








Progression of Skills & Curriculum Overview 2025-26

Term and main theme	Autumn 2 – Marvellous Me! Autumn Treasures Inc (The Dot– whole school text)	Autumn 2 – Festivals of night and light	Spring 1 - Winter Wonderland Once upon a time	Spring 2 –Roaring into the Past...	Summer 1 – Eggstraordinary Animals	Summer 2 – I do like to be beside the seaside!
Shine experiences	Meet our Buddies Welcome Service Harvest Festival Autumn Sensory Walk	Story time with PJs and Teddies Nativity Performance Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day Pantomime Pocket money stalls	Ice Experiments Ice Mountain Wintery Walk Introduce Marvellous Me Chinese New Year Banquet	Holi colour splash 20 th March Science week 11 th March World Book Day 7 th March World Water day 22 nd March	Spring Walk Butterflies Farm visit Hatching our very own eggs	World Environment Day Mon 5 th Sports Week Pirate and Mermaid Day Theatre visit? Summer walk? AK's got talent
Core texts Linked text Other texts	All are welcome We are together A handful of buttons Elmer Oi Dog Series Dear Earth Storm Leaf Man Percy the Park Keeper Pumpkin soup	Whatever next The Usbourne book of Night Time Room on the Broom Christmas Books How to catch a star Aliens love underpants Bob the man on the moon Mr men Diwali The Christmas Promise The Little Reindeer	A Little bit of Winter One day on our blue planet - Antarctic The gingerbread man The enormous turnip The Elves and the shoemaker The Magic Porridge pot Jack Frost Stickman Lost and Found If you were a penguin	The Princess and the Frog Usbourne see inside castle book Mad About Dinosaurs! The Girl and the Dinosaur Tyrannosaurus Drip Dinosaurs love underpants	An Egg is quiet Pip and Egg The Ugly Duckling The Odd Egg What the Ladybird heard The Little Red Hen Farmer Duck Rosie's Walk Farmyard 123 The Giant jam sandwich Tadpole's Promise Yucky worms Snail and the Whale Norman the slug with the silly shell Dear Zoo The Very Hungry Caterpillar A butterfly is patient The Big Book of Bugs The Tiny Seed The Very Hungry Caterpillar	The snail and the whale Commotion in the ocean The pirates next door Julian is a Mermaid The Rainbow Fish Barry the Fish with Fingers Commotion in the ocean Sharing a shell Tiddler Pirate Pete The Pirate next door The Big Book of Blue The Storm Whale
Whole School Christian Value in focus.	Generosity	Compassion				
Communication and Language  Communication and Language is developed throughout the year through high quality interactions, daily group discussions, circle times, stories, singing, speech and language interventions, Star Words, Marvellous Me!	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will listen carefully to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. Speaking Children will know and use new vocabulary linked to the core text and theme. Children will learn and use new vocabulary. Children will develop social phrases such as, good morning, how are you?	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will begin to retell stories. Children will engage in non fiction books about night time and Diwali developing their knowledge. Speaking Children will begin to ask questions to find out more. Children will learn rhymes poems and songs.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will continue to ask questions to find out more. Children will develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocab through listening to the non fiction text – one day on our blue planet. Children will retell a story and follow a story without pictures or props. Speaking Using the 'Talk for writing model' children will retell the story 'The Gingerbread Man' using a mixture of exact repetition and their own words. Children will begin to talk in sentences using conjunctions, e.g. and, because. Children will describe events or objects using full sentences showing awareness of the listener through 'Marvellous Me'	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will listen to and talk about selected non – fiction text to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary about castles and dinosaurs. Speaking Using the 'Talk for writing model' children will retell the story 'The Princess and the Pea' using a mixture of exact repetition and their own words. Children will engage in non-fiction books and use new vocabulary in different contexts using past and present tenses.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will be able to understand a question such as who, what, where, when, why and how through exploring and observing life cycles in the natural world. Speaking Children will develop, use and know vocabulary linked to the themes. They will predict and offer explanations as to why things might happen linked to our themes about Life cycles. Using the 'Talk for writing model' children will retell the story 'The Little Red Hen' using a mixture of exact repetition and their own words.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will be able to have conversations with adults and peers with back-and-forth exchanges. Children will ask questions using who, what, where, when, why and how when finding about different habitats and life under the sea. Speaking Children will develop, use and know vocabulary linked to the themes. Children will use talk in sentences using past and present tenses when learning about pirates. Hot seating characters from key texts. Retell will retell repetitive phrases and poetry.
Listening, Attention and Understanding: Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.						

<div>Literacy</div> <div></div> <div>Children will be taught daily phonics using unlocking letters and sounds. Opportunities for writing will be provided throughout continuous provision, Talk for writing principles introduced from Term 3.</div>	<div>Comprehension Children will independently look at a book, hold it the correct way and turn pages.</div> <div>Word Reading Children will segment and blend sounds together to read words.</div> <div>Writing Children will give meanings to the marks they make.</div>	<div>Comprehension Children will read and re-read core and linked texts to increase fluency, understanding and enjoyment.</div> <div>Word Reading Children will segment and blend sounds together to read words. begin to read captions and sentences.</div> <div>Writing Children will begin to form letters correctly including the letters in their name.</div>	<div>Comprehension Children will read and re-read core and linked texts to increase fluency, understanding and enjoyment.</div> <div>Word Reading See Unlocking letters and sounds phase 3. Writing Children will spell and write simple words using known sound letter correspondences. Some children will progress to writing short sentences with an awareness of simple punctuation. Children will know and recount what they have written.</div>	<div>Comprehension Children will retell the story the princess and the Pea using their own words. The will use and understand specific vocabulary linked to castles and dinosaurs with and begin to use past and present tense. Word Reading See unlocking sounds phase 3 Mastery Children will continue to develop their fluency, prosody and understanding through weekly guided reading.</div> <div>Writing Children will write short sentences with known sound-letter correspondences and use simple punctuation during weekly writing tasks and during phonics sessions.</div>		
	<div>Comprehension: Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories. Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div>					
<div>Mathematics Number and Numerical Patterns</div> <div></div> <div>Mastering Number NCETM White Rose Maths Scheme</div> <div>Numberblocks</div>	<div>Mastering Number Set 1 Subitise within 3 Focus on counting skills Explore how all numbers are made of 1s Focus on composition of 3 and 4 Subitise objects and sounds</div> <div>Comparison of sets - ‘just by looking’ Use the language of comparison: more than</div> <div>White Rose scheme Talk about measure and Patterns</div>	<div>Mastering Number Set 2 Focus on counting skills Focus on the ‘five-ness of 5’ using one hand pattern for 5 Comparison of sets - by matching Use the language of comparison: more than, an equal number Explore the concept of ‘whole’ and ‘part’ Focus on the composition of 3, 4 and 5 Practise object counting skills Match numerals to quantities within 10 Verbal counting beyond 200</div> <div>White Rose scheme Circles and triangles Shapes with 4 sides</div>	<div>Mastering Number Set 3 Subitise within 5 focusing on die patterns Match numerals to quantities within 5 Counting – focus on ordinality and the ‘staircase’ pattern See that each number is one more than the previous number Focus on 5 Focus on 6 and 7 as ‘5 and a bit’ Compare sets and use language of comparison: more than, fewer than, an equal number to Make unequal sets equal White Rose Maths Maths and capacity Length height and time</div>	<div>Mastering Number Set 4 Focus on the ‘staircase’ pattern and ordering numbers Focus on ordering of numbers to 8 Use language of less than Focus on 7 Doubles – explore how some numbers can be made with 2 equal parts Sorting numbers according to attributes - odd and even numbers</div> <div>White Rose Maths Length Height and Time</div>	<div>Mastering Number Set 5 Counting – larger sets and things that cannot be seen Subitising – to 6, including in structured arrangements Composition – ‘5 and a bit’ Composition - of 10 Comparison – linked to ordinality Play track games</div> <div>White Rose Maths Exploring 3d shape</div>	<div>Mastering Number Set 6 Subitise to 5 Introduce the rekenrek Assess and Review White Rose Maths Developing special reasoning skills - Visualising and building shapes/ mapping Deepening an understanding of number patterns and relationships</div>
	<div>Number: Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5. Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.</div> <div>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, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.</div>					
<div>Understanding the World</div> <div></div> <div>Developed through themes/topics and forest school</div>	<div>Past and Present History: Children will know about their own life story and how they have changed.</div> <div>People, Culture and Communities Geography: Children will know about different types of weathers.</div> <div>Children will know where they live and recognise features of their own environment.</div>	<div>Past and Present History: Children will learn about the story of Guy Fawkes. Children will learn about the significance of Remembrance Day.</div> <div>People, Culture and Communities Geography: Children will know that there are different countries in the world and that the green on the globe is and land and the blue is sea.</div>	<div>Past and Present History: N/A People, Culture and Communities Geography: Children will identify typical weather in winter. Children will know where Antarctica is on the planet and compare it to where we live.</div> <div>The Natural World Science: Children will know that this time of year is</div>	<div>Past and Present History: Children will learn know what it was like to live in a castle and compare to modern day life . Children will learn about dinosaurs and their habitat. People, Culture and Communities Geography: Children will know about people who help us within the community.</div> <div>The Natural World Science: Children will know about the dinosaur habitat, what dinosaurs ate, and how they</div>	<div>Past and Present History: N/A People, Culture and Communities Geography: Children will know about different British habitats and visit a farm.</div> <div>The Natural World Science: Children will make observations about animals and their habitats discussing similarities and differences. They will find out about life cycle of an egg and a butterfly.</div>	<div>Past and Present History: Children will know about the past through settings, characters and events when learning about Pirates People, Culture and Communities Geography: Children will know and identify simple features on a map eg land, sea, coastline, hills. Countries that make up the UK Difference between real and imaginary places eg x for treasure Names of seas. Make own maps</div>

	<p>The Natural World Science: Children will know how our bodies have changed since we were babies. Children will compare similarities and differences between themselves.</p> <p>People, Culture and Communities RE: Why am I special? What do people from different religions do to welcome babies.</p> <p><i>Vocab – babies, special, unique, Baptism, Mundan</i></p> <p>Children will know why they are special and share this with others. They will know why there their name is special. Children will know how it feels to belong. They will know how babies are welcomed in Christian and Hindu families.</p> <p>Computing: Children will know how to draw and use the interactive white board and LED whiteboards.</p>	<p>The Natural World Science: Children will explore and ask questions about the natural world around them whilst exploring seasons.</p> <p>Children will know about the earth, the moon and the sun and the differences between day and night time.</p> <p>People, Culture and Communities RE: Incarnation Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?</p> <p>Children will find out about the Nativity story and how Christmas is celebrated within families.</p> <p>Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways (Diwali) Computing: Children will know how to draw and use the interactive white board and LED whiteboards.</p>	<p>Winter. They will know about hibernating animals. Children will explore the properties of ice – how it feels, how it changes, how it melts. Children will know about a different habitat – Antarctica and the animals that live there. People, Culture and Communities RE: Hinduism Children will learn how and why do many followers of Hindu Dharma celebrate Holi and Raksha Bandhan?</p> <p>Computing: Children will know how to draw and use the interactive white board and LED whiteboards and light box.</p>	<p>lived. Science Week: Exploring Jelly People, Culture and Communities RE: Children will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways when leaning about Holi festival of colour.</p> <p>Children will learn about Salvation Why Christians put a cross in an Easter garden? Mothering Sunday</p> <p>Computing: Children will know how to use a timer on the IWB . They will continue to use the LED whiteboards and light box.</p>	<p>Children will know that this time of year is Spring. Children will know the names of some Spring flowers – daffodil, daisy, primrose. Children will know about the life cycle of an egg and a caterpillar.</p> <p>People, Culture and Communities RE: Children will know how Hindu’s celebrate Diwali and how Muslim’s celebrate Eid – Ul – Fitr. (Eid)</p> <p>Computing: Children will observe and monitor the egg incubator ensuring temperature and moisture levels are kept constant. Children will use a digital microscope and cameras when investigating minibests.</p>	<p>The Natural World Science: Children will know some important processes and changes in the natural world. They will continue to explore contrasting environments using and building upon their own experiences. Learn about ocean animals They will learn why fish can breathe underwater and humans can’t therefore understand that mermaids are imaginary.</p> <p>: People, Culture and Communities RE Creation Why is the word ‘God’ so important to Christians? Recognise that Christians believe God made our wonderful world and so we should look after it.</p> <p>Global Advocacy World Earth Day Computing: Learn how to log on to a laptop and use mouse pad.</p> <p>Children will know how to program a beebot.linked to Maths – visualise build and map</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>People, Culture and Communities: Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. Know some similarities 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.</p> <p>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.</p>					
<div>Expressive Arts and Design</div> <div></div>	<p>Being Imaginative Music: Children will sing and perform nursery rhymes.</p> <p><i>See Charanga Progression of Skills document.</i></p> <p>Creating with Materials Art & Design: Children will know how to draw a self portrait.</p> <p>Children will know how to use simple tools – pencils, paintbrushes, scissors, glue sticks, pens, chalks, playdough tools.</p>	<p>Being Imaginative Music: Children will sing and perform songs.</p> <p>Children will experiment with different instruments and their sounds.</p> <p><i>See Charanga Progression of Skills document.</i></p> <p>Creating with Materials Art & Design: Children will experiment mixing with colours and textures.</p>	<p>Being Imaginative Music: Children will sing and perform songs They will listen and respond to different styles of music. Children will begin will improvise upon and play instruments.</p> <p><i>See Charanga Progression of Skills document.</i></p> <p>Creating with Materials Art & Design: Children will safely explore different techniques for joining materials with care and precision.</p>	<p>Being Imaginative Music: Children will sing and perform songs They will listen and respond to different styles of music. Children will improvise upon and play instruments including glocks.</p> <p><i>See Charanga Progression of Skills document</i></p> <p>Creating with Materials Art & Design: Children will join sticks to create a 2d castle. Children will learn about the properties of colour when learning about the festival Holi.. Children will know how to print into clay. Children will have opportunities to make observational drawings of Spring flowers for Mother’s day cards.</p>	<p>Being Imaginative Music: Children will learn the song – Big Bear Funk and other nursery and action rhymes. <i>See Charanga Progression of Skills document.</i></p> <p>Art & Design: Creating with Materials Children will continue to build upon their observational drawing skills by drawing chicks, caterpillars and butterflies.</p> <p>Children will develop their clay skills by creating produce to sell in our Farm Shop.</p> <p>Children will create their own representations of life cycles.</p> <p>Children will use a range of tools and techniques to create farm animals</p>	<p>Being Imaginative Music: Children will invent their own narratives, stories and poems.</p> <p><i>See Charanga Progression of Skills document.</i></p> <p>Art & Design: Creating with Materials children will create representations off sea creatures using a range of tools and techniques Design and technology Children will explore methods of joining materials Children will explore materials to create boats that float. Children will use a range of tools and techniques to create pirate and mermaid items.</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>					

Class R Wellbeing framework	5 ways to wellbeing intro Active, Connect, Notice, Learn, Give MISP (massage in schools programme)	My Mind All about me Connections	Feelings Being calm	Being Resilienct Being Positive	Healthy body, healthy mind	Healthy body, Healthy mind
Global advocacy	How do we keep ourselves clean? Children will know the importance of hand washing.	Children will know the importance of supporting a charity (pajama appeal) Children will know how to keep themselves safe – Pants rule	Children will learn about Chinese New Year	World Water Day Children will learn about he festival of colour – Holi and Easter	Children will nurture and care for chicks. World Earth Day	Children will re-visit the Pants Rule