

Early Years Curriculum Overview – Reception 2025 – 2026

Weeks	Autumn 1 3/9 – 23/10 8 weeks	Autumn 2 4/11 – 19/12 7 weeks	Spring 1 6/1 – 13/2 6 weeks	Spring 2 23/2 – 27/3 5 weeks	Summer 1 13/4 – 22/5 6 weeks	Summer 2 1/6 – 17/7 7 weeks
	I wonder what is special about Autumn and Winter?		I wonder what happens in Spring?		I wonder what changes in Summer?	
	All About Me and My World		Growth and Change		Journeys and Exploration	
	<i>Phased start</i>	<i>Bonfire Night 5/11 Odd Socks Day 10/11 Remembrance 11/11</i>	<i>Lunar New Year 29/1</i>	<i>Ramadan 28/2 Pancake Day 4/3 World Book Day 5/3 Eid Al Fitr 30/3</i>		<i>International Week Sports Day</i>
1-2	Settling in, all about me, school routines, forming friendships, seasonal changes DC Invisible String	Seasonal celebrations seasonal changes (bonfire, odd socks, remembrance) DC Elmer	New Year routines, Seasonal celebrations DC We're Going on a Bear Hunt (initial map work)	Seasonal celebrations DC Supertato	Seasonal changes, animals and growth DC Superworm	Seasonal changes Journeys DC Tiddler
3-4	Family and identity, houses and homes, school and class charters DC Billy Goat's Gruff	People who help us, road safety DC You Can't Call an Elephant in an Emergency	Seasonal changes, weather DC The Three Little Pigs	Introduction to plants, parts of a plant, planting seeds Sam Plants a Sunflower DC Little Red Riding Hood	Local area, map DC Martha Maps it Out	Transport, travelling, different types of vehicles DC There's a Tiger on the Train
5-6	Exploring emotions DC Colour Monster	Seasonal changes DC The Gruffalo Cooking (Owl Toast, Gruffalo Crumble)	Healthy Eating, science focus, food tasting DC Oliver's Vegetables	Eid Al Fitr Cooking Little Red Riding Hood (contd)	Journey through time Dinosaurs DC If I had a Dinosaur	Maps, world maps, where in the world will we go? DC Aliens Love Underpants
7-8	Seasonal celebrations Pumpkins, Diwali Seasonal changes DC Little Glow	Celebrations and traditions Performances to parents DC The Gruffalo (contd) Seasonal changes The Snow Thief				