Jigsaw - Celebrating differences.	Jigsaw - Dreams and Goals.	Jigsaw - Healthy me.	Jigsaw - Relationships	Jigsaw -Changing me
Pathways	Autumn term Stratford experiences pathways day – PJ's, Christmas stories and hot chocolate.	Autumn term Careers and life expectations- Nurse, police man, fire fighter.	Spring term Careers and life expectations- Artist, engineer.			Summer term Stratford Cultural Diversity pathways – Holy Trinity church and reflection in the peace garden.	