



# OLSE EYFS Curriculum Overview

Within the Early Years at Our Lady and St Edward's, our EYFS Curriculum is planned around the seven areas of learning. We strive to nurture our children's love for learning and we believe that children learn best when they enjoy what they are learning about and are interested in it. Therefore, our Reception curriculum is tailored to the interests of each cohort of children. We have ten exciting and carefully planned topics all centred around the Seven Areas of Learning. An overview document has been created for each topic and these also link to our EYFS curriculum documents. Each year, six of these topics will be taught, one per half term. We choose which topics will be taught based on the information parents provide about their children's interests and also allow the children to choose what they want to learn about each half-term. Throughout each topic we are guided by lines of enquiries and interests that the children wish to explore within the chosen topic. This overview outlines all ten topics and some of the possible themes which may be explored within each topic.

	Our Big Question	Some of the things may explore...	Some of the books we are reading
Super Me, Super You	What makes a superhero super?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Superhero – who and what they are.</li> <li>- The qualities of a superhero.</li> <li>- Our qualities and how we can be like superheroes.</li> <li>- Ways we can look after ourselves and others.</li> <li>- Similarities and differences between ourselves and others.</li> <li>- Real life superheroes (people who help us) and how they help us.</li> <li>- Ways superheroes and people who help us travel now and how they used to travel in the past.</li> <li>- What we do in an emergency.</li> <li>- Ways that animals help us and jobs they do.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supertato by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson.</li> </ul> <p>We will also share a range of traditional tales</p>
Fantasy	What do you imagine?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What imagination is.</li> <li>- Different types of fantasy characters.</li> <li>- Castles – their use and features.</li> <li>- Real princes and princesses and the British Royal Family.</li> <li>- Knights and their roles. We will explore real knights of the past including St. George.</li> <li>- Shields and how they can be used to represent us.</li> <li>- Mythical creatures and how we can use our imagination to create our own.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This Kiss that Missed by Helen Cooper</li> <li>- The Knight who wouldn't fight by Helen Docherty</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We will also share a range of fairy tales and imaginary stories</li> </ul>
Festivals and Celebrations	How do people celebrate?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Different ways that different events are celebrated.</li> <li>- Who celebrates different festivals and why.</li> <li>- Seasons and how these changed (focus on Autumn).</li> <li>- Real events of the past e.g. the Gunpowder Plot story.</li> <li>- Bonfire night / Fireworks</li> <li>- Remembrance Day – what we are remembering and why it is important.</li> <li>- Hindu festival of Light - Diwali</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper</li> <li>- The Jolly Christmas Postman by Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christmas stories</li> <li>- The story of the Gunpowder Plot</li> <li>- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell</li> <li>- Kipper's Birthday by Mick Inkpen</li> </ul>

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Our Frosty World	What is the cold like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ways to keep yourself warm in the cold.</li> <li>- The season of Winter.</li> <li>- How water changes when it is frozen.</li> <li>- How ice changes when it melts.</li> <li>- Different ways of making things freeze and melt.</li> <li>- Animals that live in cold places.</li> <li>- Ways that animals are adapted to live in the cold.</li> <li>- How climate change is affecting the cold parts of our world and what we can do about it.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stick Man by Julia Donaldson</li> <li>- Be Brave Little Penguin by Giles Andreae</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth</li> <li>- The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins</li> <li>- Henry's Holiday by Gillian Shields</li> <li>- The Rainbow Bear by Michael Morpurgo</li> </ul>
Under the Sea	What is it like under the sea?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What the seas / oceans are.</li> <li>- Sea creatures and plants that live under the sea.</li> <li>- Sharks</li> <li>- Water – what water is like and some of the characteristics of water.</li> <li>- Ways of travelling on and under the sea.</li> <li>- Floating and sinking.</li> <li>- How the sea can be dangerous – shipwrecks and ways we can keep ourselves safe near water.</li> <li>- How we can look after our oceans.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tiddler by Julia Donaldson</li> <li>- Text: Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson,</li> <li>- Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae</li> <li>- Dolphin Boy by Michael Morpurgo</li> <li>- What a Submarine Sees by Laura Knowles &amp; Vivian Mineker</li> </ul>
Transport	Why do we need different types of transport?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What transport is and the different types of transport.</li> <li>- The types of transport we regularly see in Preston.</li> <li>- Different types of transport and their purposes.</li> <li>- Ways that travel has changed over time.</li> <li>- Different types of journeys and how maps can be used to show a journey.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Journey Home from Grandpa's by Jemima Lumley</li> <li>- Text: The Journey by Neil Griffiths and Scott Mann</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p>

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Dinosaurs	Can we see a dinosaur today?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dinosaurs lived a long time ago.</li> <li>- Dinosaur bones and how they teach us about the dinosaurs.</li> <li>- Different types of dinosaurs, what they were like and their similarities and differences.</li> <li>- What different dinosaurs ate.</li> <li>- Different ways that the dinosaurs travelled.</li> <li>- What remains of the dinosaurs?</li> <li>- How we know about the dinosaurs.</li> <li>- What happened to the dinosaurs.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Dinosaur Department Store by Lily Murray</li> <li>- Dear Dinosaur by Chae Strathie</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Katie and the Dinosaurs by James Mayhew</li> <li>- Usborn – Lift the flap, questions and answers about Dinosaurs</li> <li>- Mad about Dinosaurs - Giles Andreae</li> <li>- Chalk - Bill Thomson</li> </ul>
Space	What is beyond our world?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Things an astronaut might need.</li> <li>- The job that an astronaut does.</li> <li>- Famous astronauts and why they are famous.</li> <li>- Rockets and what they are used for.</li> <li>- The planets in our solar system.</li> <li>- Our moon and what it does.</li> <li>- How we have day and night.</li> <li>- What it is like to be in space.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy</li> <li>- The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Here we Are – Oliver Jeffers</li> <li>- Usborn – Look inside Space</li> </ul>
Growing and Changing	What changes happen around us?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Different types of bugs and mini-beast we have in our gardens and around our school grounds.</li> <li>- The lifecycle of a caterpillar and watching the changes that occur and how they change into butterflies.</li> <li>- Gardening, planting and looking after our outdoors.</li> <li>- Spring and how this is a change of season when new life starts to grow.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle</li> <li>- Jack and the Beanstalk</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Katie and the Sunflowers by James Mayhew</li> <li>- Superworm – Julia Donaldson</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The similarities and differences between adults and their young.</li> <li>- How we have changed since we were babies and since we started school.</li> <li>- Lifecycles e.g. the life cycle of a butterfly, frog, chicken and human.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What the Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson</li> <li>- Tad – Benji Davies</li> <li>- Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter</li> </ul>
Home and Away	What is it like in different places?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What it is like in our home city of Preston.</li> <li>- Key places we know within our local area.</li> <li>- How maps can be used to show where places are.</li> <li>- Some of the different countries and continents in our world.</li> <li>- Similarities and differences between different places.</li> <li>- What different cultures are like.</li> <li>- How the weather / climate is different in different places.</li> <li>- Animals that live in different parts of the world.</li> <li>- Similarities and difference between buildings in different parts of the world, including old and new buildings.</li> <li>- How letters and postcards can be used to communicate with people across the world.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Main Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne</li> <li>- The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson</li> </ul> <p><u>Other Texts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Katie and the Impressionists by James Mayhew</li> <li>- My Granny Went to Market – Stella Blackstone and Christopher Corr.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>