

Our Learning Through the Year

Learning linked to the world around us, such as the changing seasons and weather, form an ongoing part of the children's learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage. Within this we embrace festivals, celebrations, national events and the wider community in our planning.

Additional focuses for learning in Early Years Foundation Stage follow the interests of the children and will develop throughout the year in response to the children's needs.

Autumn			Winter			Spring			Summer	
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July
Starting Nursery Me and my family	Harvest	November 5 th Diwali	Christmas		Planting Chinese New Year	Easter Growing and Life Cycles			Eid	Sports Day
In caterpillars (some experiences e.g. fire safety will be limited to children who will understand and benefit from the experience)										
Looking for signs of Autumn			Embracing frosty/snowy days and snowy winter walks winter craft activities introduction to exploring ice			looking for signs of spring			Outings in the locality Morrisons, park, library, town, shops, station	
Introduction to Nursery Who am I? Meeting new friends Safety week	Exploring Pumpkins and gourds Harvesting in the kitchen garden	Nov 5 th fire safety introduction to Divali - coloured sand coloured fabrics	Decorate with children cards visit from Santa Christmas biscuits Christmas party sensory tent whole school church visit for nativity	Introduction to Nursery Who am I? Meeting new friends Safety week	Introduction to Chinese New Year dragon dance decorations food tasting domestic role play editions	Bug Hunting egg hunts nest cakes Easter cards whole school Easter celebration	Introduction to Nursery Who am I? Meeting new friends Safety week Broad Bean planting	Planting with parents - Sunflowers	Developing Independence	Sensory focus beach play and water play ice cream store introduction to sports day and toddler race

In Butterflies (Some children, those with birthdays in the Autumn and spring term spend an additional two or one term in Butterfly Class. Staff are mindful of this and build on these experiences supporting children to make connections and broaden their experiences)

<p>All About Me</p> <p>learning about my body self-portraits learning about my family Learning through my senses Going on a bear hunt Owl babies diversity in families harvesting in the kitchen garden healthy eating – healthy lunches parent workshop</p>	<p>All About Me</p> <p>exploring my emotions and the emotions of other harvesting in the kitchen garden making soup room on the broom all about pumpkins</p>	<p>Different people, different special days</p> <p>November the 5th fire safety toasting marshmallows</p> <p>Diwali story my first Diwali rangoli patterns mehndi patterns Hindu dance</p> <p>introducing Hanukkah</p> <p>Staying safe week pants fire</p>	<p>Christmas</p> <p>Christmas decorating with children making decorations Christmas songs Nativity visiting the church Santa role play Christmas themed domestic role play nativity wildly stained glass biscuits peppermint creams</p>	<p>All About Animals</p> <p>animal encounters Daisy comparing animals animals and their babies animal prints and patterns small world animals</p>	<p>Continuing All About Animals</p> <p>Chinese New Year the story of Chinese New Year dragon dance Lantern making red envelopes saying hello pancake day pancake day race Safety Week the pants rule road safety visiting the Mart</p>	<p>Traditional Tales</p> <p>good and bad characters in stories numbers in numerals the Three Little Pigs the three Billy goats gruff Goldilocks and the three bears comparing sizes comparing sounds building bridges making porridge comparing building materials role-playing traditional tales making gingerbread men small world play using traditional tale characters</p> <p>An introduction to the festival of Holi</p>	<p>Traditional Tales and Growing</p> <p>Jack and the Beanstalk growing runner beans growing other fruits and vegetable comparing seeds plants sizes and colours titch Handa's surprise fruit tasting learning about another climate hot</p>	<p>Growing and Change</p> <p>caring for seeds and seedlings tasting fruits and vegetables</p>	<p>Minibeasts Learning About Life Cycles</p> <p>caterpillars exploring the worlds of mini beast describing identifying naming and comparing</p> <p>An introduction to the festival of Eid visiting a mosque take me a trip on a train</p>	<p>Transitions and Starting School</p> <p>sports day races rules and being a good sport trying out new physical activities</p> <p>focus on sand and water play investigation and exploration take a trip on the ferry</p>
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Songs and Stories

We know how important it is for children to have favourite stories and songs. The stories and songs that children know in the early years will be the foundation of their love of reading. Stories and rhymes expose children to the wider world, to different characters, themes, new ideas and emotions. Rhyming stories and songs as well as those with patterned language, encourage children's developing auditory awareness thereby preparing them for the teaching of Phonics in Reception.

Core Favourite Stories for our 3 and 4 year old Butterfly class

Tiger who came to tea
Gruffalo
Elmer
Owl babies
We're going on a bear hunt
Dear Zoo
The very Hungry Caterpillar

Core Favourite Stories for our 2 year olds in Caterpillar class

The very Hungry Caterpillar
Owl Babies
We're going on a bear hunt
That's not my...

Core favourite songs in our 2 year olds, Caterpillar class

Wheels on the Bus
Twinkle Twinkle
Walking through the Jungle
Humpty Dumpty

Core Favourite Songs for our 3 and 4 year olds, Butterfly class

Nursery Rhymes	Number Songs	Action Songs	Favourite Songs
<i>Twinkle Twinkle</i> Incy Wincy Wind the bobbin up <i>Humpty Dumpty</i> Grand old duke of york Row row row your boat Baa baa black sheep	5 speckled frogs 5 little Ducks 5 little monkeys 5 little men in a flying saucer 12345, once I caught a fish alive 2 little Dickie birds 10 in the Bed	Heads shoulders knees and toes If you're Happy and you know it Copy me do	Old Macdonald <i>The wheels on the bus</i> Sleeping bunnies Tiny caterpillar on a leaf Goldilocks <i>Walking through the Jungle</i>

A Year of stories In Butterfly Class

As the children get older we carefully select additional books that we hope will help the children engage with and make sense of new learning experiences linked to the times of year and predictable interests. These are the key books and stories our Butterfly class plan to use each half term.

Funny bones The Family book Peepo Owl babies Room on a broom We're going on a bear hunt	Stickman Leafman Shhh	Jack Frost Pig in the pond Duck in the truck Rumble in the Jungle Dear Zoo The animal Boogie	Traditional tales Billy goats 3 little pigs Goldilocks Gingerbread man Mr Wolfs Pancakes We're going on an egg hunt	Oliver's vegetables Oliver's vegetables Handa's Surprise Titch	Eric Carle The Very Hungry Caterpillar Busy Spider Bad tempered lady bird
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