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Curriculum Overview UFS 2025-2026



Reception				
	Autumn Let's Investigate!	Spring Explorers	Summer 1 Oh' the Places You'll Go!	Summer 2 Children's Choice
Enrichment	Sublime Science Workshop	Teach Rex	Whistlestop Valley	TBC
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing routines • Building friendships • Managing emotions • Following instructions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help, listen and support each other • Children can talk about how characters feel • Children can talk about why we take turns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about achievements • Children develop skills to solve problems in independent play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions – moving to Year 1 • How to stay safe over the holidays
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things that are special to us • Listening to stories • Sharing ideas • Sentence construction • Carpet time rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking about different explorers from the past. • Ask questions to find out information. • Learn new vocabulary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the differences between England and Australia • Asking questions to develop understanding. 	

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Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to stay healthy • Healthy eating – food tasting • Exploring movement • Using equipment safely • Holding a pencil • Washing hands • Dressing/ undressing – jumpers, shoes, wellies, wet suits 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jungle explorers run (obstacle courses) • Exploring movement to music • Archaeological digging • Create sequences and patterns of movement to music and rhythm • Use tools safely and with good control. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing on lines • Understand how to cross a road safely • Form most lowercase and capital letters correctly. • Use one handed tools effectively and with purpose. 	
PE	Locomotion: Walking and Jumping	Ball Skills Hands 1	Gymnastics: High, Low, Over, Under	Dance: Nursery Rhymes	Ball Skills Feet	Games for Understanding
Literacy	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Text:</u> Stickman</p> <p><u>Immersion:</u> Autumn walk to find a Stickman- decorate own stickman.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outcome:</u> Initial letter sounds linked to RWI scheme</p> <p><u>Non-fiction:</u> Labelling using initial letter sounds.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Text:</u> Three Little Pigs</p> <p><u>Immersion:</u> Create the pigs houses in outdoor provision areas.</p> <p>Catalogue cutting- Letter to Santa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outcome:</u> Nick Hart – Part Sentences. Naming part- A pig, A hut etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purpose:</u> To narrate</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Text:</u> Little Red Hen</p> <p><u>Immersion:</u> Chicks in school</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outcome:</u> Nick Hart – Part Sentences. Naming part, action part, being part</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purpose:</u> To narrate</p> <p><u>Non-fiction:</u> Instructions- How to care for a chick.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Text:</u> The Gingerbread Man</p> <p><u>Immersion:</u> Bake Gingerbread Men</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outcome:</u> Nick Hart – Part Sentences. Naming part, action part, being part</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purpose:</u> To narrate</p> <p><u>Non-fiction:</u> Recipe- Gingerbread Man recipe.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Text:</u> Owl Babies</p> <p><u>Immersion:</u> Owl Visit</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outcome:</u> Nick Hart – Part Sentences. Naming part, action part</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purpose:</u> To narrate</p> <p><u>Non-fiction:</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Text:</u> Room on the Broom</p> <p><u>Immersion:</u> Potion Making</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outcome:</u> Nick Hart – Part Sentences. Naming part, action part, being part</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Purpose:</u> To narrate</p> <p><u>Non-fiction:</u></p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">Non-fiction: Labelling focus- Letter to Santa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purpose: To inform.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Purpose: To inform</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Purpose: To inform</p>	<p>Lists- Owl fact file- labelling an owl, listing what they eat, do etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purpose: To inform.</p>	<p>Instructions- How to care for a chick.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purpose: To inform</p>
Maths	<p>Just Like Me! Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Match and sort Compare Amounts <p>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare size, mass and capacity <p>Exploring pattern</p>	<p>Alive in 5! Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing zero Comparing numbers to 5 Composition of 4 and 5. <p>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare mass (2) Compare capacity (2) <p>Growing 6,7 and 8! Number</p>	<p>Growing 6,7 and 8! Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length and height Time <p>Building 9 and 10! Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 and 10 Comparing numbers to 10 Bonds to 10 <p>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3D shape 	<p>To 20 and beyond! Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building numbers beyond 10 Counting patterns beyond 10 <p>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spatial reasoning (1) Match rotate, manipulate 	<p>Find my pattern! Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doubling Sharing and grouping Even and odd <p>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spatial reasoning (3) Visualise and build 	<p>On the move! Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deeping understanding Patterns and relationships <p>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spatial reasoning (4) <p>Mapping</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,7 and 8 • Making pairs • Combining 2 groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pattern 2 <p>Consolidation</p>	<p>First then now!</p> <p>Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding more • Taking away <p>Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial reasoning (2) <p>Compose and decompose</p>		
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare past and present houses, jobs, school and food • Investigating melting and freezing • Seasonal changes (Autumn and Winter) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explorers from the past and present • Dinosaurs • Space and the solar system • Comparing England and Antarctica 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing transport from the past and present • Comparing Castleford and Australia 	
Religious Education	F5: Where do we belong?	F4: Which times are special why?	F6: What is special about our world?	F2: Which people are special and why?	F3: Which places are special and why?	F1: Which stories are special and why?
Art and Design	Kapow- Drawing- Marvellous Marks		Kapow- Painting and Mixed Media- Paint My World		Kapow- Sculpture- Creation Station	

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Design Technology	Kapow: Structures: Junk Modelling	Kapow: Cooking and Nutrition: Soup	Textiles: Bookmarks		Structures: Boats	
Music Charanga	<p>Me Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat-a-cake 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive Five Little Ducks Name Song Things For Fingers 	<p>My Stories Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'm A Little Teapot The Grand Old Duke Of York Ring O' Roses Hickory Dickory Dock Not Too Difficult The ABC Song 	<p>Everyone! Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind the Bobbin Up Rock-a-bye Baby Five Little Monkeys Twinkle Twinkle If You're Happy and You Know it Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. 	<p>Our World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Macdonald Incy Wincy Spider Row, Row, Row Your Boat The Wheels On The Bus The Hokey Cokey 	<p>Big Bear Funk! Big Bear Funk is a transition unit that prepares children for their musical learning in Year 1/ages 5-6.</p>	<p>Reflect, Rewind and Replay This unit contains all the classic teaching resources you would expect but with upgrades. These include new Listen & Appraise apps and a new compose tool.</p>
Linked Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a Scientist? A Walk in the Woods Woodland Friends 5 Little Ducks Once I Caught a Fish Alive Comparing Past and Present: Playing with Friends. Comparing Past and Present: Going to School Comparing Past and Present :At Home 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten Little Dinosaurs Dear Dinosaur Dinosaurs Love Underpants Super Space Future Astronaut Roaring Rockets Our Solar System Usborne See Under the Sea Commotion in the Ocean I Spy Under the Sea 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emma Jayne's Aeroplane Kevin the Koala Who Could Countries Australia Busy Airport Busy Kangaroo Introducing Australia Peppa Goes Around the World The Journey Home Amazing Aeroplanes Brilliant Boat 	

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SMSC/British Values and RSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manners and politeness • Emotions and Feelings • European Day of Languages • Black History Month • Being Safe and consent • Online Safety • RSE Lesson 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire/Firework Safety • Anti-Bullying Week • UK Parliament Week • Road Safety Week • Friendships • Christingle • Christmas Story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and News Years Resolutions • People Who Care for Me • Online Safety Lesson 2 • LGBTQ+ History Month/Friendships • Children's Mental Health Week • Safer Internet Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Lifestyles • Online Safety Lesson 3 • National Careers Week • RSE Lesson 2 • Safety-Railways • Easter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • First Aid • Summer Safety • Mental Health Week • World Day for Cultural Diversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Environment Day • Healthy Eating Week • RSE Lesson 3 • Online Safety 4 • Faith-Other Places • Managing Money • Transition
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