

Nursery Curriculum Journey

Autumn 1

Me and My World

Why am special?

Talking about myself and my family
Naming people and things that matter
Beginning to feel safe and belong

Autumn 2

People and Celebrations

What is celebration?

Sharing experiences and special times
Talking about feelings
Beginning to notice differences

Spring 1

The World Around Me

What is in our world?

Exploring weather and seasons
Talking about where we live
Describing what we see

Spring 2

Stories and language

What is your favourite story?

Listening and joining in with stories
Using simple story language
Beginning to retell

Summer 1

Growing and Changing

What will be?

Talking about growth and change
Beginning to understand simple life cycles
Naming body and basic health

Summer 2

Exploring and Experiences

What happens at the seaside?

First-hand experiences
Talking about what I see and do
Beginning to understand safety

Preparing for Reception

Secure sense of self
Growing vocabulary
Confidence to talk
Awareness of change and the world



Reception Curriculum Journey

Autumn 1

Place & Belonging

Where do we live?

Local identity & belonging
Locational hierarchy
Map & route language

Autumn 2

Community & Contribution

How can we help?

Kindness, responsibility & generosity
Celebrations & shared values
Contributing to community

Spring 1

Wider World

Where would you like to go?

Countries & environments
Globe use (finding places)
Compare: same / different

Spring 2

Change Over Time

How does it change?

Growth & life cycles
Seasonal change
Before / after language

Summer 1

Living Things & Classification

What happens at the farm?

Compare & group animals
Habitat / insect concepts
Observation & enquiry talk

Summer 2

Identity & Becoming

Who would you like to be?

Past / present / future thinking
Skills, roles & strengths
Confidence for Year 1

Preparing for Year 1

Secure sense of place and belonging
Confident use of comparative and temporal language
Observation, comparison and early classification of living things
Strong oral vocabulary foundations
Increasing independence, resilience and self-awareness

