

Reception Curriculum Overview
2026-27

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Texts						
Key Questions	Who am I? How do we make friends? What happens in autumn?	How do people celebrate? What is special about light? What might we find in space?	Why do people tell stories? What happens in cold places? How are we different?	How do things move? Where does our food come from? What changes do we notice in spring?	How do living things grow? How have I changed? How do people live around the world?	What is under the sea? How can we explore the world? What will Year 1 be like?
Key Experiences and Events	Settling into Reception Baseline assessments International Dot Day Harvest celebrations Autumn	Bonfire Night Diwali Remembrance Day Christmas activities Nativity performance	Penguin Day Lunar New Year Traditional Tales Week	World Book Day Pancake Day Trip to the Farm Eid Mother's Day Spring Easter	Earth Day Planting and growing Mini-beast hunts Safari exploration	World Ocean Day Father's Day Transition visits End of year celebration



Key Rhymes & Songs	Hickory Dickory Dock Hey Diddle Diddle Sing a Song of Sixpence There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe Rub-a-Dub-Dub London Bridge is Falling Down Oranges and Lemons		Little Red Riding Hood songs Jack and the Beanstalk songs Three Little Pigs songs Goldilocks and the Three Bears songs Chinese New Year songs Winter/Snow rhymes Mr Wolf’s Favourite Feast-style rhymes		The Owl and the Pussycat Down by the Bay A Sailor Went to Sea Sea Sea Alice the Camel One Potato Two Potato The Big Ship Sails Five Currant Buns	
	Phonics					
Maths	Settling in and introducing daily routine e.g. Calendar, Self-Registration and Book Vote Match, Sort and Compare Talk about measure and patterns It’s me 1, 2, 3 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? Maniuplate, compose and decompose Sharing and grouping Visualise, build and map Make connections	
	PE		High, Low, Over, Under (gymnastics)		Games for understanding	
RE	God and Creation - Why is the word God so important to Christians?		Being special: where do we belong?		Which places are special and why?	
	Incarnation - Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?		Salvation [Easter] - Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?		Which stories are special and why?	
French	Les salutations (Greetings)		Les couleurs et les nombres (colours and numbers)		Le Cirque (The Circus)	