

using mark making tools.

Get Set 4 PE: Introduction to PE – Unit 2

(Getting to know Ourselves and Space)

Children will accurately draw lines, circles and

Get Set 4 PE: Dance – Unit 2 (Seaside /

shapes to draw pictures.

Fireworks / Farm)

and climb.

effectively.

Fine Motor Skills

Children will handle scissors, pencil and glue

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Children will use cutlery appropriately.

Get Set 4 PE: Gymnastics – Unit 2 (Fairy Tales)

Fine Motor Skills

small shapes.

Children will hold scissors correctly and cut out

Get Set 4 PE: Ball Skills - Unit 2 (Weather)

Children will form letters correctly using a tripod

Get Set 4 PE: Fundamentals – Unit 2 (Circus /

Safari / Jungle - Around the World)

	Autumn Term			Spring Term		Summer Term				
Theme	Autumn 1 – All About Me	Autumn 2 – Light and Dark	Spring 1 – Hot and Cold	Spring 2 – Tell Me a Story	Summer 1 – Come Outside!	Summer 2 – Let's Go on an Adventure!				
Other Possible Themes	People Who Help Us Our Local Area Our Families Learning Animals - 7 Habits Harvest Festival	Autumn Diwali Christmas Bonfire Night Children in Need Remembrance Day Road Safety Friendship Week Space Electricity through Time	Pets Valentine's Day Chinese New Year Arctic Animals Freezing and Melting Hot and Cold Places Looking after Ourselves	Pancake Day Comic Relief Mother's Day Easter Fairytale Week International Women's Day World Book Day	Gardening Plants and Animals Life Cycles Minibeasts David Attenborough Eid Al-Fitr	Holidays Lifeguards Mermaids Looking after the Ocean Transport Father's Day Sports Day World Oceans Day Journeys Travel and Transport over Time				
Enrichment Activities	Phonics Workshop for Parents Family Share a Book sessions Invite people in who help us e.g. Firefighter, Dentist, Nurse Making Vegetable Soup Animal Experience - Hedgehogs and Owls	Diwali Carousel Day / Making Food for Diwali Christmas Performance Family Share a Book sessions Odd Sock Day / Anti-Bullying Week Christmas Carousel Day Christmas Performance	Chinese New Year Carousel Day Chinese New Year Parade Special People Day – Invite someone you love into school / Heart shaped cookie making Melting chocolate to make crispy cakes Freezing apple juice to make sorbet Family Share a Book sessions	Invite Mum / Grandma / Auntie into school for Mother's Day Celebration / Make Scones Parents invited in to make Easter bonnets – Easter Parade / Easter Egg Hunt Theatre Group / Storytelling Group / Dressing up as Fairytale Character Family Share a Book sessions Making Pancakes Easter carousel Day	School trip? Local area? Family Share a Book sessions Gardening Club	Invite Dad / Grandad / Uncle into school for Father's Day celebrations – Make Cake Invite parents in to talk about their jobs Sports Activities Family Share a Book sessions End of Year Celebration with Parents				
Communication and Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will be able to understand how to listen carefully and know why it is important.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will begin to understand how and why questions.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will learn to ask questions to find out more.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will retell a story and follow a story without pictures or props.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will be able to understand a question such as who, what, where, when, why and how.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will be able to have conversations with adults and peers with back-and-forth exchanges.				
9	Speaking Children will talk in front of small groups and their teacher offering their own ideas.	Speaking Children will use new vocabulary throughout the day.	Speaking Children will talk in sentences using conjunctions, e.g. and, because.	Speaking Children will engage in non-fiction books and to use new vocabulary in different contexts.	Speaking Children will use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.	Speaking Children will use talk in sentences using a range of tenses.				
Communication and Language is developed throughout the year through high quality interactions, daily group discussions, circle times, stories, singing, speech and language / NELI interventions, Talk for Writing and Tapestry Time.	understanding. Hold conversation when engaged Speaking: Participate in small group, class and o	d in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher an	d peers.	read to and during whole class discussions and smoons for why things might happen, making use of recuith modelling and support from their teacher.						
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Self-Regulation Children will be able to follow one-step instructions.	Self-Regulation Children will talk about how they are feeling and to consider others feelings.	Self-Regulation Children will be able to focus during longer whole class lessons.	Self-Regulation Children will identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally.	Self-Regulation Children will be able to control their emotions using a range of techniques.	Self-Regulation Children will be able to follow instructions of three steps or more.				
8	Children will recognise different emotions. Children will focus during short whole class activities.	Managing Self Children will understand the need to have rules.	Managing Self Children will begin to show resilience and perseverance in the face of a challenge.	Managing Self Children will develop independence when dressing and undressing.	Managing Self Children will manage their own basic needs independently.	Managing Self Children will show a 'can do' attitude. Children will understand the importance of				
Children develop their personal,	Managing Self Children will learn to wash their hands independently and children will also learn	Building Relationships Children will begin to develop friendships.	Building Relationships Children will be able to use taught strategies to support in turn taking.	Building Relationships Children will listen to the ideas of other children and agree on a solution and compromise.	Children will learn to dress themselves independently. Building Relationships	healthy food choices. Building Relationships Children will have the confidence to				
social and emotional skills throughout the year through bucket therapy interventions, circle times, social stories, diversity stories, Tapestry	about oral health. Building Relationships Children will seek support from adults and gain				Children will learn to work as a group.	communicate with adults around the school.				
Time etc.	Confidence to speak to peers and adults.									
	Managing Self: Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.									
	Building Relationships: Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others. Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers. Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.									
Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills Children will learn to move safely in a space.	Gross Motor Skills Children will explore different ways to travel using equipment.	Gross Motor Skills Children will be able to control a ball in different ways.	Gross Motor Skills Children will jump and land safely from a height.	Gross Motor Skills Children will move safely with confidence and imagination, communicating ideas through	Gross Motor Skills Children will be able to play by the rules and develop coordination.				
@ &	Fine Motor Skills Children will begin to use a tripod grip when	Fine Motor Skills	Children will balance on a variety of equipment	Fine Motor Skills	movement.	Fine Motor Skills				



rainbow challenge linked to maths.

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Primary School										
Children improve their gross and fine										
motor skills daily by engaging in			Get Set 4 PE: Games – Unit 2 (Countries)							
different Funky Fingers activities										
(threading, cutting, weaving,										
playdough), mark making,										
construction, drawing, writing, Dough	Gross Motor: Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others. Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing. Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.									
Disco, write dance										
Disco, write dance	Fine Motor: Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.									
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Literacy	Comprehension Children will independently look at a book,	Comprehension	Comprehension	Comprehension Children will be able to talk about the	Comprehension	Comprehension				
	hold it the correct way and turn pages.	Children will engage and enjoy an increasing range of books.	Children will act out stories using recently introduced vocabulary.	characters in the books they are reading.	Children will retell a story using vocabulary influenced by their book.	Children will be able to answer questions about what they have read.				
	note it the correct way and turn pages.	range of books.	introduced vocabulary.	characters in the books they are reading.	initiaencea by their book.	what they have read.				
	Word Reading	Word Reading	Word Reading	Word Reading	Word Reading	Word Reading				
	Children will segment and blend sounds	Children will begin to read captions and	Children will recognise taught digraphs in	Children will read words containing tricky words	Children will read longer sentences containing	Children will read books matched to their				
	together to read words.	sentences.	words and blend the sounds together.	and digraphs.	Phase 4 words and tricky words.	phonics ability.				
Children develop their reading and										
Children develop their reading and	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing				
writing skills through our phonics scheme – FFT Success for all Phonics.	Children will give meanings to the marks they	Children will form letters correctly.	Children will write words representing the	Children will write labels / phrases representing	Children will write words that are spelt	Children will write simple phrases and sentences				
	make.	Described and the second True	sounds with a letter/letters.	the sounds with a letter / letters.	phonetically.	using recognisable letters and sounds.				
This includes daily phonic sessions	Possible outcomes (TWS):	Possible outcomes: (Talk for Writing and TWS) Create our own versions of 'Owl Babies'	Possible outcomes: (Talk for Writing and TWS)	Possible outcomes: (Talk for Writing and TWS)	Describle systematic /Tally for Mysting and	Descible system of (TIA/C).				
and daily shared reading sessions.	Writing a shopping list	Describing characters with simple sentences	Create a class version of 'The Snow Queen'	Re-telling a familiar story to another class	Possible outcomes: (Talk for Writing and TWS)	Possible outcomes (TWS): Writing a diary entry				
Children will have at least 1 weekly	Name writing	Creating new characters and labelling these	Writing letters to The Snow Queen	Making a 'wanted' poster	Write our own stories of 'The Very Ugly Bug'	Creating a persuasive poster				
writing rainbow challenge and will	Making new home cards	Writing predictions about the egg	Writing New Year's Resolutions	Writing a book review	Writing minibeast factfiles	Writing a letter				
read to adults regularly.	Labelling pictures	Onomatopoeia words to describe fireworks	Writing animal factfiles	Writing instructions for Little Red Riding Hood	Writing instructions about how to plant a seed	Writing about our senses				
	Making 'new baby' cards	Describing a story setting	Innovating the key text	Designing a house for The Three Pigs	Describing the 'Very Ugly Bug'	Descriptive writing about habitats				
			Creating story maps		Drawing and labelling a minibeast	Writing a poem				
					Designing a new minibeast					
Possible Book Focus	Books about friendship	Owl Babies	Jack Frost	The Gruffalo	Jack and the Beanstalk	The Rainbow Fish				
	Books about families	Twoot the Owl	Lost and Found	Goldilocks and The Three Bears	The Tiny Seed	Barry the Fish with Fingers				
	The Little Red Hen Supertato	Books about nocturnal animals Nursery Rhymes	If You Were a Penguin The Emperor's Egg	Three Little Pigs Little Red Riding Hood	Oliver's Vegetables The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Commotion in the Ocean Sharing a Shell				
	Books about people who help us	Room on the Broom	Meerkat Mail	Three Billy Goats Gruff	A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds	Tiddler				
	Books about people who help as	Christmas Books	Books about Chinese New year	Timee Biny doubt drain	The Bad Tempered Ladybird	Pirate Boy				
		Aliens Love Underpants	Books about keeping healthy		Billy's Sunflower	Croc and Bird				
		Books about Diwali	The Snow Queen		Handa's Surprise	Hooray for Fish				
		Stories about eggs			Dear Zoo	The Snail and the Whale				
					The Tiger Who Came to Tea	The Storm Whale				
			<u></u>		Giraffes Can't Dance					
			d narratives using their own words and recently int	roduced vocabulary. Anticipate (where appropriate	key events in stories. Use and understand recently	y introduced vocabulary during discussions about				
	stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and duri	ng role play.								
	Word Reading: Say a sound for each letter in the	a alphahet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words co	nsistent with their phonic knowledge by sound blor	nding Read aloud simple sentences and hooks that	are consistent with their phonic knowledge, includi	ng some common exception words				
	Word Reading: Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.									
	Writing: Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.									
Mathematics	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number				
	Children will have a deep understanding of 1-	Children will have a deep understanding of	Children will have a deep understanding of	Children will have a deep understanding of	Children will revise number bonds to 5.	Children will know number bonds to 10,				
	3.	numbers 1-5.	numbers 1-8.	numbers 1-10.		including doubling facts.				
					Numerical Patterns					
	Numerical Patterns	Numerical Patterns	Numerical Patterns	Numerical Patterns	Children will share quantities equally.	Numerical Patterns				
	Children will verbally say which group has more or less.	Children will compare equal and unequal	Children will understand and explore the difference between odd and even numbers.	Children will add and subtract using number		Children will be able to count beyond 20 and higher.				
11 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111	more or less.	groups.	difference between odd and even flumbers.	sentences.		nigher.				
	mes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5	(including subtraction facts) and some number								
	bonds to 10, including double facts.									
Children will take part in daily maths	Numerical Patterns: Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system. Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10,									
sessions following the NCETM Axis	including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.									
Fluency planning. They will also have										
a SSM session every Monday. Each										
week, they will have at least 1										
rainhow challenge linked to maths										

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Understanding the World



Children will take part in woodland explorer sessions every week. They will also have regular topic sessions / circle times linked to each theme.

Through our home corner children will know homes give us somewhere to eat, sleep, keep clean and shelter.

Children will complete daily weather chart, using appropriate weather vocabulary eg: rainy, snowy, cloudy and foggy.

During weekly woodland explorers sessions, we will discuss what is appropriate clothing for the weather/season.

Celebrate birthdays, starting school, birth of a brother or sister and special events during carpet time/tapestry.

Children will know about their own life story and how they have changed and what features have stayed the same e.g eye colour, hair colour etc.

Children will be able to talk about how they look and what they can now do.

Children will talk about past and present events in their lives and that humans go through different life stages e.g. baby, toddler, child, teenager and adult.

History: Past and Present

Children will talk about their families e.g. mum, dad, sister and brother and compare their families to other families.

Geography: People, Culture and Communities

Children will know about features of the school environment. Children will know the name of their school and exact location using

Science/Geography: The Natural World

Seasonal Changes - Autumn Children will know and identify changes that happen in Autumn and be able to name and find some common natural items found outside during Autumn e.g. pinecone, conker and brown leaves. They will be able to describe these objects in detail.

Science: The Natural World

Children will explore what happens to food over time e.g. apple core (decay)

Geography: People, Culture and Communities

Children will know about and describe people who help us within the community to stay safe and healthy. Being aware of calling 999 for help in an emergency.

Children will be able to talk about jobs people have within the community.

Children will share information about why we have special events e.g. Bonfire Night and Remembrance day.

RE: People, Culture and Communities

Diwali Celebrations The Christmas Story Hannukah

Science / Geography: The Natural World Seasonal Changes – Autumn / Winter

Autumn

Children will know and identify changes that happen in Autumn and be able to name some common natural items found outside during Autumn e.g. pinecone, conker and brown

Winter

Children will know and identify changes that happen in Winter and be able to talk about seasonal changes they have noticed around them e.g. evenings are darker and the weather is colder. Children will compare the 2 seasons that they know about - Autumn and Winter.

Science: The Natural World

Children will discuss different light sources, thinking about natural and man-made light sources.

Children will discuss how shadows are formed by objects blocking light, having a go at creating their own.

Science: The Natural World

Children will be able to discuss animals that come from eggs.

Children will know that people around the world have different religions. Chinese New Year / Ramadan

Science: The Natural World

Children will know some important processes and changes in the natural world, including states of matter e.g. freezing and melting.

Children will explore how they can speed up the melting process and carry out investigations on this.

Science / Geography: The Natural World

Seasonal Changes - Winter Children will know and identify changes that happen in Winter and be able to talk about seasonal changes they have noticed around them e.g. evenings are darker and the weather

Children will recap their understanding about hibernation using stories and non-fiction texts, identifying animals that hibernate.

Science / Geography: The Natural World

Weather - Children will be able to discuss what the weather is like in detail. Finding out the temperature and how does that link to the weather.

Science / Geography: The Natural World

Children will know about animals that we share the planet with and where in the world we find these animals, locating these on a

Children will know about different habitats and the adaptations some animals have to survive there e.g. fur.

Children will know about the past through settings, characters and events.

RE: People, Culture and Communities

The Easter Story Eid al-Fitr

Geography: The Natural World

Children will be able to name different places in our world e.g. town, countryside, village and

Children will know about different kinds of homes e.g. bungalow, house or flat. Children will be able to talk about the type of home they

Science / Geography: The Natural World

Seasonal Changes - Spring Children will know and identify changes that

happen in Spring and talk about seasonal changes they have noticed around them.

Science: The Natural World

Children will make observations about animals discussing similarities and differences. Life cycles - Tadpole to Frog

Science: Th

Children will make observations about plants discussing similarities and differences.

Geography: People, Culture and Communities

Children will know that there are many countries around the world and use stories, non-fiction texts, images, video clips and when appropriate - maps to find out about places in the world that are different to the one in which they live.

Science / Geography: The Natural World

Seasonal Changes - Spring / Summer Children will know and identify changes that happen in Spring / Summer and talk about seasonal changes they have noticed around them e.g. plants are growing, trees have blossom / green leaves and baby animals are being born.

Children will compare the 4 seasons.

Children will draw their own maps to go on their own adventure e.g. a route of woodland explorers

Geography: People, Culture and Communities

Name man-made materials such as glass, paper and plastic and natural materials such as chalk, sand and wood. Identify objects made from manmade and natural materials.

Geography: People, Culture and Communities

Children will identify some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries e.g. how children travel to school, what they eat or where they live.

Science / Geography: The Natural World

Children will explore and ask questions about the natural world around them. Children know that they share the planet with lots of other things and find these using maps e.g. rivers, oceans, mountains.

History: Past and Present

Children will know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now e.g. looking at transport and toys.

Children will use the language past, present and

Science / Geography: The Natural World

Seasonal Changes - Summer Children will know and identify changes that happen in Summer and talk about seasonal changes they have noticed around them e.g. it has started to become hotter and what we need to stay safe e.g. sun cream and sunhat.

Children will compare the 4 seasons.

Past and Present: Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

People, Culture and Communities: Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.

The Natural World: Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

Expressive Arts and Design



Children will take part in weekly rainbow challenges that encourage them to be creative in range of different ways.

Children will sing and perform nursery rhymes.

Art and Design: Creating with Materials Children will experiment mixing with colours.

Artwork of the Month: Mondrian 'Colour Block'

Children will experiment with different instruments and their sounds.

Art and Design: Creating with Materials Children will experiment with different

Artwork of the Month: 'Into the Woods'-Nirmal Pathare.

Music:

Children will create narratives based around

Art and Design: Creating with Materials

Children will safely explore different techniques for joining materials.

Artwork of the Month: 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh

Children will move in time to the music.

Art and Design: Creating with Materials

Children will make props and costumes for different role-play scenarios.

Children will play an instrument following a musical pattern.

Art and Design: Creating with Materials Children will explore and use a variety of

artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

Artwork of the Month: 'The Garden at Giverney' by Claude Monet

Children will invent their own narratives, stories

and poems

Art and Design: Creating with Materials

Children will share creations, talk about process and evaluate their work.

Creating with Materials: Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Make use of props and materials when role-playing characters in narratives and stories.

Being Imaginative: Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher. Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music.