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Nursery\Term	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Driver project	**Me and My Community** 	**Once Upon a Time** 	**Starry Night** 	**Dangerous Dinosaurs** 	**Sunshine and Sunflowers** 	**Big Wide World** 
	We will be learning all about ourselves, our families and our community. The children will explore what makes them special, talk about their families and friendships, and learn about the people who help us. Through stories, role play and creative activities, we will develop confidence, independence, kindness and an understanding of similarities and differences.	We will be exploring **traditional and familiar fairy tales**, bringing stories to life through role play, storytelling and creative activities. The children will develop their **imaginations, language and communication skills** as they retell stories, explore characters and talk about what happens.	We will explore the **night sky, stars and space**, learning about what we can see in the sky at night. Through stories, art, music and creative activities, the children will develop their **curiosity, imagination and understanding of the world around them**	We will travel back in time to discover the fascinating world of **dinosaurs**! The children will learn about different dinosaurs, what they looked like, what they ate and how they lived. Through stories, creative activities and investigations, we will develop their **curiosity, vocabulary and understanding of the world**.	We will explore the **joys of spring and summer**, learning about sunshine, plants and the natural world around us. The children will investigate how **plants grow**, explore sunflowers and enjoy lots of outdoor and creative activities.	We will explore the **world around us**, learning about different places, people, animals and environments. Through stories, maps, creative activities and investigations, the children will develop their **curiosity and understanding of the world**.
RE	Creation and Covenant	Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter
Mini project	Exploring Autumn	Sparkle and Shine	Winter Wonderland	Puddles and Rainbows	Shadows and Reflections	Splash
Memorable Experience	Autumn Walk	Santa's Grotto Fairy Tale Day	Day Walk / Night Walk	Welly Walk	Growing a Sunflower Trip to local a Sainsburys to purchase fruit for fruit salad	Trip to the farm
Core Texts	I'm Going to Make a Friend by Darren Chetty	Little Glow by Katie Sahota, Little Red Riding Hood and Other Stories by Lucy Cousins	Emily Brown and The Thing by Cressida Cowell Owl Babies Martian Waddell Blue Penguin by Petr Horáček	The Girl and The Dinosaur by Hollie Hughes, Beware of the Crocodile by Martin Jenkins, We're Going to Find the Monster! By Malorie Backman	A Good Place by Lucy Cousins, Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs, The Little Gardener by Emily Hughes	Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne No Dinner by Jessica Souhami, Anna Hibiscus' Song
Maths	Number, comparison and pattern.	Counting, sorting, shape and measure.	Counting to 5, subitising, comparison and pattern.	Number, measure, shape and spatial awareness.	Counting beyond 5, number, measure and spatial reasoning.	Consolidating number, shape, measure, pattern and problem-solving.
Personal social and emotional development	Getting-to-know-you games, family discussions, feelings activities, turn-taking games and learning classroom routines.	Exploring characters' feelings, sharing and taking turns, developing friendships, cooperative play and managing emotions.	Talking about feelings, calming activities, working together, developing confidence and encouraging independence.	Team games, sharing resources, solving problems together, building resilience and talking about emotions.	Gardening together, caring for living things, developing responsibility, friendships and confidence.	Celebrating similarities and differences, discussing families and cultures, cooperative games, developing independence and preparing for Reception.
Understanding the World	Explore families, homes and the local environment through walks, photographs, discussions and role play.	Explore traditional tales, past and present, animals and changing environments through stories, small world and	Explore night and day, space, light and dark, the moon and stars through investigations,	Learn about dinosaurs, fossils and how the world has changed through books, investigations,	Explore plants, growth, weather and seasonal change through gardening, nature walks and observations.	Explore different countries, cultures, animals and environments through maps, globes, stories, cooking, music

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		practical activities.	observations and creative exploration.	sorting and small-world play		and role play.
Expressive art and design	Match it, familiar rhymes, friendship rainbow	Little pig little pig, building bridges	Lullabies, time for bed	Ammonite art, dinosaur painting	Sunflowers Butterfly bouquet	Animals around the world
Communication and Language	Family photo discussions, name games, circle-time conversations, singing nursery rhymes, listening games and role-play in the home corner.	Story retelling, puppets, story sacks, repeated phrases, role-play, sequencing pictures and traditional tale songs?	Space-themed stories, sound walks, listening games, "What can you see?" discussions, singing and small-world storytelling.	Dinosaur stories, dinosaur role-play, "Would you rather?" questions, describing dinosaurs, learning dinosaur vocabulary and sharing facts.	Nature walks, talking about plants and weather, story discussions, describing observations, songs and gardening vocabulary.	Exploring maps and globes, discussing different countries, sharing experiences, travel role-play, learning new vocabulary and storytelling.
Physical Development	Gross and fine motor development, balance and independence.	Strength, coordination, balance and fine motor skills.	Movement, coordination, balance and body control.	Strength, balance, coordination and outdoor skills.	Gross and fine motor skills, movement and independence.	Physical confidence, coordination and independence.
Literacy	Develop listening, attention, speaking, vocabulary, book enjoyment, mark-making and early name writing.	Explore traditional tales, repeated phrases, story sequencing, role play, mark-making and early writing.	Enjoy stories, rhymes and songs while developing vocabulary, storytelling, phonological awareness and mark-making.	Explore fiction and non-fiction, develop topic vocabulary, comprehension, storytelling, drawing, labelling and early writing.	Develop language through stories, poems and nature experiences, alongside rhyming, mark-making and early writing.	Explore fiction and non-fiction about the wider world, developing vocabulary, communication, storytelling, sequencing and purposeful writing

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