

Understanding the World Knowledge and Skills Progression in Reception

	Pre- Reception Baselines At the age of 3-4	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Past and Present (*History, PSHE, RE)	Use all their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials.	Talk about members of their immediate family and community.	Talk about the roles of people who help us in our society.	Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now
	Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.	Name and describe people who are familiar to them.	Compare and contract characters from stories, including figures from the past.	ELG Past and Present
	Talk about what they see, using a wide range of vocabulary.	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.		Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.
	Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.	Talks about past and present events in their own life and in the lives of family members		Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their
	Show interest in different occupations.	Build up knowledge of key historical events through stories and community events – Bonfire Night, Remembrance		experiences and what has been read in class.
	Explore how things work.	Day		Understand the past through settings, characters and events
	Plant seeds and care for growing plants.			encountered in books read in class and storytelling.
	Understand the key features of the			
	life cycle of a plant and an animal.	Enjoys joining in family customs and routines	Develop an understanding of jobs/services in our local community	Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
0	Begin to understand the need to		,	,
People, Culture and Communities (*RE, Geography)	respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.	Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate different times in different ways e.g. Christmas, Advent,	Make comparisons between celebrations in this country and in other countries.	Know some similarities and differences between different religious beliefs and cultural communities: christening,
	Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.	Diwali, Hanukkah	Recognise that people have different	baptism, wedding.
	Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.	Make comparisons between celebrations in this country and in other countries.	beliefs and celebrate different times in different ways e.g. Easter	Draw information from a simple map



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	Continue developing positive attitudes about difference between people. Know that there are different counties in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.			ELG People, Culture and Communities Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. 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. 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.
		Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.	Understand the effects of changing seasons: Autumn/Winter	Understand the effects of changing seasons: Summer
The Natural World (*Science, Geography)		Explore light and colour Make observations of fruit and vegetables Explore the natural world around them	Explore changing states of matter Talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another Make observations of animals and explains why some things occur, and talk about changes	Make observations of plants and explains why some things occur, and talk about changes Explore and make observations of changing states of matter Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and a contrasting environment



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	Understand the effects of changing	
	seasons: Spring	
		ELG The Natural World
		Explore the natural world around
		them, making observations and
		drawing pictures of animals and
		plants.
		piants.
		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.
		Understand some important
		processes and changes in the
		natural world around them,
		including the seasons and changing
		states of matter

^{*}National Curriculum subjects matched to the areas of learning in the EYFS (laying the foundations)