



Reception - Spring Term 2026		
Themes	Hot and Cold	Blast Off!
Subject	Topics covered	
Religious Education To Know You More Clearly	Branch 3 - Galilee to Jerusalem The Kings Visit/ Feeding of 5000/ Glory Be/ Jesus' Love	Branch 4 - Desert to Garden Lent/Holy Week/Easter/Signs of celebration
Reading	Predict and anticipate key events from stories. Learn a range of new vocabulary. Use knowledge of books and growing vocabulary in their own play. Begin to understand the structure of a non-fiction book.	Learn a story from heart and perform to an audience. Retell stories in the correct sequence. Discuss how they feel about poems and stories, including what they like and dislike.
Key Texts	Lost and Found / Poles Apart/ Penguins	Whatever Next / Here We Are
Phonics	Blending and Segmenting to read words. Begin to read phase 3 words and learn phase 3 tricky words. Recap phase 2 sounds and tricky words.	Blending and Segmenting to read words and phrases. Read longer phase 3 words and 3 tricky words. Recap phase 2 sounds and tricky words.
Writing	Begins to write simple CVC words and captions, linked to their growing phonic knowledge.	Writes simple CVC words, lists and captions, linked to their growing phonic knowledge.
Mathematics	Recap counting, matching, sorting and representing numbers to 5. Subitise to 5. Explore the composition of 5, using a 5 frame. Compare mass and capacity. Automatic recall of number bonds 0-5.	Counting, matching, sorting and representing numbers 6,7, and 8. Subitise amounts. Explore the composition of numbers to 8. Making pairs (Counting in 2's). Combining two groups. Compare length, height and size.



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Personal, Social and Emotional Development	It's Good to be Me Feelings	Relationships Making Friends
Communication, Language and Literacy	Read and discuss key texts, checking for understanding. Asks how and why questions to find out more. Continue to Learn Key Poems- 'Let's Put on Our Mittens', 'Carrot Nose', 'Furry, Furry Squirrel'	Continue to develop good listening skills. Complete activities to encourage listening skills/turn taking and sustained focus. Learn and Perform 'Whatever Next' Continue to Learn Key Poems- 'A Little Seed', 'A Little Shell', 'I Have a Little Frog'.
Physical Development	Fine/ Gross Motor development. Continue to develop Scissors skills. Correct Letter Formation (i, l, t, u, w, e, c, o, a, d, n, m, h) Gymnastics - moving in different ways and using equipment (benches, gymnastic tables, mats). Climbing and Jumping.	Fine/ Gross Motor Skills. Continue to develop Scissors skills. Correct Letter Formation (j, y, g, q, b, p, k, v, s, r, t, x, z) Gymnastics - Using large equipment. Climbing, jumping and balancing with increasing control.
Understanding the World	Compare where we live to Antarctica. Make small world representations of differing environments. Seasonal Change - Winter Exploring different materials - Waterproof and not waterproof. Floating and Sinking	Learn about the planet we live on and the other planets. How are they different? Learn about astronauts. Seasonal Change - Spring.
Expressive Arts and Design	Explore colour mixing and create a piece of art inspired by the artist Mondrian. Learn a range of poems and perform to an audience.	Design and make a rocket using junk modelling materials. Learn a range of poems and perform to an audience.
RSE - Journey in Love	Social Who do I play with? How do I feel about my friends?	