EYFS topic overview - TBC with children's interests 2023/2024

Autumn	Spring	Summer
The Colour Monster	Winter	Traditional Tales
Myself	Arctic and Animals	Kings and Queens
Autumn/Harvest	Dinosaurs (Animals)	Transport/Machines
Hedgehogs	Farm and Animals	Minibeasts (Animals)
Bonfire Night	Jungle and Animals	Under the Sea and Animals
Owl Babies	Space	Summer/Seaside
People who help us +	Healthy Living	Pirates
Vets and Pets	Spring	
Stickman		RE (Good News, Friends, Our
Christmas		World)
RE (Myself, Welcome, Birthdays, Advent)	RE (Celebrations, Gathering, Growing)	

Autumn Term

TOPIC	DEVOPLMENT MATTERS OBJECTIVES	KEY FACTS VOCABULARY
Myself	3 and 4 Year Olds -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabularyBegin to make sense of their own life-story and family's historyShow interest in different occupations -Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between peopleKnow that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos -Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. This helps them to achieve a goal they have chosen, or one which is suggested to themDevelop their sense of responsibility and membership of a communityBecome more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their settingShow more confidence in new social situationsPlay with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideasHelp to find solutions to conflicts and rivalries. For example, accepting that not everyone can be SpiderMan in the game, and suggesting other ideasIncreasingly follow rules, understanding why they are importantDo not always need an adult to remind them of a ruleDevelop appropriate ways of being assertiveTalk with others to solve conflictsTalk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'Begin to understand how others might be feeling Children in reception - Talk about members of their immediate family and community.	My body - parts and senses More difficult parts of the body - elbow, wrist, ankle, eyebrow and internal - heart, lungs, bones, muscles, brain My home and family - where do you live and who do you live with Explaining who is who -eg grandma is mums mum or dads mum, auntie is mums sister or dads sister etc Learn address and birthdays. Likes and dislikes - sharing with each other and discovering similarities and differences. All different All equal - anti bullying Learning to be part of a classroom Learning school rules Following instructions Learning about others Discussing feelings Learning to share and play together.
	-Name and describe people who are familiar to themComment on images of familiar situations in the pastUnderstand that some places are special to members of their communityRecognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.	

- -Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- -See themselves as a valuable individual.
- -Build constructive and respectful relationships.
- -Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.
- -Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
- -Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally.
- -Think about the perspectives of others.
- -Manage their own needs

Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. 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, nonfiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.

Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly.

- -Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate.
- -Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.
- -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.
- -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.

The Colour
Monster

3and 4 Year Olds

- -Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.
- -Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting. Show more confidence in new social situations.
- -Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.
- -Help to find solutions to conflicts and rivalries. For example, accepting that not everyone can be Spider Man in the game, and suggesting other ideas.
- -Develop appropriate ways of being assertive.
- -Talk with others to solve conflicts.
- -Talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'.
- -Begin to understand how others might be feeling

Children in Reception

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ELG

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Be able to identify different emotions

Know when we may feel these different emotions

Be able to express their emotions and discuss why

The children will learn how to play individually and as part of a group

Learn to share and why it is important

Learn resilience and the importance

Learn Perseverance and the importance

Listen and respect one another

Grow in confidence

Express their own ideas

Manage their feelings

Understand and learn how others may feel as a consequence to an action

Empathy

		Form positive attachment with adults and peers by being present and following instructions/rules.
Owls Hedgehogs Vets and Pets	3 and 4 Year Olds -Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materialsExplore collections of materials with similar and/or different propertiesTalk about what they see, using a wide vocabularyUnderstand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animalBegin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living thingsTalk about the differences between materials and changes they notice Children in Reception -Draw information from a simple mapRecognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. ELG -Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and mapsExplain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, nonfiction texts and (when appropriate) mapsExplore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plantsKnow some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.	Favourite animals - names and body parts eg paw, claw, tusks, hooves, beak, talons, etc Patterns and textures/ fur, skin, wool, feathers etc Animal environments - forest, desert, jungle, ocean, mountains etc How to look after our environment for animals - reduce, reuse, recycle Textures of Animal skins etc. What animals eat/drink/live? Create a map of their journey through a farm/jungle and what they may see
Autumn/	3 and 4 Year Olds	Changes in the environment - trees,
Bonfire night/ Harvest	-Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materialsExplore collections of materials with similar and/or different propertiesTalk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary -Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.	plants, weather, day length Watching change over time - leaves Evergreens

	-Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. -Listen with increased attention to soundsRespond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelingsRemember and sing entire songs. Children in Reception -Explore the natural world around themDescribe what they see, hear and feel whilst outsideUnderstand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around themListen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responsesSing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melodyDevelop storylines in their pretend playExplore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups ELG -Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plantsKnow some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in classUnderstand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter -Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and song -Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music	Animal behaviour in autumn - hibernation, migration How to look after pets and ourselves on Bonfire night Learning about when harvest is and the processes Can name some machinery Know about historical figures e.g. Guy Fawkes Learn names for different crops Learn a repertoire of songs and rhymes.
Christmas/ Stickman	3 and 4 year olds -Talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'Begin to understand how others might be feeling	Learn the Christmas Story Learn about Advent Celebrations and Traditions Learn Stickman story

	-Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials -Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different propertiesTalk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.	Retell the story Make a stickman using natural materials Look at the changing seasons Discuss how to dress appropriately in the
	Children in Reception -Talk about members of their immediate family and community. -Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. -Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. -Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. -Explore the natural world around them. -Describe what they see, hear, and feel whilst outside	different seasons Talk about how the character is feeling, how his family may be feeling, how you would feel. Floating and sinking sticks Heavier and lighter
	-Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them	
	 ELG - some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. - 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 - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter 	
People who Help us	3 and 4 Year Olds -Show interest in different occupations -Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between peopleKnow that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos	Learn different occupations Learn names of equipment Similarities between our country and others Learn the names of a contrasting country

Children in Reception -Talk about members of their immediate family and community. -Name and describe people who are familiar to them. -Understand that some places are special to members of their community -Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.	Explore different jobs Discuss jobs in their families
ELG -Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in societyKnow some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. been read in classExplain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, nonfiction texts and (when appropriate) maps	

Lent Term

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Arctic Dinosaurs Farm Jungle	3 and 4 Year Olds -Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. -Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. -Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. -Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. -Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice Children in Reception -Draw information from a simple map. -Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.	Favourite animals - names and body parts eg paw, claw, tusks, hooves, beak, talons, etc Patterns and textures/ fur, skin, wool, feathers etc Animal environments - forest, desert, jungle, ocean, mountains etc How to look after our environment for animals - reduce, reuse, recycle Textures of Animal skins etc.

- -Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps.
- -Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, nonfiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.
- -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.

What animals eat/drink/live?
Create a map of their journey through a farm/jungle and what they may see

Winter/Spring

3 and 4 Year Olds

- -Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- -Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
- -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary
- -Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.
- -Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- -Plant seeds and care for growing plants.
- -Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal
- -Listen with increased attention to sounds.
- -Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.
- -Remember and sing entire songs.

Children in Reception

- -Explore the natural world around them.
- -Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.
- -Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
- -Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.
- -Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.
- -Develop storylines in their pretend play.
- -Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups

Learn the new seasons
Know how to dress appropriately
Spot signs of the changing seasons
Discuss colours
Look at the life cycle of a tree
Look at the animals that are
around/hibernating
Plant seeds watch them group
Care for plants
Science experiment plants in different
temperatures/light/water

- -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
- -Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and song
- -Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music

Healthy Living

3 and 4 Year Olds

- -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.
- -Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.
- -Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos
- -Talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'.
- -Begin to understand how others might be feeling

Children in reception

- -Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
- -Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- -Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- -See themselves as a valuable individual.
- -Build constructive and respectful relationships.
- -Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.
- -Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

Learn about different foods and their impact on our bodies

Importance of exercise and balanced diet

Hobbies

Learn new skills

Discuss personal hygiene

Manage feelings

Think about others feelings

Make a healthy lunch

Learn small amounts of sugary foods are

okay for our bodies

Learn some statistics

Respect others

Know everyone is different

	 -Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally. -Think about the perspectives of others. -Manage their own needs 	
	 -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, nonfiction texts and (when appropriate) maps. 	
	-Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. -Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. -Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices. -Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers. -Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.	
Space	3 and 4 year olds -Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different propertiesTalk about what they see, using a wide vocabularyShow interest in different occupationsExplore how things workExplore and talk about different forces they can feelTalk about the differences between materials and changes they notice	Learn planets Look at constellations Look at the phases of the moon Learn equipment Light and Dark Learn about people who have been on the moon
	Children in Reception -Comment on images of familiar situations in the pastCompare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the pastExplore the natural world around them Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outsideRecognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live	Learn songs and rhymes Explore gravity (experiment) Look at forces Look at how craters are made

- -Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps.
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- -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.

Pentecost Term

Minibeasts Sea Creatures

3 and 4 Year Olds

- -Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- -Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
- -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.
- -Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.
- -Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- -Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice

Children in Reception

- -Draw information from a simple map.
- -Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.

ELG

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Favourite animals - names and body parts eg paw, claw, tusks, hooves, beak, talons, etc
Patterns and textures/ fur, skin, wool, feathers etc

Animal environments - forest, desert, jungle, ocean, mountains etc

How to look after our environment for animals - reduce, reuse, recycle

Textures of Animal skins etc.

What animals eat/drink/live?

Create a map of their journey through a farm/jungle and what they may see

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Traditional Tales	3 and 4 Year Olds -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary Children in Reception -Name and describe people who are familiar to themComment on images of familiar situations in the pastCompare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the pastRecognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. ELG	Read traditional tales and learn story sequences. Talk about different characters in a story. Re tell stories. Learn 'fiction' Know different features of a book. Learn rhymes and repeated refrains. Order events.
Kings and Queens	-Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling 3 and 4 Year Olds -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabularyShow interest in different occupationsExplore how things workKnow that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. Children in Reception -Talk about members of their immediate family and community.	Learn about our Monarch History. Know different names for royal belongings. E.g. crown. Know what the Queen/Kings job is. Know the difference between our country and others around us. Know where the King/Queen lives. Know past and present royals.
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Transport and	3 and 4 year olds	Beetbots - Travelling
Machines	 -Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. -Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary -Explore how things work. -Explore and talk about different forces they can feel. -Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. Children in Reception Comment on images of familiar situations in the past Draw information from a simple map. 	Metal Detectors - Forces Looking at past and present ways of travelling Looking at how transport works. Knowing different transport Children using iPad Looking how things work and design their own machine Reading Non-Fiction Texts - Machines
	ELG -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. -Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, nonfiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.	Reading Fiction Texts - The Naughty Bus Maddie space and I - Machines

Summer/Seaside

3 and 4 Year Olds

- -Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- -Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
- -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary
- -Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.
- -Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- -Listen with increased attention to sounds.
- -Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.
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- -Develop storylines in their pretend play.
- -Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups

ELG

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- -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
- -Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and song

Learn the different seasons and the effect on the environment.

Learn new vocabulary e.g. seaside, beach, sea, sandcastle

Be able to describe what a seaside looks like.

Know different sea and land creatures. Explore the 5 different senses. Read both fiction and non fiction texts. Learn rhymes and songs linking to the seaside/summer.

Create summer/seaside pictures from both memory and guidance.

	-Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time with music	
Pirates	3 and 4 Year Olds -Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary	The children will learn to use their imagination in their role play. Read fiction texts.
	Children in Reception -Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the pastRecognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.	Learn vocabulary such as, pirates, treasure, chest, ship. Sinking and floating pirate ships. (Make) Create new storylines.
	ELG -Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling	Retell different stories. Learn about the sea.