



Curriculum Overview

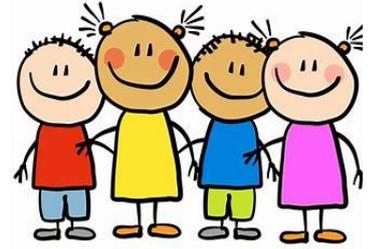
Early Years

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?



Blast Off

The Big Idea:

In the early years, children will have very limited knowledge and experience of space. They will be aware of day and night, and may have begun to explore the differences in the features/objects that they might see during the day and night – even if night-time observations are largely provided by images in picture books. In this unit, children will be primarily focused on learning about stars, the moon and the planets.

Themes explored in the topic:

1. Friends from out of space
2. Moon explorers
3. Space camp
4. Home with the moonbeams





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 Little Pigs
2. Goldilocks and the Three Bears
3. Little Red riding Hood
4. Jack and the Beanstalk



The World Around Us

The Big Idea:

Throughout this unit, children will be exploring the environment around their setting. The starting point is an exploration of nature (trees, leaves, stones, etc.), and encourages children to imagine and tell their own stories as they begin to investigate their outdoor setting. Children will also look at recycling, wildlife and making feeding stations and then looking at our wider community.

Themes explored in the topic:

1. Exploring nature
2. Nature's Keeper
3. Recycle it
4. Where I live





Going Places

The Big Idea:

During this unit, children will be exploring different types of transport and considering the journeys and adventures that they might have. A journey can start at any time and take you to exciting places. We go on journeys every day, sometimes by car, sometimes by walking – perhaps we might go on a train, or an aeroplane, or a boat setting sail across the sea. There are many ways we can travel and many adventures we can have. Where would you like to go today?

Themes explored in the topic:

1. Wheels go round
2. Out at Sea
3. Flights of Fancy
4. Around the World



To the Rescue

The Big Idea:

Superheroes to the rescue! Superheroes are all around us, using their special super powers to help others in need. We're going to become heroes too, by making our own costumes and imagining the amazing and incredible powers we will use to help ourselves and other people around us. Lots of exciting new adventures await us as we explore and learn about the world of Superheroes!

Themes explored in the topic:

1. Stories about Superheroes
2. Everyday Heroes
3. Costumes and Role Play
4. Science of Super Powers



