



Cycle 2



Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Parental Engagement	Key Text	Traditional Tales and Rhymes	Trips and	Festivals and Special Times
Nativity Show Bed Time Stories and Phonics Workshop Christmas community Lunch Parent/Carer termly phone call	Owl Babies Owl Babies We will also be reading lots of other stories, songs and rhymes daily.	Little Red Riding Hood Little Red Riding Hood Bible Story: Jesus is Born- The Christmas Story	Experiences Walk to the Post Office Walk to Church for the Christmas Story	Diwali Christmas/Nativity Hanukkah Bonfire Night Remembrance Day Friendship Week and Odd Socks Day

Characteristics of effective Learning:

Playing and Exploring - During this topic the children will be encouraged to play and explore using knowledge they already have and supported to develop a 'have a go' attitude at school.

Active learning - The children will be provided with daily activities that allow them to be active and involved in their learning. The activities will help develop concentration and attention.

Creating and thinking Critically - Our continuous provision will strongly encourage the children to explore their own ideas and to tackle a task how they feel best suit.

We have an animal for each learning behaviour. These are:





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Creative Chameleon		Persevering parrot		Go for it Gorillas		Proud Peacock	
Slinky Linky Snake	S	Reflecting Rhino		Exploring Elephants	(Pop)	Choosing Chimps	
			Analys	ing Alligator	•		
				Prime Areas of learning			
Personal, Social Personally, Socially and Emotionally we will be We will achieve this by			1.1. 1.				
and Emotional Development	• Learnin	g about me and my relations	t me and my relationships with Harold the Giraffe		SCARF Theme: <u>Me and my Relationships</u> Sharing the story 'things I like' and discuss what		

	Prime Areas of learnin
Personal, Social and Emotional	Personally, Socially and Emotionally we will be
Development	 Learning about me and my relationships with Harold the Giraffe
0.0	 Sharing our likes and dislikes with our friends and adults in the classroom
\	 Naming the different features of our face and parts of our body
('/\'\\\)	 Using our senses to explore the world around us
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Self-Regulation	 Naming different feelings and possible causes
	 Naming some key adults who can help us when feeling sad/worried/scared
Managing Self	 Talking about their families and special people
	 Naming those who care for us and keep us safe
Building	Describing different types of homes

al people ep us safe Describing different types of homes E-Safety Focus: I can talk about some ways that the internet can be used to communicate

Learning at home-family finger puppets to sing at home

Communication and Language

Relationships

As Communicators we will...

• Listen to simple stories and understand what is happening, with the help of the pictures.

we like during circle time

Self-portraits and making faces

Using our senses to explore different materials

Lots of stories, songs and poems about our bodies and faces

Naming body parts

Celebrating difference

Learning the song 'I'm special' why?

Learning feeling words and exploring different

feelings

Prayer tree

'Wearing our scarf' day

Talking about our families and sharing special books

Using building materials to make different homes and streets

Small world play using puppets Golden behaviour of the day

Making our own family trees and learning about

different families and where we live

We will achieve this by...

Sharing lots of stories in the library, book corner and daily reading







Listening, attention and understanding

Speaking

- Identify familiar objects and properties for practitioners when they are described. For example: 'Katie's coat', 'blue car', 'shiny apple'.
- Understand and act on longer sentences like 'make teddy jump' or 'find your coat'.
- Understand simple questions about 'who', 'what' and 'where' (but generally not 'why').
- Use a wider range of vocabulary.
- Sing a large repertoire of songs.
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- Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
- Use longer sentences of four to six words.

Learning at home-singing and carrying out actions to our nativity songs

WellComm activities

Introducing and using interesting words to describe our snack and other materials such as the ice and snow

'I wonder' questions about everyday experiences such as the weather, science investigations and Responding to stories

Asking questions about owls etc?

Daily welcome to nursery, talking about the weather, season and children's experiences

Introduce new vocabulary - add words to our story board and use the words to make a sentence such as 'nest', 'feather', 'hibernate' etc

Daily singing nursery rhymes and topic songs Learning our nativity songs and story

Physical Development



Gross motor skills

Fine motor skills

Physically, we will...

- Use and remember sequences and patterns of movements
- Uses movement to express feelings
- Creates forms of expression in response to music
- Increasingly able to use and remember sequences and patterns of music that are related to music and rhythm
- Make healthy choices about food, drink and tooth brushing
- Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.

Daily activities and routines such as:
Putting our coats on and zipping them up
Getting ready for our Seasonal walks and dressing
for the different seasons and weather
Daily healthy snack including fruit, water and milk
Daily washing hands and learning to be independent
such as going to the toilet and taking care of
ourselves

Lots of fine motor activities to build the strength in our hands and fingers:

Making snips with paper- Practise tearing paper
Digging, scooping, pouring
Sand/ water (buckets, spades and jugs)

Able to use a spoon to feed self/ cups to drink
Paint brushes - large movements - circular, up and down- large paintbrushes/ large sheets of paper/

ground
Use tweezers to pick up/ move large objects i.e. pompoms

Thread large objects onto pipe cleaners Using a variety of tools to manipulate play dough Using glue spreaders

Learning at home- practising and performing our nativity songs







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		Use tweezers to pick up/ move smaller objects i.e. Small pompoms/ objects
		Practise activities to promote crossing the mid-line
		of the body i.e. passing a ball from left to right
		Focussing on using a fist grip to grip pencils
		Lots of large (gross) movement activities:
		Use crates and planks of wood to build
		obstacle courses
		Use of climbing frame
		Practise throwing and catching large ball back
		and forth with bounces between the catch
		Practise riding the bikes and scooters
		Running races
	Specific Areas of learning	
Literacy	As Readers, Writers and Mark makers we will be	We will achieve this by
\square 0	• Noticing print such as the first letter in our name or a familiar logo	Exploring the logo wall- talking about words

Reading

Writing

Comprehension

- Noticing print such as the first letter in our name or a familiar logo
- Enjoy drawing freely
- Make marks to stand for our name
- Add marks to drawings which we give meaning to
- Talk about stories and learn new words
- Name the different parts of a book
- Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.
- Count or clap syllables in a word

In phase I phonics, we will be learning to:

- Develop listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment
- Identify and remember the differences between sounds
- Talk about sounds in greater detail
- Develop awareness of sounds made with instruments
- Listen to and appreciate the difference between sounds made with instruments
- Use a wide vocabulary to talk about instrument sounds

Learning at home- Writing and posting Christmas cards



Exploring the logo wall- talking about words and logs all around us

Word walks-looking for signs and words around our environment

Lots of opportunities to make marks such as lists, Christmas cards, write dance, patterns in nature, labels- model writing for lots of different purposes

Writing the first letter in our names
Weekly pattern drawing from letter join
Name card wall- talking about our names and
the phonemes they begin with
Clapping our names and other words
Lots of stories such as Owl babies, The
Christmas story and many many more
Weekly library visit to share a book for
enjoyment

Story boards and maps to retell our class story Small world play to act out stories Making maps to get to the post office and woods

Role play area to act out and tell stories





		Daily phonics such as listening walks, listening
		to everyday sounds and describe them, exploring
		instruments
		Book voting station to vote and share our
		favourite books
		Exploring and making the different settings
		from the story such as the woods
		Pencil control: Mark making using tools such as
		chunky chalks, mark makers in sand etc,
		predominantly using fist grip
		Mark making using mark makers such as chunky
		chalks, paintbrushes, pens Following large pattern
		templates
		Draw some marks on paper, not always
		distinguishable
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		We will be following the Twinkl phase I phonic
		lessons:
		Superheroes
		Castle
		Pirates and Mermaids
		Space Aliens
		Magical Creatures
		Witches and Wizards
		Little Red Riding Hood
Maths	As Mathematicians we will be	We will achieve this by
(2+3=5)	Annual to a thin and the model to a continue to	Learning about the numbers 1-5 through number
	Arranging things in patterns	blocks- counting, comparing amounts and recording
	Recognising small groups of objects up to 3 without counting	in our ways
	• Reciting numbers past 5	Making groups of 3 from the story of the Three
	 Saying one number for each item in order- 1,2,3,4,5 	pigs
Number	Showing 'finger numbers' up to 5	Exploring patterns in nature such as leaves
	Talking about and exploring shapes	Making patterned wrapping paper
Numerical patterns	 Understanding and using positional words 	Making groups of objects and quickly recalling how
	Talking about and identifying patterns around us	many such as 3 conkers or 3 sticks
	• Talks about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and	Sharing stories such as 3 owl babies, 3 bears and 3
	cuboids) using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.	pigs and quickly recalling how many we can see
		Making collections from our woodland adventures





•	Understands position thr	rough words	alone - for	example, "The	. bag is ur	nder the table," -
	with no pointing.					

- Describe a familiar route.
- Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.
- Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.

Learning at home- Seasonal Autumn collection bags

Daily counting for different purposes such as how much milk we need? Or sharing the fruit Counting natural objects, counting presents, counting the post at the post office, counting the owl babies Making pictures and patterns using shapes Exploring shape parcels and sorting them Shape hunt Making patterns and shapes using natural materials

Understanding the World



Past and present

People, culture and communities

The natural world

Learning about People & the World, we will be



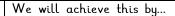
- Use the language in/on/under/in front
- Enjoy playing with small word models such as farm, garage, train track.
- Understand position through words alone. For example, "The bag is under the table," with no pointing
- Makes connections between the features of their family and other families
- Recount stories of significant individuals in their own lives taking part in commemorative celebrations (e.g. Bonfire Night and Black History Month) - experiment with other people's views and actions of others during their play

Kapow Computing- We will be learning to:

- Clicking
- Click and dragging

In RE we will be learning about Incarnation and why Christmas is a special time.

Learning at home- Christmas cards and a special bonfire night activity



Using our senses to explore what's inside the curiosity cube

Woodland walks

Using our senses to explore the seasons Autumn and then Winter

Exploring ice and snow

Small world areas to tell stories and let our imagination run wild

Collecting natural materials and using our senses to talk about them

Exploring ice and snow- what happens to it?
Daily discussions about the seasons and weather
Sharing the book 'The Jolly postman' and finding
out about postal workers

Welly walks and talking about the changes in weather and the seasons

Learning about owls and making our own nests and habitats

Lots of books, poems and rhymes about different families - PSED links

Learning about animals that are awake at night time through the story 'The owl babies'

Role play areas- The woodland and Owl babies tree Celebrations- Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas Walk to the post office to deliver our Christmas cards

Walk to church to listen to the Christmas story Nativity performance





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		Bible stories Weekly assemblies with Mrs Berry Godly play the nativity story Christmas songs and rhymes Making Christmas cards Daily prayers/reflection and thank you thoughts led by the children Nativity small world Nativity dressing up as different characters Celebrating Christmas and sharing our own experiences for our different families
Expressive Arts and	Imaginatively and as Artists, Musicians and Designers we will be	We will achieve this by
Design Creating with materials Being imaginative and expressive	 Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make Join different materials and explore different textures Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors Explore different materials and, using all their senses to investigate them Manipulate and play with different materials Remember and sing entire songs Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas Begin to make sense of their own life story and family's history Kapow Music-Celebration Music:	Daily sound games- listening to different sounds and making sounds using our voices and instruments Naming and using different colours to create our paintings, collages and other art work Using different materials to build models and make things Small world area to retell familiar stories and make up new story lines Weekly Kapow music learning songs and playing instruments to celebrate Christmas. Nativity performance
and expressive	 To learn about music from another culture, particularly when related to the Christmas festival. To respond to music with movement. Learning at home- Creating cards and calendars.	Our focus artist is Vincent Van Gogh and we will be learning all about 'night time' and stars. We will create our own starry night picture.



