

Reception Overview

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Marvellous Me	Once Upon a Time	Are We There Yet?	Adventure Is Out There	Ready, Steady, Grow	Saving the World
General Theme (these may be adapted/ developed to follow the children's interests)	All about me – my name, what I look like, my birthday, what I like. My family, special people in my life. My pets. My new class, my new school – new beginnings. Human body – staying healthy/ food. What am I good at? How do I feel? How do I make others feel? Being kind/ staying safe.	Exploring a range of fairy tales and nursery rhymes. Story telling and retelling. Differences between past and present. Christmas. The Nativity.	Vehicles past and present. How people travel. How vehicles work. Designing own vehicles. Space.	Journeys. Exploring different countries. Under the sea. Looking at the globe and maps. Where do we live in the UK/ the world? Sending a postcard. Weather and climate. Drawing own maps.	Plants and flowers. Growing bean, potatoes, sunflowers. Lifecycles – caterpillars. What do plants and animals need? Habitats. How the children have changed from babies to now. Animals and their young.	Superheroes – factual and fictional. People who help us – at school, in the community. What makes a superhero? Superpowers. Sustainability – reduce, reuse, recycle.
Possible Texts	*Owl Babies *Elmer *The Telling Tree *The Colour Monster *Super Duper You *Funnybones *Can I Build Another Me? *Only One You *Your Fantastic, Elastic Brain *The Dot *You Choose *Homes *Let's Make Faces	Fairy tales and nursery rhymes including: *Humpty Dumpty *Queen of Hearts *Magic Porridge Pot *Little Red Hen *Gingerbread Man *Three Little Pigs *Goldilocks *The Jolly Postman *The Jolly Christmas Postman *Previously	*The Naughty Bus *Mr Gumpy's Outing *Oi! Get Off Our Train! *Mrs Armitage on Wheels *Emma Jane's Aeroplane *The Hundred Decker Bus *The Runaway Train *All Kinds of Cars *Whatever Next *The Way Back Home *Bob, The Man on the Moon *Beegu *The Smeds and the Smoods	*Journey *We're Going on a Bear Hunt *Rosie's Walk *Lost and Found *Handa's Surprise *Here We Are *Welcome to Our World *Commotion in the Ocean *The Snail and the Whale *Hello World *What the Ladybird Heard/ at the Seaside	*Jack and the Beanstalk *The Very Hungry Caterpillar *The Growing Story *The Tiny Seed *Sunflower House *Oliver's Vegetables *Jasper's Beanstalk *Titch *Once There Were Giants *Ten Seeds	*Supertato *A Superhero Like You *My Mum is a Supermum *Superworm *Super Daisy *Somebody Swallowed Stanley *George Saves the World by Lunchtime *Greta and the Giants *Mother Earth is Weeping

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Wow moments	Collecting eggs from the chickens	Making porridge in the woods. Once Upon a Time Day. Walk to the post box. Christmas Performance.	Space Day.	100 Day Celebrations. Walk in the community – Bucklers' Park?	Butterfly release. Visit of a baby.	Evil Pea hunt. Fire station visit. Police visit to school. Superhero Day.
Festivals/ special times	Harvest Festival (8.10)	Diwali (4.11) Bonfire Night (5.11) Remembrance Day (11.11) Stir Up Sunday (21.11) Christmas (25.12)	New Year (1.1) Chinese New Year (1.2)	Shrove Tuesday (1.3) 100 Days of School (3.3) World Book Day (3.3) Mother's Day (27.3) Easter (17.4)		Father's Day (19.6)
Cooking opportunities	Face biscuits Harvest loaf	Jam tarts Bread Gingerbread Men Christmas pudding	Chinese stir fry	Pancakes	Scones (using herbs from our garden)	Fruit kebabs
Now or Then? opportunities	Family trees. Transition from nursery to school.	Questions arising from fairy tales – clothes, milk from a cow, baking own bread, cooking on a fire, letters v emails/ texts.	How and why travel and transport has changed. George Stephenson Wright Brothers	Christopher Columbus Amy Johnson	How the children have changed from babies. Life cycles.	Florence Nightingale
Here or There? opportunities	My house. My new school. The school grounds.	My address. The area outside the school.	Solar system. No oxygen in space. Different temperatures. Different vehicles to travel to different places.	Where I live and where it is in the country. Different countries and climates. Maps and globes. Different creatures live under the sea.	Climates in different countries – what types of plants grow where. Different habitats.	
Scientific questions	What makes my heart beat faster? Why is it so important that we wash our hands?	How can we protect Humpty Dumpty? What would happen to the Gingerbread Man if he fell in the river?	How can we make vehicles go faster? Can we make a boat that will float?	What will sink and what will float? How can we make ice melt?	What happens during the lifecycle of a butterfly? What do plants/ humans need to grow?	How does jelly change? Do frozen peas melt?

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Seasons	Autumn	Autumn/ Winter	Winter	Spring	Spring	Summer
	Observations of 'our tree', how it changes throughout the year. Signs of the seasons throughout the year. Weather observations.					
Discovery RE	Special People What makes people special?	Christmas What is Christmas?	Celebrations How do people celebrate?	Easter What is Easter?	Story Time What can we learn from stories?	Special Places What makes places special?
	(Christianity, Judaism)	(Christianity)	(Islam, Judaism)	(Christianity)	(Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism)	(Christianity, Islam, Judaism)
Jigsaw themes	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
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