

Nursery

Building Knowledge Across the Year Progression Document

Nursery	Topic & cultural celebrations	Communication & Language	Physical Development
Autumn 1	Marvellous Me! Birthdays Harvest Festival Halloween	I listen to my teacher when working one to one. I pay attention for a short period of time when listening to a story. I imitate hand gestures, anticipate some words and begin to join in with familiar rhymes and songs. I can play alongside an adult and pay attention as play is narrated. I am beginning to talk about shared experiences from home. I can speak in phrases / sentences of 4 words or more. I discriminate a sound in my environment and name it. Teach children vocabulary and names of resources in classroom. Introduce and teach specific topic vocabulary. Word Aware Foundation for Phonics: Skills: Listening skills/Auditory Attention Auditory Discrimination (general sounds, environmental & animal sounds)	I make marks with large pens with a palmer grip. I have developed a preference for a dominant hand. I can use scissors to make snips in paper. I can drive scooters, bikes and trikes by pushing my feet. I can climb steps with alternate feet, using a hand or handrail for support. I can jump with two feet on the spot. I can roll, chase and collect a ball. I copy some aspects of whole body action rhymes. I build a tower of five or six bricks. I can squeeze and nip playdough.



		Visual Memory (Kim's Game) Auditory Memory (body percussion, instruments, voice sounds). Concepts: Teach the difference between a letter symbol and a number symbol. Teach vocabulary and to follow 'my turn' and 'your turn'. Key Vocab: listen, sound, letter symbol, number symbol, numeral	
	sery 3s Ilf term	I follow simple 1 step instructions. I understand simple sentences. I can focus on an activity of my own choice. I can make myself understood by using words or actions. I listen to other people's talk, but still often become distracted. I enjoy rhymes and songs and demonstrate listening by trying to join in.	I explore different mark making resources. I make connections between my movement and the marks I make. I can stop and change direction when walking and running. I can use stairs and steps independently.
Autumn 2	Let's Celebrate! Birthdays Fireworks Remembrance Sunday Diwali Christmas	I am beginning to listen to others one to one and in small groups. I can listen to familiar stories until the end. I remember and join in with favourite rhymes with some lines, words and actions. I participate with words, phrases or gestures when playing. I notice pictures in books and begin to talk about what I can see. I can talk about shared experiences from home.	I can make marks with different size pens with a palmer grip. I can run and freeze on command. I can take my coat off. I can use a spoon independently. I hold scissors in one hand and can make snips in paper. I can copy most aspects of whole body action rhymes. I can kick a large ball. I can roll, squeeze and nip playdough. I can jump down from a higher to a slightly lower height.



		I can use pronouns correctly, the majority of the time.	
		Introduce and teach specific topic vocabulary. Word Aware	
		Foundation for Phonics: Skills: Auditory attention & Auditory Memory for Understanding, Auditory Memory & Sequential Auditory Memory Auditory Discrimination Visual Discrimination (using listening skills to find objects) Alliteration Syllables (clapping, counting)	
		Concepts: Teach the concept of first, next, last. During mark making activities, teach up and down. Encourage children to talk in full sentences. Introduce syllables to children Key Vocab: first, next, last, up, down, sentence, syllable	
Nursery 3s 2 nd half term		I understand simple questions. I can identify action words by pointing to the right picture (e.g. who is jumping?). I can focus on an activity of my own choice but can be redirected by an adult. I can speak in phrases / sentences of 3 words or more. I am starting to develop conversation, but may still jump from topic to topic.	I look at books independently – sometimes turning more than one page at a time. I can climb stairs, using a handrail for support. I show interest in dances and songs, imitating the movement of others. I can hold and make marks with different sized pens and pencils.
Spring 1	Somewhere, beyond the sea	I can use simple sentences to explain my thoughts and needs.	I can thread cotton reels or big beads. I imitate a tooth brushing routine. I can take my coat off and put it on.



	I ask simple questions. I can follow 2 step instructions.	I can use a spoon with some adult support.
	Key Vocab: top, bottom, line, rhyme, same, nearly, end.	The second second second
	Introduce concept of rhyme (words that nearly sound the same)	
	During mark making activities, teach line, top and bottom.	
	Continue teaching first, next, last.	
	Concepts:	
	Visual Memory (memory games)	
	form)	
	Syllables (clapping, counting, saying words in syllabic	
	Semantic Sorting Rhythm & rhyme (rhyming pairs)	
	Skills:	
	Foundation for Phonics:	
	Word Awdre	
	Introduce and teach specific topic vocabulary. Word Aware	
	I clap words with 3 and 4 syllables.	I can roll, squeeze, nip and flatten playdough.
	I use pronouns correctly.	milk carton.
	attention.	I can open my milk straw independently and put it in my
	I can listen or do, but can change their own focus of	feet.
Day	at picture books & big pictures.	I jump from a higher to a lower height, landing on two
Valentine's	I can use and identify simple verbs/actions when looking	I can run at speed in an outdoor space.
Tuesday	I can talk about shared experiences from home.	I can use scissors to cut along straight lines.
Shrove	and stories.	I use a developing grip when mark making.
Year	I join in with some repeated refrains in familiar rhymes	I can use a fork and spoon independently.
Birthdays Chinese New	about my play. I can listen to longer stories.	I can hop on the spot. I can copy all aspects of a whole body action rhyme.
B' all also	I am beginning to engage in simple dialogue with others	I can catch a large ball.



Nursery 3s 3 rd half term		I am able to use action words during my play. I can speak in sentences of 3-5 words. I can look at the pictures in story books.	I look at books independently, turning pages one at a time. I show interest in dances and songs by joining in with some words and actions. I can make marks with different sized pens & pencils. I am developing a preference for a dominant hand.
Spring 2	Growing Birthdays Mother's Day Easter	I can listen to others one to one and in small groups. I can follow and complete instructions with 2 steps. I can use back and forth conversations about play. I remain attentive to the end of a book without prompts. I anticipate the ending of familiar books. I express my preferences for rhymes and know a few of these off by heart. I use verbs/action words in my everyday speech. I can find two objects or pictures from another location to match two environmental sounds. I can remember recent past events in my lifetime and talk about shared experiences from home. I demonstrate two channelled attention (can listen & do). Introduce and teach specific topic vocabulary. Word Aware Foundation for Phonics: Skills: Alliteration (initial sound sorting & matching) Listening for Meaning/Semantic Sorting Speech Sounds Introduce Oral Blending (Georgie's Gym, give instructions – e.g. get your c-oa-t or b-a-g.) Concepts:	I can drive tricycles by pedalling. I use pincer movements to pick up small items or nip malleable materials. I can hop on the spot and travel whilst hopping. I use a developing tripod grip to make marks. I can hold scissors correctly and cut out an object. I can use pressure and tools to manipulate dough to achieve an effect.



		Continue teaching first, next, last Follow 'my turn' and 'your turn' gestures Teach children that we read words. Introduce oral blending in very simple form. Key Vocab: my turn, your turn, read, blending, word,	
		sound, first sound	
Nursery 3s 4 th half term		I can speak in phrases /sentences of 4 words or more. I ask simple questions to aid my understanding. I engage in simple dialogue when playing alongside an adult. I pay attention for a short period of time when listening to a story. I am beginning to join in with some repeated phrases in books, rhymes and songs.	I can walk, run, jump and climb. I moves in response to music. I can use a fork and spoon independently. I can take my coat off and put it on my peg. I explore a range of mark making materials and am starting to give meaning to my marks.
Summer 1	Once upon a	I am beginning to understand and answer why and how	
	time	questions.	
	Birthdays	I am beginning to use connectives and 'because' in my sentences. I join in with very familiar repeated sections in books. I comment on or answer questions about illustrations in books. I know a range of rhymes and expresses preferences. I comment on busy pictures, in particular identifying and using verbs. I can remember special times and past events in my lifetime and talk about shared experiences from home. I repeat 2 phonemes, numbers, words or syllables in order in a simple activity e.g. auditory blending or a shopping list	
		Word Aware	



		Foundation for Phonics: Skills: Rhyme (rhyming string) Visual Memory (up to 3 items) Auditory Discrimination Auditory Memory Oral Blending Semantics Concepts: Introduce concept of orally blending to build a word. Continue to teach children 'my turn, your turn' for stem sentences. Continue to teach children about rhyme. Key Vocab: remember, sound, sound out, blend(ing), word.	
Nursery 3s 5 th half term		I use simple words to denote the passage of time. I attempt to use pronouns, plurals and prepositions. I can follow instructions with 3 information carrying words or phrases. I listen to stories and show understanding of what is happening by making comments. I join in with some phrases in familiar books, rhymes and songs.	I can throw a large ball. I can chase and collect a ball. I can put on my own coat. I can make marks with different sized pens – sometimes using a developing grip.
Summer 2	Out & about Birthdays	I am able to talk about events now and in the past using appropriate tenses. I can follow 3 step instructions. I am beginning to 'read along' with very familiar books. I comment on books as they are being read. I know a wide range of rhymes and have favourites.	I can drive ride on toys at speed, using the pedals and steering around obstacles. I collaborate with others to transport large items safely. I can compete in simple challenges with adult support. I can follow guided dance movements. I use a knife and fork with increased independence.



	I use talk to organise play, assign roles, direct others and choose resources. I can remember significant and past events in my lifetime and talk about shared experiences from home. I can respond appropriately to questions and hold a short reciprocal conversation with an adult. I repeat 3 phonemes, numbers, words or syllables in order in a simple activity e.g. auditory blending or a shopping list Introduce and teach specific topic vocabulary. Word Aware Foundation for Phonics: Skills: Oral blending and segmenting Initial Sounds Auditory Discrimination Auditory Memory Semantics Concepts: Oral blending. Introduce children to concept of segmenting to build words. Key Vocab: blend, first, sound, segment(ing), build, spell, word.	I can use a tripod grip to make marks, including lines and enclosed spaces. I can sequence a tooth brushing routine I can repeat the same mark making movement with control. I can play follow my leader in a small group, imitating a range of gross motor movements. I can throw a ball into a targeted area. I show increasing independence in managing buttons and zips. I can hold scissors correctly and cut out a curved object.
Nursery 3s 6 th half term	I engage in short periods of joint attention with books. I demonstrate attention when the group chants favourite rhymes. I anticipate some words in familiar rhymes.	I make marks with increasing control, sometimes using a developing grip. I can drive bikes and trikes by pushing my feet. I can climb steps with alternate feet, using a hand or handrail for support.



I play alongside an adult and pay attention as play is	I can jump with two feet on the spot.
narrated. I am beginning to talk about shared experiences from	I can jump down from a higher height, holding onto an adult's hand.
home.	I can independently put my straw into my milk carton.
	I am able to rise from squatting and run competently.
	I can roll and collect a ball. I can copy some aspects of whole body action rhymes.
	I show an increasing desire to be independent, such as
	dressing and undressing themselves.

Nursery 4s	Topic & cultural celebrations	PSED	Literacy	Phonics
Autumn 1	Marvellous	I know I need to use the toilet and communicate this to	I can maintain focus on a short book until	General Sound
	Me!	adults.	the end.	Discrimination-
		I will wash my hands with a reminder.	I show interest in the sounds adults make	Environmental
	Birthdays	I am beginning to form a bond with adults in the	when they are reading stories.	Sounds &
	Harvest	setting.	I am beginning to comment on books being	Instrumental
	Festival	I can leave my carer with some adult support.	read to me.	Sounds



	Halloween	I remember where to leave my personal items. I can parallel play, observing others and copying ideas. I can select from a small range of resources on offer. I can calm myself with some adult support.	I look at books independently, turning pages one at a time. I make marks with a range of tools and grips. I can draw a line and a circle. TFW – Baa, Baa, Black Sheep	Launchpad for Literacy
	sery 3s alf term	I am beginning to form a bond with adults in the setting. I can leave my carer with adult support. I play independently and with other children with increasing confidence. I can calm down with adult support. I show awareness that I need to use the toilet and learn to use this with adult help. With support, I will wash and dry my hands.		
Autumn 2	Let's Celebrate! Christmas Diwali Fireworks Halloween Birthdays	I am becoming more independent in using the toilet. I can wash and dry my hands. I have formed a secure bond with adults in the setting. I follow familiar classroom routines. I am beginning to make my own friends. I am beginning to engage in reciprocal play. I can locate and bring additional resources to activities to achieve a particular goal. I can remember where resources are kept. I understand the emotions happy/sad/angry.	I can draw enclosed shapes. I am beginning to give meaning to the marks I make. I understand the directional instructions up and down for mark making. I look at books independently, turning pages to find illustrations of interest. I know what sound my name starts with. I can process language to locate key features in illustrations. TFW – Dear Zoo	General Sound Discrimination Instrumental Sounds Body Percussion Launchpad for Literacy
	sery 3s alf term	I show awareness that I need to use the toilet and am beginning to communicate this to adults. I have formed a secure bond with adults in the setting and am becoming more outgoing.	THE DECIFICATION	



		I find ways to manage transitions, for example when		
		leaving my parent or carer.		
		I remember where to leave my personal items.		
		I can play on my own and with other children.		
		I use some words or phrases during role play.		
Spring 1	Somewhere,	I can use the toilet independently, managing my	I remain engaged from the beginning to the	Rhythm and
	beyond the	clothing and washing and drying my hands without a	end of short books.	Rhyme
	sea	reminder.	I can make comments about illustrations as a	
		I can take turns with verbal prompts from adults.	story is being shared.	Launchpad for
	Birthdays	I develop ways to calm myself and use these with adult	I show preferences for stories and have	Literacy
	Shrove	support.	some favourites.	
	Tuesday	I can increasingly follow rules and understand why	I understand & follow the directional	
	Valentines	these are important.	instructions up, down and across for mark	
	Day	I can follow an adult's modelling of resilience when I	making.	
	Chinese New	face a challenge.	I give meaning to the marks I make.	
	Year	I can identify and talk about how I am feeling –	I am beginning to associate print with	
		happy/sad/angry/worried.	meaning.	
		I understand the emotion cards and use the calm area,	I recognise the first letter in my name and	
		sometimes with adult support.	am beginning to write this.	
		I enjoy doing small tasks and taking responsibility by		
		being Star of the Day.	TFW – Jack Frost	
		I am confident to leave my carer, with minimal adult		
		support.		
Nur	sery 3s	I know that I need to use the toilet and am learning to		
3 rd ha	alf term	use this with increasing independence.		
		I can wash and dry my hands with a reminder from an		
		adult.		
		I am beginning to show effortful control, for example		
		waiting for my turn or lining up.		
		I can tell adults when I am feeling happy or sad.		
Spring 2	Growing	I can spontaneously take turns with others.	I remain engaged from the beginning to the	Alliteration
			end of longer books.	



Birthdays Mother's Day		I can discuss with an adult how to make things fair in	I am beginning to participate in the	Oral blending
	Mother's Day Easter	play situations and discussions. I know and follow familiar classroom routines. I can choose, use and put away the tools and materials I need to achieve a goal. I am beginning to talk about ways to make myself feel better when I am upset. I recognise kindness in others. I enjoy doing small tasks and taking responsibility by being Star of the Day.	repetitive features of familiar books. I can turn the pages of books from the beginning to the end and mimic an adult reading some parts of the story. I can answer closed questions as a book is being shared. I can name the different parts of books — front cover. I join in with sections of familiar rhymes with words and actions. I recognise 4-5 examples of environmental print such as shop and food logos. I can make continuous linear and circular marks on a range of scales. I can write the initial letter and am beginning to imitate writing the rest of the letters in my name. I understand and follow the directional instructions up, down, across and around, for mark making.	Launchpad for Literacy
Nursery 3s 4 th half term		I can use the toilet with increasing independence. I can wash and dry my hands without a reminder from an adult. I am confident to leave my carer. I show increasing effortful control, for example waiting for my turn or lining up. I am confident to ask adults for help.	TFW – Humpty Dumpty	
Summer 1	Once upon a time	I can follow classroom rules without reminders.	I participate in the repetitive features of familiar books.	Rhyme



I car was Nursery 3s	an use the toilet independently, and remember to	bottom for mark making. TFW – Three Little Pigs	
Birthdays que I car elab I res mov I car I be I she I car emo I car am I en	estions during large group activities. In play with another child, extending and borating ideas. Is solve conflict by accepting simple resolutions and bying on with play. In use some self-soothing and calming techniques if ecome upset. In ow some resilience when I face a challenge. In use a small range of adjectives to describe the options in a story, or how a friend may be feeling. In talk about ways to make myself feel better when I upset, with some adult support. Injoy doing small tasks and taking responsibility by ng Star of the Day.	I suggest what might happen next in a story from memory. I can name the different parts of books — front and back cover. I recognise 5-6 examples of environmental print from the immediate locality. I know a few complete rhymes by heart. I can match a rhyming pair. I make marks, including strings of symbols and ascribe meaning to them. I can write letters in an order which is approximate to my name. I notice familiar letter symbols in the environment. I understand and follow the directional instructions up, down, across, around, top,	Voice sounds Oral Blending & Segmenting Launchpad for Literacy



Summer 2 Out and		I can articulate simple rules to other children.	I can name my favourite books and talk	Oral Blending
	about	I use a range of adjectives to describe feelings of	about the main events and characters.	& Segmenting
		friends and characters in books and films.	I can name the different parts of books –	
	Birthdays	I help to find solutions to problems with the aid of an	front cover, back cover and blurb.	Launchpad for
		adult.	I suggest what might happen next in	Literacy
		I can talk about ways to make myself feel better when I	unfamiliar books, drawing on the plot so far.	
		am upset.	I have a repertoire of familiar rhymes.	
		I can play turn taking games.	I can complete a rhyming string.	
		I am spontaneously kind to others.	I use imitative writing during role play.	
		I understand that some actions can hurt or harm	I can write the symbols in my name, in the	
		others and begin to exercise some self-control.	correct order.	
		I enjoy doing small tasks and taking responsibility by	I can understand and follow the directional	
		being Star of the Day.	instructions up, down, across, around, top,	
			bottom and curl for mark making.	
			TFW – The Train Ride	
		I can access resources with limited adult support.		
		I can parallel play, observing others and copying ideas.		
		I can select from a small range of resources on offer		
		within a single activity.		
Nursery 3s		I can calm myself with adult support.		
6 th half term		I am beginning to show confidence by being Star of the		
		Day.		
		I am beginning to express emotions – e.g. "I am sad		
		because" "I am happy because".		



Nursery	Cultural celebrations	Mathematics	Understanding of the World	Home, Doctor's
Autumn 1	Marvellous Me! Birthdays Harvest Festival Halloween	I can sort objects into sets, using my own criteria. I can process simple positional language during play. I am able to match pairs and demonstrate a grasp of commonality. I use some language of size during child initiated play. I recognise some basic shapes and can name circle & triangle. I can describe simple patterns (zig zag, swirls, dots etc). I can say some numbers in order (string of 3). Maths Mastery – Colours, sorting and matching	I know that birthdays are celebrated and know how old I am. I can collect and transport resources. I engage in sensory activities. I can use a small range of action and reaction toys. I understand and respond appropriately to carpet time, snack time and home time. I can name the people who live in my house.	
Autumn 2	Let's Celebrate! Birthdays Halloween Fireworks Remembrance Sunday Diwali Christmas	I can count sets within and up to 3 using 1:1 correspondence. I can sort groups of objects into identical sets, using a given criteria. I can compare two objects, identifying which one is big and which is small. I can name an ABAB pattern. I can continue an ABAB linear pattern. I can build with different sized and shaped blocks and am able to use some related shape vocabulary.	I know that different occasions are celebrated and I can share my own experiences. (Birthdays/Fireworks night/Halloween/Christmas) I can use the adjectives hard and soft to describe the properties of natural materials. I can choose and use range of action and reaction toys. I understand the vocabulary 'push' associated with cause and effect. I understand the visual timetable as a sequence of events. I understand the terms now and next.	Witch's cave, Vet's, House (celebrating a birthday), House (celebrating Christmas)



		I show some understanding of positional language during play and can place an item on top and under another object. I can name the 2D shapes circle, triangle, rectangle & square. I use 5 Frames to aid counting. Maths Mastery – Number 1, number 2, subitisng	I know that trees lose their leaves in Autumn. I show interest in different occupations and begin to take on a role during role play activities. I can name the special people in my life and begin to talk about experiences with them. I can draw a picture of my house.	
		and pattern		
Spring 1	Somewhere, beyond the sea Christmas Birthdays Chinese New Year Shrove Tuesday Valentine's Day	I can link numerals to sets within 3. I can subitise within 3. I can count accurately to 5 I can show sets on my fingers within 5. I show some understanding of positional language during play and can place an item on top, under and behind another object. I can name the 2D shapes circle, square, rectangle, triangle, & semi-circle. I can make pictures with 2D shapes, narrating my choices with an informal description of properties. I can make towers that are bigger and smaller than another. I use 5 Frames to aid counting. Maths Mastery – Number 3, number 4, number 5, subitising and composition	I know that different occasions are celebrated and I can share my own experiences. (Christmas/New Year/Birthdays/Shrove Tuesday/Valentine's Day) I know that plants grow from seeds. I understand the vocabulary 'push and pull' associated with cause and effect. I understand that sand timers are used as a measurement of time. I can talk about the sequence of the visual timetable I can talk about ice, frost and snow when playing outdoors. I can talk about myself and what I look like. I can draw pictures of my family. I can use the adjectives rough, smooth & spiky to describe the textures of everyday materials. I know that people have different occupations and	Polar Explorers, Health centre, Chinese Restaurant, Seaside café
Spring 2	Growing	I can link numerals to sets within 5. I can subitise within 4.	I know that different occasions are celebrated and I can share my own experiences.	
	Birthdays Mother's Day Easter	I can count backwards from 3-0.	(Birthdays/Mother's Day/Easter) I can draw pictures of my family and talk about my experiences with them.	



		I show some understanding of positional language	I can remember and talk about recent past events.	Babies,
		during play and can place an item on top, under,	I can say the days of the week in order (Mon – Sun)	Farm shop
		behind and in front of another object.	I know that plants need water and sunlight to	•
		I can name the 2D shapes circle, square, rectangle,	grow.	
		triangle, semi-circle, oval & hexagon.	I can give very simple explanations about how	
		I can use 2D shapes appropriately to create simple	things work.	
		representations.	I can talk about what my friend looks like.	
		I can process language to fill and empty containers	I can use the vocabulary push, pull and twist during	
		(full/empty/half way).	play.	
		I can create structures that are longer and shorter	I can use simple mechanisms such as cogs &	
		than another.	wheels.	
		I can compare small sets of objects by processing	I can talk about simple sequenced events using	
		the language of 'more' and 'fewer'.	pictures.	
		I demonstrate and can articulate mathematical	I can talk about some of the differences between	
		reasoning	home and Nursery.	
		Maths Mastery – Consolidation of number, number		
		6, height & length, mass, capacity		
	Once upon a	I can count accurately to 5 and am beginning to	I know that different occasions are celebrated and	3 bears
	time	count beyond this.	can share my own experiences.	cottage
		I can show sets to 5 on my fingers and am beginning	I can talk about the way a plant grows and changes	
	Birthdays	to show amounts beyond this.	over time.	
		I can subitise within 5.	I can draw a picture of a plant.	
		I recognise numerals 0-5.	I can create my own action and reaction games	
		I can count backwards from 5-0.	such as water flow structures, obstacle courses or	
		I can use a number frame to represent numbers to	ramps.	
Summer 1		3.	I can talk about where I live.	
		Can compare groups of objects, using the language	I know that people have different occupations and	
		'more' & 'fewer'.	can talk about what they may do in their jobs.	
		I can use measurement vocabulary during play -	I can sort everyday objects by their materials	
		heavy, tall, big, tiny, full, empty.	(wood/plastic).	



		I can compare lengths by aligning and comparing objects using language of longer, taller & shorter. I can describe the properties of 2D shapes - sides, corners, straight, curved. I can recognise the 3D shapes cube, cylinder & sphere. Maths Mastery – Sequencing, positional language,	I can talk about events that will happen in the future. I can sequence simple events with 3 steps.	
		more than/fewer, 2D shape, 3D shape		
	Out and about	I can use a number frame or Numicon to represent numbers to 5. I can count accurately to 10.	I know that different occasions are celebrated and I can share my own experiences. I can sort everyday objects and can describe their	Camping Corner shop
Summer 2	Birthdays	I can count accurately to 10. I can count backwards from 10-0. I can recognise numerals 0-5 and place these in order. Can subitise numbers within 5 and am beginning to subitise beyond this. I use a few of my own symbols and marks to represent mathematical experiences. I can correct an error in an ABAB pattern. I can create and continue linear patterns. I can recognise the 3D shapes cube, cylinder and sphere in the everyday environment. I can describe the properties of 3D shapes – solid, faces, corners, straight, curved. Maths Mastery – Number composition, 1 more, 1 less, consolidation of number concepts	I can sort everyday objects and can describe their properties. I can explain the way a plant grows a stage at a time and name the parts roots, stem and flower. I can talk about different occupations and enact these during role play. I can sequence simple events with 4 or more steps. I can talk about where I live and the immediate surrounding area. I can use everyday vocabulary related to time.	shop Seaside shop



	Topic, books,	
Nursery	cultural	Expressive Arts and Design
•	celebrations	·
Autumn 1	Marvellous	Skills – Using Materials:
	Me!	I can make marks with a range of tools and grips, in a side
		to side motion.
	Birthdays	I can draw a line and a circle.
	Harvest	I can make marks in paint using my fingers and hands.
	Festival	I can name the primary colours red and blue.
	Halloween	I can build with different sized and shaped blocks.
		I can balance 3 bricks on top of one another.
		I can squeeze and nip playdough.
		I can use scissors to make snips in paper.
		Role Play:
		I can use props appropriately during simple domestic role
		play.
		I can play alongside an adult and pay attention as play is
		narrated.
		I show an interest in other children's play.
		I can explore small world toys and play with these
		appropriately.
		Music:
		I respond to music with movement,
		I show interest in the sounds that musical instruments
		make.
		I am beginning to join in with familiar songs and rhymes.
Autumn 2	Let's	Skills – Using Materials:
	Celebrate!	I can name the colours red, blue and yellow.
		I can match objects by their colour.
	Birthdays	I hold scissors in one hand and can make snips in paper.
	Halloween	I can rip paper.
	Fireworks	



	Remembrance	I experiment with using different colours when colouring
	Sunday	in or drawing.
	Diwali	I can draw a line, moving from top to bottom.
	Christmas	I can draw across the page, moving up and down and side
	Ciliistillas	to side.
		I am beginning to build for a purpose using different construction materials.
		I can balance 5 bricks on top of one another.
		I can roll playdough into a sausage shape and cut it with a playdough tool.
		I can use a glue stick to join paper.
		Role Play:
		I participate with words, phrases or gestures when
		playing.
		I can use objects to represent props during role play.
		I show interest in other children's play and am beginning
		to join in.
		I can use small world toys to create simple stories.
		Music:
		I join in with the words to some familiar songs and rhymes.
		I can create sounds by rubbing, shaking, banging or
		tapping musical instruments.
		I can copy different movements (clap/stamp/jump)
Spring 1	Somewhere,	Skills – Using Materials:
	beyond the	I use construction materials to make enclosures and
	sea	create spaces.
		I can thread cotton reels or big beads.
	Christmas	I can look closely and copy a simple duplo model.
	Birthdays	I can name the colours red, blue, yellow, white & black.



	Chinese New	I explore mixing different colours and comment on how
	Year	they have changed.
	Shrove	I can draw a zig zag, moving up/down/up/down.
	Tuesday	I can describe simple patterns (zig zag, swirls, dots etc).
	Valentine's	I can tell you what I want to draw or paint.
	Dav	I can make bigger images.
		I can use scissors to cut along a straight line.
		I can rip card
		I can tear paper.
		I can use sellotape from a dispenser to join paper.
		I can use a glue spreader and PVA glue to join materials.
		I can imprint objects into playdough.
		Role Play:
		I use sound effects during my play (e.g. brum for a car).
		I include others in my play narrative.
		I use blocks and loose parts to enhance my small world
		play.
		Music:
		I can follow some basic guided dance movements.
		I explore a range of musical instruments and talk about
		the different sounds they make.
		I know and join in with most of the words of a familiar
		song.
Spring 2	Growing	Skills – Using Materials:
		I use lines, enclosed shapes and colours to represent
	Birthdays	objects.
	Mother's Day	I can make smaller images.
	Easter	I am beginning to use different colours when colouring in
		or drawing.
		I can paint or draw a self-portrait.
		I can name the colours purple, orange and green.
		I can mix paint to create new colours.



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		I can name an ABAB pattern.
		I can tear masking tape and use it to join materials.
		I understand what I need to join different materials.
		I can thread small beads or pasta.
		I can hold scissors correctly and cut out objects with a
		straight side.
		I can fold paper.
		I can tear card.
		I can join different materials using tape *sellotape &
		masking tape.
		I can create sand moulds.
		Role Play:
		I can use a wider range of objects as props in spontaneous
		story telling.
		I include others in my play and am beginning to attach
		roles to different people.
		I can create imaginative stories with small world figures.
		Music:
		I can independently sing most parts of familiar songs &
		rhymes.
		I can copy a simple rhythm.
Summer 1	Once upon a	Skills – Using Materials:
	time	I am beginning to use colours appropriately when
		colouring in.
	Birthdays	I use mark making tools to make simple representational
		drawings.
		I can use mark making tools to add details to pictures.
		I can name the colours purple, orange and green.
		I know which colours to mix to make purple, orange and
		green.
		I can paint or draw something as directed.
		I can create a pattern with circles and dots.



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		I can continue an ABAB linear pattern.
		I revisit and refine models I have built.
		I can fold paper in half.
		I can make an arch from paper.
		I can hold scissors correctly and turn paper to cut out a
		straight lined object.
		I can explore different junk modelling materials and can
		join materials using glue and tape.
		I can make balls from playdough.
		Role Play:
		I take on and speak in role during imaginative play.
		Music:
		I can pitch match an adult when singing songs (high, low,
		quiet, loud).
		I can join in with the actions of dancing and ring games.
Summer 2	Out & about	Skills – Using Materials:
		I can name the colours red, blue, yellow, white, black,
	Birthdays	purple, orange, green, pink and brown.
		I know which colours to mix to make purple, orange,
		green, brown and pink.
		I can mix colours together for a purpose.
		I can use colours appropriately when drawing or painting,
		for example green for grass and blue for sky.
		I can use mark making tools to create more detailed
		representational drawings.
		I can make thick and thin lines.
		I can paint a self-portrait with developmentally
		appropriate details.
		I can create and continue linear patterns using 2D and 3D
		repeats.
		I can tell you what I want to make and choose appropriate
		materials to create this.



I can make an imaginary creature or character using materials of my choice.

I can choose and use tools for a purpose and can explain my choices.

I can join 2 pieces of card using split pins.

I can hold scissors correctly and cut out a curved object.

Role Play:

I generate simple stories inspired by props and small world figures.

I can play cooperatively with others, taking on different roles in response to dialogue.

I use talk to organise play, assign roles, direct others and choose resources.

Music:

I can remember and sing 1 entire song or nursery rhyme. I can change the pitch of my voice when I am singing.

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