Waltham Gateway Academy Early Years Topics LTP

	Autumn 1 Marvellous Me! (Contemporary fiction: Who are you? Poetry: People like people)	Autumn 2 Look at us glow! (Building stamina: Little Glow, Picture book: Billy's Bucket)	Spring 1 What a wonderful world! (Classic Text: The Gruffalo, Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch)	Spring 2 Tell me a tale! (Classic text: Jack and the Beanstalk and other stories. Classic Text: What the ladybird heard?)	Summer 1 Let's go! (Picture book: There's a Tiger on the Train, Building Stamina: On Sudden Hill)	Summer 2 Life is an adventure! (Contemporary fiction: Astro girl Picture book: Emily Brown and the Thing
Week 1	**Settling and Belonging** ▪ Classroom routines ▪ Learning names ▪ Exploring provision ▪ Vocabulary: me, my, school, friend	**Bonfire Night** ▪ Firework art ▪ Safety discussions ▪ Vocabulary: spark, glow, light, bang, noise, colours, whoosh	**Continents** ▪ World map ▪ Where we live? ▪ Vocabulary: home, continent, country	**Jack and the Beanstalk** ▪ Story sequencing ▪ Retelling a story ▪ Vocabulary: growing, vegetables, fruit, bean, trick,	**Pirates** ▪ Maps ▪ Treasure hunts ▪ Vocabulary: captain, anchor, hunt, map, follow	**Our planet** ▪ What is Earth? ▪ Globe exploration ▪ Vocabulary: planet, Earth, globe, sea, land, travel
Week 2	**All about me** ▪ Self portraits ▪ Body parts ▪ What makes me special ▪ Vocabulary: unique, same, different, special	**Chinese New Year** ▪ Lantern/dragon ▪ Why do they celebrate? ▪ Vocabulary: grateful, thankful, future, celebrate	**Africa** ▪ Animals in the Savannah ▪ Climate ▪ Vocabulary: savannah, hot, grasslands desert, dry	**Planting beans** ▪ What plants need? ▪ Plant diaries ▪ Vocabulary: root, stem, soil, germinate	**Adventures** ▪ Story writing ▪ Problem Solving ▪ Vocabulary: Voyage, journey, plan	**Our Solar System** ▪ Sun and moon ▪ Day and Night ▪ Planets in our solar system ▪ Vocabulary: orbit, star, planets, sun, moon, spin
Week 3	**My Family** ▪ Who lives with me? ▪ Family drawing ▪ Roleplay home corner ▪ Vocabulary: family, home, care	**Birthdays** ▪ Time passing ▪ Growing and changing ▪ Vocabulary: year, celebration, special, family	**Polar Regions** ▪ Arctic and Antarctica ▪ Animal adaptations ▪ Vocabulary: icy, freezing, frozen, cold, polar bear, penguins, glacier	**Spring changes** ▪ Seasonal signs ▪ Observational drawing ▪ Vocabulary: blossom, bud	**Protecting our oceans** ▪ Plastic pollution ▪ Ocean care ▪ Vocabulary: conserve, protect, safety, pollution, plastic	**Astronauts and exploration** ▪ Rockets ▪ Space roleplay ▪ Vocabulary: explore, launch, space, rockets, launch
Week 4	**Feelings** ▪ Emotional focus ▪ Regulation and grounding	**Celebration foods** ▪ Family traditions ▪ Food around the world	**Rainforest** ▪ Layers of the rainforest ▪ Animal habitats	**Life Cycles** ▪ Butterfly lifecycles ▪ Frog lifecycles	**Transport** ▪ Past and presents ▪ Features ▪ Vocabulary: Voyage, journey, travel	**Dinosaurs** ▪ Types ▪ Fossils

	▪ Vocabulary: happy, sad, excited, worried, calm, angry, nervous	▪ Vocabulary: senses, flavour	▪ Vocabulary: humid, canopy, endangered, forest floor, animals, birds, insects	▪ Vocabulary: hatch, change, metamorphosis		▪ Vocabulary extinct, prehistoric, fossil, archaeologists, dig
Week 5	**Senses** ▪ Exploring senses ▪ Describing experiences ▪ Vocabulary: see, hear, smell, taste, touch, feel	**Families** ▪ Family traditions ▪ Vocabulary: tradition, celebrate, special	**Under the sea** ▪ Animal habitats ▪ Parts of the sea/ocean ▪ Vocabulary: salt water, coral, pollution, home, camouflage	**Farming** ▪ Habitats ▪ Farming past and present ▪ Vocabulary: habitat, home, care,	**Build, Design, Go** ▪ Junk modelling ▪ Vocabulary: attach, stick, cut, fasten	**Dinosaur habitats** ▪ Comparing past and present ▪ Measuring footprints ▪ Vocabulary: herbivore, carnivore. Omnivore, food, predator, prey, hunt
Week 6	**Celebrating differences** ▪ What I can do? ▪ Baseline reflections ▪ Independent focus	**Reflection and Nativity** ▪ Nativity ▪ Sharing learning ▪ Speaking confidence	**Care for our Planet** ▪ Recycling ▪ Litter picking ▪ Vocabulary: protect, environment, recycling, reuse, protect, look after	**Growing and Caring** ▪ Responsibility ▪ Reflection ▪ Comparing growth ▪ Vocabulary: nurture, care, caring, looking after	**Seaside** ▪ Seaside past and present ▪ Vocabulary: now, then, past, present, before, yesterday, a long time ago	**When I grow up** ▪ Our year of adventure ▪ Confidence building ▪ Celebrating growth ▪ Vocabulary: future, job, grown-up, wish