



Curriculum Overview

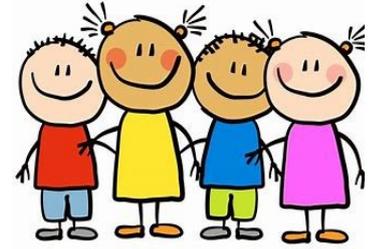
Early Years

Autumn



This is me!

Me and my world



The Big Idea:

We learn and play together, supporting one another as we explore and experience new things every day. We have lots in common, but there are also lots of things about ourselves that make us special. Together, we are going to be learning about ourselves and each other and celebrating what we have learned with our families.

Themes explored in the topic:

1. My home
2. Looking after myself and others
3. My family and me
4. How we are the same? How we are different?



Dinosaur Detectives

The Big Idea:

A long time ago, before people like you and I lived on the Earth, there were dinosaurs! No one has ever seen a real dinosaur before, but we know lots about them – what they looked like, what they ate and just how big and tall they were. We are going to travel back in time to the land of the dinosaurs to find out more about these amazing creatures. Get ready for an exciting adventure!

Themes explored in the topic:

1. Digging up the past
2. Dinosaur dance
3. Dinosaur dilemmas
4. Dinosaurs big and small





Once Upon a Time

Stories and Story Telling

The Big Idea:

When we hear the words 'Once upon a time', we know we are about to be taken on an exciting adventure. Everyone, no matter what their age, has a favourite story that they like to hear, and often we like to enjoy them over and over again. Now, we're going to discover some new stories! By exploring these stories, we will be learning how to become better storytellers, and will create our own amazing worlds of make believe. Shall we begin? 'Once upon a time...'

Themes explored in the unit:

1. The Three Billy Goat's Gruff
2. The Gingerbread Man
3. The Tortoise and the Hare
4. The Enormous Turnip



The Brilliant Bug Ball

Mini beasts

The Big Idea:

We share our space with thousands and thousands of little visitors – mini beasts that live in the soil, under stones, amongst the plants and grass, in the trees and even in our homes. Mini beasts come in lots of different shapes and sizes, from tiny ants and long wriggly worms to beautiful butterflies with brightly-coloured wings. We are going to be exploring mini beasts in our local area and finding out more about what they look like, how they live and how they move about. And who knows – if the mini beasts like us, perhaps they'll invite us to a special party!

Themes explored in the topic:

1. Patterns, shape, colour and numbers
2. Preparing for the ball
3. Mini beasts on the move
4. Looking after mini beasts



Ocean Treasures



The Big Idea:

Over 70% of the world is covered with water. There are five oceans – the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Indian, the Arctic, and the Southern Ocean. Although they are divided into five regions, they are all connected, and provide a home for thousands of species of plants and animals. The Pacific Ocean is the largest of the oceans, covering around a third of the Earth's surface. The smallest is the Arctic Ocean, which surrounds the North Pole. For much of the year, this ocean is covered in ice. As well as providing a habitat for plants and animals, oceans also help to regulate the Earth's weather and temperature. Ocean currents move warm water from the equator towards the poles and cold water from the poles back to the tropics. Therefore, oceans help to play a crucial role in heating our planet, perhaps we'll be invited to a special party!

Themes explored in the topic:

1. By the sea
2. Fishy friends
3. Diving deeper
4. Motion in the ocean

Animal Rescuers

Wildlife and habitats around the world



The Big Idea:

We share our world with many different animals – from the pets that we might look after at home to the big wild animals we might see on television or in books. We are going to imagine we are travelling all around the world, to visit some very exciting places and meet the animals that live there. We're also going to help these animals to feel happy and safe. Some might even want to share some amazing stories with us! Are you ready to pack your bags for a fabulous adventure?

Themes explored in the topic:



1. On safari
2. Desert journeys
3. Polar adventure
4. Into the jungle