

Foundation Stage 1 - Autumn Term 1 Medium Term Planning 2025 - 2026



The Medium Term Plan shows key teaching points within our topic with progression in key skills personalised to the individual child's needs. The Characteristics of Effective Learning run through all areas of learning as well as opportunities for children's interests to be explored further through child-initiated and adult directed activities within the provision.

Autumn 1: Marvellous Me

Entry Point: Explore baby photos of each other

Exit Point: Create our own art faces

Key dates/events:

- No Limits Festival
- National Poetry Day
- Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Black History Month
- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Pupil Voice Week
- International Day of Democracy
- Harvest festival

Opportunities for Personal Development:

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| | Learning Journey | | | | | | |
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| | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 |
| Literacy Focus | All about me | | What makes me special? | | Who is in my family? | | |
| Area of learning | What children need to learn. Learning intentions: | | | | | | |

| Communicati on and Language | Listening and Attention | To stay at the carpet for story time. Vocabulary: eyes look forward, sit up straight, in a space, not a sound To be able to listen carefully to a story. Vocabulary: listen, author, illustrator, title, book, fairytale, story To begin to join in repeated refrains Vocabulary: first, next, then, after |
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| | Speaking | To join in the welcome song To be able to talk about likes. To be able to talk about me. To be able to talk about my family |
| Personal, Emotional and Social | Building Relationshi ps | To know the names of some friends in the class To begin to play alongside/with new people To begin to take turns in play with support To know who my key worker is. Vocabulary: teacher, children, adults, group |
| | Self regulation | To separate from their main carer at the door To know the classroom rules To know what activities I like to choose |
| | Managing Self | To learn the new routines: Washing hands, using the toilet at school Vocabulary: soap, water, hand washing, germs, clean, dirty, flush, toilet paper, lock the door, To be able to choose a snack and a drink Vocabulary: cup, pour, drink, water, milk, fruit, snack To know who will help me if I am sad Vocabulary: safe adult, friends, talk, safe space, feelings |
| | Jigsaw | Being Me in my World Knowledge |

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| Physical | Gross | To know special things about themselves To know that some people are different from themselves To know how happiness and sadness can be expressed To know that hands can be used kindly and unkindly To know that being kind is good To know they have a right to learn and play, safely and happily Social and Emotional Skills: To identify feelings associated with belonging To identify feelings of happiness and sadness To develop skills to play cooperatively with others To be able to consider others' feelings To be responsible in the setting New key vocabulary that may be introduced: Kind, Gentle, Friend, Similar, Different, Rights, Responsibilities, Feelings, Angry, Happy, Excited, Nervous, Sharing, Taking Turns, Unique. |
| Physical | Gross Motor | To begin to use the balance bikes To begin to explore the climbing apparatus To join in together time activities. (dancing, streamers, ribbon sticks) |
| | Vocabulary: | fast, slow, stop, go, balance, high, low, turn |
| | Fine Motor | Dough Disco Squiggle while you wiggle |
| | | To begin large mark making movements To develop midline movements |
| | | Enhanced Provision Sand writing, shaving foam writing, play dough faces, chalk drawings outdoors |
| Literacy | Word Reading | Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: - spot and suggest rhymes |

| | | - count or clap syllables in a word - enjoys rhythmic and musical activity with percussion instruments, actions, rhymes and songs, clapping along with the beat and joining in with words of familiar songs and nursery rhymes. |
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| | | Enhanced Provision Musical instruments - making shakers |
| | Comprehen sion | Understand the five key concepts about print: |
| | Writing | To begin making marks To begin making horizontal lines (Squiggle while you wiggle) Vocabulary: pencil, paper, sounds |
| Mathematics | Number and Numerical Patterns | Comparison 1 - More than, fewer than, same LO:To collect objects to compare amounts LO:To make simple comparisons of amounts LO:To look for collections of large and small amounts LO:Compare and talk about large and small amounts LO: To make large and small collections LO: To make collections the same Development Matters - 3 and 4-year-olds - Compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than'. Birth to 5 Matters • Range 3 - Responds to words like lots or more • Range 4 - Beginning to compare and recognise changes in numbers of things, using words like more, lots or 'same' Shape, space and measure 1 - Explore and build with shapes and objects LO:To explore and play with shapes LO: To show interest in simple differences between shapes LO: To put shapes and blocks into position LO: To select shapes for a reason LO:To begin to explore and describe natural shapes and objects LO: To look for collections of large and small |

| Understandin g the World | Past and Present | Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history |
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| | | • LO: To join in stable order counting forwards and backwards Development Matters – 3 and 4-year-olds – Recite numbers past 5. Birth to 5 Matters – Range 3 • Says some counting words • May engage in counting-like behaviour, making sounds and pointing or saying some numbers in sequence Birth to 5 Matters – Range 4 • Begins to say numbers in order, some of which are in the right order (ordinality) |
| | | LO: To join in saying some number names LO: To model saying number names in order LO: To practise saying number names in order |
| | | Counting 1 - Hear and say number names • LO: To Hear some number names |
| | | Development Matters – Birth to three – Notice patterns and arrange things in patterns. Birth to 5 Matters – Range 3 – • Joins in with and predicts what comes next in a story or rhyme • Beginning to arrange items in their own patterns, e.g. lining up toys • Enjoys using blocks to create their own simple structures and arrangements |
| | | Pattern 1 - explore repeats LO: To listen to repeats in songs and stories LO: To start to join in songs with repeats LO: To start to join in with repeats from stories LO: To Clap along to songs LO: To Make line patterns with own sequences LO: To choose blocks to build roads and towers |
| | | Development Matters – 3 and 4-year-olds – Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes. Examples of how to support this: Encourage children to play freely with blocks, shapes, shape puzzles and shape-sorters. Birth to 5 Matters – Range 3 • Pushes objects through different shaped holes, and attempts to fit shapes into spaces on inset boards or puzzles • Beginning to select a shape for a specific space • Enjoys using blocks to create their own simple structures and arrangements Birth to 5 Matters – Range 4 • Chooses puzzle pieces and tries to fit them in • Makes simple constructions |

| | To talk about what I look like now Vocabulary:face,hair,nose,eyes,mouth To talk about how I have changed from a baby. Vocabulary:baby,toddler,now,big,small Enhanced Provision Black History Month To have an awareness of Black History |
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| People, Cultures and Community | To begin to talk about changes in the weather Vocabulary: autumn, leaves, cold, wind, crisp, crunchy To talk about who lives in my house (people who are special to me) Vocabulary: family, mummy, daddy, brother, sister,pet. Enhanced Provision Construction - creating houses, home corner play |
| The Natural World | Animals, including humans To talk about parts of the body Vocabulary: head, feet, arm, feet, hand,leg To explore my new outdoor learning environment Vocabulary: explore, investigation, torch, magnets, mirror, outdoor area, indoor area, magnifying glass, weather |
| | Enhanced Provision Sand and water - exploring textures - foam, cournflour gloop, rice, pasta, herbs, scents |

| Expressive Arts and | Creating with | To become familiar with the creative area Vocabulary: paint, brush, crayons, felt tips, chalk, wax crayon, paper, glue, sellotape, box. |
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| Design | ign Materials | Enhanced Provision Making self portrait faces, Artelier faces |
| | Being Imaginative and Expressive | To listen to a range of songs and use percussion instruments. Vocabulary: beat, shake, listen, stop, rhythm |
| | | Enhanced Provision Making shakers, moving to music |