

Overview of next year's topics – 2026/27

Year Group – Foundation Stage 2

	Topic Title (This should be the same as the end event, apart from the Novel Study)	Key Questions	Key Topic Vocabulary	Wow Day	Visit	End of Term Event	Class Book(s)/ Novel(s) Traditional Tale Fiction Animation	Songs Revisit some pre-school songs	Significant Days
Term 1 – 1 st Half	Title - ALL ABOUT ME EXHIBITION - All About Me & My World All About Me / Marvellous Me My Family & Friends My School & Class Rules Feelings & Emotions Harvest / Autumn Changes Traditional Tales (The Little Red Hen)	Who am I? What makes me special? Who is in my family? How are we similar and different? What makes a good friend? What happens in our school? How can we look after ourselves and others? How does autumn change our world?	me, myself, family, friend, same, different, feelings, happy, sad, worried, excited, rules, routine, harvest, autumn, leaf, seed, fruit, vegetable	First Day of School	Exploring our school environment – using our senses.	Online Art Exhibition – Film for web page	Settling/Transition Books Reading Spine Books Focus Books (Literacy – Drawing Club Books) The Colour Monster Not Now Bernard The Owl Babies The Little Red Hen (TT) Super Six - Voting Books Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes, Only One Me! A Stroll Through the Seasons The Rainbow Fish The Scarecrows Wedding We're Going on a Leaf Hunt	If your happy and you know it. Wind the Bobbin up! Hickory Dickory Dock Picture of Autumn Conkers Wake up Shake up Got My Toothpaste This is the way we brush our teeth Dingle Dangle Scarecrow Just Sing! – (feelings) All of Me Big Red Combine Harvester Together Goodbye - Makaton Good Morning Song – Makaton Good Afternoon song – Makaton Hello Teachers, Hello Friends – Makaton Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes - Makaton	Phonics Workshop World Mental Health day 10 th Oct

Term 1 – 2nd half	Title – SPARKLE & SHINE: CELEBRATIONS AND NATIVITY PERFORMANCE Celebrations & Seasonal Changes Bonfire Night Diwali, Christmas, Hanukkah (celebrations around the world) Winter is Coming / Seasonal Weather Changes Winter Animals Christmas Story & Nativity	Why do people celebrate? How do different families celebrate? What happens when the seasons change? What happens to animals in winter? Why do we have lights and decorations? What is the Christmas story?	celebrate, festival, Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, light, dark, candle, decoration, winter, cold, frost, ice, hibernate, migrate, Nativity	Glow Stick Dance Area – music and movement with glow sticks and ribbons – chn code dressed in black	Pantomime Trip (Big Visit)	The Nativity (Parents)	Focus Books (Literacy – Drawing Club Books) Room on the Broom The Leaf Thief Elmer's Birthday Peter Pan (TT) The Wonky Star How to Catch a Star Father Christmas Comes up trumps Poetry Poems Out Loud Super Six - Voting Books Harry and the Dinosaurs make a Christmas Wish Wonky Gonks Oh Christmas Tree A Dinosaur Came to my Birthday We Wish you a Veggie Christmas Dear Father Christmas	Twinkle, twinkle little star When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer Our Senses O Christmas Tree Nativity Songs for the Performance Firework Number Rhyme Five Little Penguins - Makaton	Walk to the local park – signs of Autumn Bonfire Night 5 th Nov Stay and Learn Maths Workshop Diwali 8 th Nov Remembrance Day 11 th Nov World Kindness Day 13 th Nov Hannukah Christmas/New Year
Term 2 – 1st Half	Title – LITTLE HEROES, BIG PARADE People Who Help Us & Winter World People Who Help Us (doctors, firefighters, vets, police) Jobs in the Community Winter / Cold Places Transport & Vehicles Maps & Journeys Emergency Services role play	Who helps us? What jobs do people do? How do emergency services help us? What vehicles do they use? What happens in very cold places? How can we find our way?	doctor, nurse, firefighter, police, vet, ambulance, emergency, rescue, community, job, uniform, station, map, route, journey, direction, north, south, ice, snow, polar	Mysterious Emergency Message Children receive a letter, phone call, or “emergency alert” asking them to become little heroes and learn how to help others. Hero Training Camp Children rotate through short “training” activities: Bandaging teddy bears Building rescue vehicles Sorting emergency equipment Practising helping scenarios	People in School to visit us – Staff/ PWHU from the community.	A Celebration Parade of PWHU - Dress up as someone who helps them.	Focus Books (Literacy – Drawing Club Books) – The Jolly Postman Past: Pingu (A) One Snowy Night (Percy the Park Keeper) 100 Decker Bus <i>Martha Maps It Out</i> Hansel and Gretel (TT) Vocabulary – Poetry Poems Out Loud Super Six - Voting Books Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to the Vet Zog and the Flying Doctors – Julia Donaldson Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear? – Bill Martin Jr. Supertato The Detective Dog The Way Back Home	Hickory Dickory Dock Pancake Song	Visit to the School Kitchen Time To talk Day 5 th Feb Chinese New Year 6 th Feb Stay and Learn Writing Workshop Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day 9 th Feb

Term 2 – 2nd Half	Title – NATURE'S MINI BEASTS AND BLOOMING WONDERS DAY Growing & Living Things Plants & Growth Life Cycles (caterpillars, frogs, chicks) Animals & Habitats Farm & Jungle Animals Mini Beasts Easter / Spring Celebrations	What do plants need to grow? What happens to a seed? How do animals grow and change? Where do animals live? What minibeasts can we find? What changes when spring arrives?	seed, bulb, root, stem, leaf, flower, grow, life cycle, egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly, frogspawn, tadpole, habitat, minibeast, insect	Mysterious Nature Delivery Children arrive to find a special “nature parcel” containing: Mini beasts (toy models or pictures) Seeds or plants , Magnifying glass A letter asking them to become “Nature Explorers” Make Explorer hats Play Mini-beast games	Farm Visit – Cannon Hall (Big Visit)	Outdoor Family Nature related activities. (Parents)	Focus Books (Literacy – Drawing Club Books) Superworm Fran’s Flower What the Ladybird Heard Oi Frog! Odd Egg Poetry Poems Out Loud Super Six - Voting Books Crunching Munching Caterpillar Mad About Mini-beasts Spinderella Snail Trail The Adventure of Ladybird Oz Stick Man	The Ugly Bug Fair The Very Hungry Caterpillar If I Were a Mini-beast Creepy Crawly The Spring Chicken The Seed Song Spring Fever Chocolate Song Down in the Jungle Little Green Frog – Makaton Five Little Monkeys Swinging in a Tree – Makaton Elephants Have Wrinkles – Makaton Animal Tea Party – Makaton Chick, Chick, Chick, Chicken – Makaton We are Going to the Zoo - Makaton	World Book Day Visit the Local Library Mother’s Day – 7 th March Easter Sunday 28 th March
Term 3 – 1st Half	Title – ONCE UPON AN ADVENTURE: LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION! Explorers, Space & Adventure Space & Planets Explorers & Voyages Dinosaurs (always a favourite!) Castles & Knights / Fantasy Worlds	What makes an explorer? What might we discover? What is in space? What were dinosaurs like? What was life like in a castle? Can we create our own adventure?	explorer, adventure, journey, astronaut, planet, Moon, star, rocket, dinosaur, fossil, skeleton, castle, knight, queen, king, dragon, treasure, map	Come to school in smart attire - Red Carpet Arrival - Children arrive to a “film premiere” entrance: Red carpet walkway Camera flashes (phones/tablets) Music playing for excitement Children welcomed as “Adventure Actors”	Explore our local community – and visit the Library to look at books linked to this	Create a film for the web page.	Focus Books (Literacy – Drawing Club Books) The First Hippo on the Moon A Hundred Decker Rocket George Save the World By Lunchtime How to Catch a Dinosaur Are the Dinosaurs Dead, Dad? Jack and The Beanstalk (TT) Poetry Poems Out Loud Super Six - Voting Books Whatever Next Aliens Love Underpants! The Smeds and the Smoots Dinosaurs Love Underpants The Dinosaur That Pooped a Planet! The Princess and the Pea	The Grand Old Duke of York Five Little Astronauts - Makaton Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, We’re Going to the Moon We’re Going on a Space Adventure Dinosaur Stomp 10 Little Dinosaurs We’re Going on a Dragon Hunt Old King Cole Save the Planet Song Eight Little Planets Go Around the Sun	Science Week Father’s Day 21 st June Walk to the Local park – Pick Litter Up

Term 3 – 2nd Half	Title – OUR EYFS JOURNEY: A CELEBRATION OF GROWTH Water, Journeys & Transition Under the Sea Pirates / Ocean Adventures (continued) Holidays & Summer Transport & Travel Transition to Year 1 Moving On / New Beginnings	What have I learned? How have I changed? What can I do now that I couldn't do before? Where can journeys take us? What lives under the sea? What happens at the seaside? What will Year 1 be like? What are we excited about?	journey, grow, change, remember, achievement, proud, transition, Year 1, new, beginning, future, ocean, sea, beach, holiday, pirate, treasure, ship, map, travel	Mysterious Pirate Map Arrival – Mini- challenges pirate themed. Children arrive to find a special package containing: A pirate map - Oh no... Captain has lost their treasure!" "We need to follow the map to help find it!" Follow the Map Adventure Children use the map to follow simple clues around the classroom/outdoor area Each stop = a mini challenge (e.g. step over waves, crawl under "seaweed", find a clue card)	Visit Year 1 classroom/ Year 1 Teacher to read stories regularly.	Summer Celebration Picnic & Parade Children dress as their favourite journey theme (pirate, explorer, traveller, etc.) Short class parade 🎭🎪 Picnic-style celebration with families ☀️ Music, dancing, and photos	Focus Books (Literacy – Drawing Club Books) Commotion in the Ocean The Lighthouse Keepers Mystery Tiddler The Secret of Black Rock Lost and Found The Night Pirates Ten Delicious Teachers Poetry Poems Out Loud - Braving the Sea Super Six - Voting Books Pirates Love Underpants The Snail and the Whale The Pirates Next Door The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Sharing a Shell My Teacher Is a Monster! — Peter Brown	A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea I Am the Music Man – Makaton I Left My Boat Out in the Bay - Makaton Slippery Fish Down in the Deep Blue Sea A Pirate Went to Sea When I Was One You've Got a Friend in Me Blue Skies – Today Will be Hot! Graduation Song – On My Way! We're Moving Up – Graduation Song Octopus' Garden	Transition Day to Year 1
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