

Thematic Overview Document - Reception

	Theme(s)	Links to the following National Curriculum Subjects:	Other (see list of those things outside the national curriculum):	Now-Press-Play Texts	Educational Visits inc. world of work: 11 by 11 Expert Speakers
Autumn One	My World and Me	Communication and Language: Children will explore their own world, using key vocabulary to describe. Key Vocabulary: Season, weather, local area, recycling, feelings, belonging, world, past, present, family, change. PSED: - School Rules - Learning feelings and emotions and how to consider their peer's feelings. - Children are encouraged to think positively about themselves (links to positive affirmations). - Building a supportive community where children will share things they did well and comment on the strengths of others. Understanding the World: - Seasonal changes and daily weather patterns. - Lives of significant individuals: Rosa Parks	Sustainability: Recycling & use of plastics. Zones of Regulation: an introduction to the zones of regulation. Wellbeing: talking about themselves and their feelings etc. Current affairs: links to materials / impact of plastic usage in the community. Inclusion Week Black History Month Physical Health: Children will learn about the importance of brushing their teeth and good oral hygiene with a visit for the nursing team at Whittington Hospital.	Now Press Play: - Autumn - Weather Key texts for writing: • The Leaf Thief by Nicola Slater • When I Was Little by Jamie Lee Curtis • Blue Penguin by Petr Horáček • Little People, Big Dreams: Rosa Parks by Lisbeth Kaiser • Meet the Weather by Caryl Hart Other key weekly texts: • Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly by Sue Heap • Starting School by Janet and Allan Ahlberg • The Everywhere	Educational Visits: - Visit to Olden Gardens Expert Speakers: - Visit from a local dentist or nurse

		- Past and present events in their own lives and the lives of their family members. RE F5: Being special - where do we belong? Expressive Arts and Design: - Junk modelling, self portraits (painting) and family paintings, autumn art work (leaf rubbings), still life drawing. - Role playing families, living in different houses and visiting the dentist. - Music: Music Express Foundation Lesson pack: 'Who Shall I Be Today?' - Cooking and Nutrition: Children will prepare an item of food for a start of the year party Computing: - Staying Safe and Understanding Emotions when using technology. - Talking about the over use of screen time.		Bear by Julia Donaldson • We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger • Tidy by Emily Gravett • The Family Book by Todd Parr • So Much by Trish Cooke • The Perfect Fit by Naomi and James Jones • I'm (Mostly) Happy Being Me by Anna Milbourne • Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts • Elmer's Weather by David McKee • Polly and the Screentime Overload by Betsy Childs Howard	
Autumn	Shining	Communication and Language:	Protected characteristics:	Now Press Play:	Educational Visits:

Two	Lights	- Children will learn to use subject specific vocabulary linked to festivals of light, seasonal and weather changes and famous people. Key Vocabulary: Space, astronauts, rockets, light, festivals, celebrations. PSED: - School Rules - Learning feelings and emotions and how to consider their peer's feelings. - Children are encouraged to think positively about themselves (links to positive affirmations). - Building a supportive community where children will share things they did well and comment on the strengths of others. Understanding the World: - Lives of significant individuals: Mae Jemison - Understanding the past through characters and events linked to these key characters - Festivals of light: Diwali, Christmas and Hanuka - Seasonal changes linked to winter and changing weather - Discussing changing states of matter through water changing to ice - R.E: F2 Which people are special	Gender and race Our changing world: people who changed the future Wellbeing: Aspirations and goals. Children will think about their own goals and aspirations for the rest of the year.	- Winter - Space Texts: Look Up Mae among the stars How to catch a star Q Pootle 5 Astro girl One snowy night	- Science Museum - Exploring space - Themed day linked to nurses and doctors. Expert Speakers: - Visitors to talk about the festivals of light Hand washing workshop: Domestos
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		and why? Expressive Arts and Design: - Art & DT: Paintings of linked to winter, Bubble Blowing/painting (linked to fireworks and snow flakes), Junk modelling rockets, christmas cards and decorations, festival of lights decorations and sculptures (clay divali lamps) Peter Thorpe (artist). - Role play linked to winter, going into space. - Music: Foundation series of lessons titled: 'Light a candle.' Computing: - Staying Safe and Understanding Emotions when using technology. - Talking about the over use of screen time.			
Spring One	On the move	Communication and Language: The children will learn to use language and vocabulary linked to transport and the local area. Some map words to be introduced. Key Vocabulary: City, town, house, village, shop, transport, underground, seasons, maps, history, skyline, trains, buses, walk etc. PSED: - Zones of regulation.	Sustainability: - changes in how trains are run, exploring how they are becoming more environmentally friendly. Outdoor learning: - Geography field work. Mental Health: - Recapping and consolidating strategies to get to the green zone.	Now Press Play: Transport Texts: The naughty bus The runaway train Mr Grumpy's motor The last stop on the market Mrs Armitage on wheels Locomotive Number Train Can you choo choo like a train? Thomas and friends	Educational Visits: Transport museum Expert Speakers: A visitor to talk about their job in the train industry.

		- Children are encouraged to think positively about themselves (links to positive affirmations). - Encouraging self expression through art. - Building a supportive community where children will share things they did well and comment on the strengths of others. - Introduce circle time. Understanding the World: - Seasonal changes with emphasis on winter. - Focus upon trains and how they have changed through history from steam trains to electric trains. Include the opening of the first tube. George & Robert Stephenson's Rocket (significant historical events). - Exploring the local area (school, houses, trains, buses, parks, roads etc), mosque, church, old railway near Finsbury park, maps. Include positional and directional language. - RE F3: What places are special and why? Expressive Arts and Design: - Learning primary colours and mixing to make secondary colours. - Creating maps (tea staining). - Making different types of transport through art materials and junk modelling.	Physical Health: The importance of walking, riding a bike, using a scooter for your physical health.		
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		- Black paper and chalk drawings of trains. - Skyline drawing / creation. - Local area drawing. - London skyline paintings. - Tube map tracing Music: Busy City. Computing: - Direction through beebots (developing resilience to programming toys).			
Spring Two	Green World	Communication and Language: Children will learn to use language linked to plants, animals and seasons. Key vocabulary: season, spring, plant, seed, leaves, flower, roots, stem, grow, tree, deciduous, evergreen, soil, minibeasts, insects, habitat, forest PSED -zones of regulation - expressing feelings and emotions and understanding their peers' feelings -positive affirmations -being a supportive community - circle times Understanding the World: - Seasonal changes with a focus on Spring and changing weather - Explore the natural world around	Sustainability: - Saving water, the importance of planting to oxygenate the planet, recap; recycling. Outdoor learning: - Planting - Minibeast hunt Well Being: - The importance of being outside, engaging in relaxing activities like planting & being in nature. - Children will engage with mindfulness activities. Physical health: - Being active and having a varied diet.	Now Press Play: - Spring - Minibeasts Key Texts: The Green Giant by Katie Cottle Further Key Texts: Texts: - The great paper caper - Mad about minibeasts - Little bee - The extraordinary gardner - The last tree in the city - Plant the tiny seed - The tiny seed - Erol's garden - Jack and the beanstalk - Lola plants a garden	Educational Visits: Olden gardens Gillespie park - workshop Minibeast session Expert Speakers: - A gardner to speak to the children about planting and how to look after the garden. - Sue from the borough to come and talk about recycling.

		them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants (plants and minibeasts) - Explore different plants and how they grow in different climates (rain forest plants and desert plants) RE F4: What times are special and why? (Easter and Eid). Expressive art and design: - Leaf printing, still life drawings of plants, art with natural resources, Easter crafts (e.g. cards, bonnets) - Music: Music Express - Our Growing World (4 lessons) Computing: - In the provision, children will use beebots (developing resilience to programming toys), busythings and interactive games - Children will be reminded about online safety and how to use technology safely.			
Summer One	On the Farm	Communication and Language: - Children will learn about farms and foods, using subject specific language in context. Key Vocabulary: - Seasons, summer, farm, city, countryside, location, map, machine, tractor, past, present, change, bread, seeds, vegetables.	Physical health: - Looking after your body - exploring a varied diet. Outdoor learning: - Visiting a farm Mental Health: - Exploring how animals and nature can be good for mental health	Now Press Play: - On the Farm - The Three Little Pigs Texts: - Three little pigs - Farmer duck - On the farm - Oliver's vegetables - Farmyard hullabaloo	Educational Visits: Freightliners Farm Expert Speakers: - Tour of farm by staff - Caterlink staff to give a talk / workshop linked to foods

		PSED: - Understanding healthy food choices. Understanding the World: - Seasonal changes with focus on summer - Farm animals - Exploring the differences between the city (London) and the countryside (plot this on maps too) - Changes between now and the past (linked through farm machinery) RE F1: Which stories are special and why? Expressive Arts and Design: - Animal print printing, patterns linked to fur/skin, wire sculptures, puppet making, clay animals, creating the 3 little pigs houses, art linked to food (vegetable prints) - Cooking (bread making - seeds) - Music: Fabulous foods Computing: - Introduce the children to using a keyboard and a mouse	Sustainability: - Sustainable farming Critical thinking: Where do foods come from / how are they made?	- Little red hen - What's on my plate? - Enormous turnip - Old Macdonald had a phone - Cows go boo! - The greedy goat - The pig in the pond - Flip flap farm - Look what I found on the farm - Couch potato	
Summer Two	Blue Planet	Communication and Language: - Children will explore different environments and oceans, learning the scientific words to use in their play. Key Vocabulary:	Sustainability: Plastics in the oceans, tides rising Our changing world: links to sustainability and fish in the oceans	Now Press Play: - Under the Sea - Summer - Pirates LYFTA: To make a marine themed	Educational Visits: - Aquarium Expert Speakers: Greenpeace (online)

		- Sea, ocean, beach, cliffs, coast, fish, tide, coral reef, float, sink, boats. PSED: - Learn that actions have consequences - Self regulation skills Understanding the World: - Comparing continents and oceans around the world - Exploring different sea animals around the world - Comparing Madagascar to the UK - Seasonal and weather patterns linked to summer - Using maps - Different climates - Looking at different boats - RE: F6 - What is special about our world? Expressive Arts and Design: Art: Natural materials, sea creature painting and sculptures, pirate treasure maps, tea standing, salt and water colour pictures, ocean plastic art work - Designing a boat that floats Music: Under the sea		mobile A multi-sensory aquarium visit Texts: - Our planet - Shark in the park - Pirates next door - Comotion in the ocean - Someone swallowed Stanley - Tale of a toothbrush - Ducks overboard -Sharing a Shell - Alba the 100 old fish - Surprising sharks - Lifesize ocean animals - My first book of Madagascar	
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