



Understanding the World Skills Progression in Reception

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Past and Present	<p>Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.</p> <p>Understands the difference between past and present and is building up knowledge of key historical events through topics, stories and community events, e.g. Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day.</p> <p>Talks in detail about family, identifies relationships within the family and recognises the difference between self now and as a baby.</p>	<p>Compare and contract characters from stories, including figures from the past.</p> <p>Talks about significant historical events and how things were different in the past.</p>	<p><u>ELG Past and Present</u> Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.</p> <p>Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.</p> <p>Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.</p>
People, Culture and Communities	<p>Talks about the world around them, members of their immediate family and community.</p> <p>Name and describe people who are familiar to them.</p> <p>Listens carefully to stories about different places and is beginning to recognise that different places have different features, e.g. recognising the difference between life in this country and other countries.</p> <p>Knows about some celebrations and is able to talk about how they might be celebrated, E.g. Christmas, Advent, Diwali and Hannukah.</p> <p>Knows that Collective Worship is part of the life of the school community.</p>	<p>Understand that some places are special to members of their community.</p> <p>Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate different times in different ways.</p> <p>Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.</p> <p>Has a wider understanding of the wider world and draws comparisons between own local environment/ community and other places. Looks at, and makes maps, of local environment.</p> <p>Describes a journey within the local environment.</p>	<p><u>ELG People, Culture and Communities</u> Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>



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The Natural World	<p>Draw information from a simple map.</p> <p>Explore the natural world around them.</p> <p>Describes some features of plants and animals and identifies when things are the same and different.</p> <p>Notices, observes and talks about seasonal changes.</p>	<p>Describe what they see, hear and feel and notice whilst outside.</p> <p>Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.</p> <p>Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.</p> <p>Has a good general knowledge about living things and the natural world and can describe features of different plants and animals recognising when they are the same and different.</p> <p>Understands and uses some language related to animals, e.g. camouflage, predator, nocturnal, diurnal.</p>	<p><u>ELG The Natural World</u></p> <p>Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.</p>
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