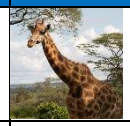
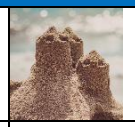
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Term	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Driver project	 Let's Explore	 Marvellous Machines	 Long Ago	 Ready Steady Grow	 Animal Safari	 On the Beach
	In the Let's Explore project, your child will explore their class environment and school grounds so that they feel settled and happy in their new surroundings. They will learn about the local environment and find out about places they have visited on holiday. They will look at and create maps for journeys.	In the Marvellous Machines project, your child will learn about technology that is part of their daily lives. They will explore various machines, learn about how machines help us and find out about how machines have changed and developed over time. They will learn about products that use electricity to make them work and explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials.	In the Long Ago project your child will learn about their history and how they have changed from when they were babies. They will learn about their family history and heritage and find out what life was like when their grandparents were children. They will learn about what it was like to go to school in the past and how everyday objects, such as clothes, toys and vehicles have changed	This project teaches children about food and farming and explores themes, including where food comes from, what plants and animals need to grow and survive and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.	In the Animal Safari project, your child will learn about incredible animals that live worldwide. They will explore various animal habitats and compare the animals that live there with animals in their locality. They will learn how to care for pets and what all animals need to grow, survive and stay happy and healthy. They will explore animal features and find out how they survive in the wild. They will compare the ways that animals are similar and different.	In the On the Beach project, your child will visit a beach and learn about animals that live in rock pools and on the seashore. They will explore days out at the beach and compare their experiences with beach holidays in the past. They will learn about the animals that live in the sea and find out about worldwide seas and oceans. They will explore the importance of looking after the environment to keep living things safe. They will learn about staying safe at the beach and find out about people who help us.
RE	Creation and Covenant	Prophecy and Promise	Galilee to Jerusalem	Desert to Garden	To the Ends of the Earth	Dialogue and Encounter
Mini project	Build It Up	Puppets and Pop Ups	Stories and Rhymes	Signs of Spring	Creep, Crawl and Wriggle	Move It
Memorable Experience	Tour around the school	Making their breakfast – smoothies/ waffles/ toast Nativity	RAF museum	Animal visit to school	Trip to the zoo. Chick / Duckling eggs	Create a beach in school
Books	We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen What the Ladybird Heard Julia Donaldson Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak	Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oke (POR) Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall (POR) Nativity Story	The Growing Story by Ruth Krauss Lulu's Nana Visits by Anna McQuinn Here's a Little Poem by Various	10 Things I Can Do to Help My World by Melanie Walsh The Extraordinary Gardner by Sam Boughton I will not ever Never eat a tomato by Lauren Child	The Leopard's Drum by Jessica Souhami Billy's Bucket The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson	The Sea Saw by Tom Percival Surprising Sharks by Nicola Davies Splash, Anna Hibiscus! By Atinuke
Nursery Rhyme	The Bear Went Over the Mountain	The Wheels on the Bus	Zoom Zoom Zoom Wind the Bobbin up	One Currant Bun Hickory Dickory Dock	Incy Wincy Spider	12345 Caught a fish alive
White Rose Maths	Match, Sort and Compare Talk About Measure and Patterns It's Me 1, 2, 3!	Circles and Triangles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Shapes with 4 Sides	Alive in 5! Mass and Capacity	Growing 6, 7, 8 Length, Height and Time	Building 9 and 10 To 20 and Beyond	How Many Now? Manipulate, Compose and Decompose Sharing and Grouping Visualise and Build Mapping
PSED	Try something new, taking turns, exploring emotions.	Zones of regulation introduction	My family	Is it healthy? Can I eat a rainbow?	Pets and vets	Planning a trip to the beach, dress up, paddling, save our seas
Understanding the World	Where have you been? World explorers, bear hunt, where we live, changes Build it up project	Keeping safe online, tablets, magnets, floor robots, transport through time, machines then and now, computer reading (QR codes)	Family traditions, clean up, scenes from the past.	Rosie's walk, plant and animal sources, herding sheep, time to grow	Meet the animals, Animal babies, Animal lunch, School safari, Visit from a vet	Holidays in the past. Will it float?
Expressive art and design	Boxes, adventures, thread it, colourful homes, planes, trains and automobiles.	Using technology to take pictures, art, puppets and pop ups project, design a Robot	Toys from the past, old buildings, horse and cart Old clothes to new clothes, shades of grey	Seed shakers, looking down, farm songs,	Feathered friends, animal songs, animal patterns, animal masks	Beach art, sandy paint, sounds of the sea

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Communication and Language	Make connections from stories with their lives. Where would you like to explore? Sensory walk.	Remembering our experience	Talking about the past, looking after baby grandparents	How does your garden grow? On the farm	Dear zoo, remembering our experiences	Beach shop, what's inside?
PE	Fitness and Fun	Dance	Gymnastics	Multi-skills	Enjoy a Ball	Football Fun Skills.
PSHE & RSE	Created and Loved by God My Unique Self Happy to Be Me Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes I Am Me	Created and Loved by God My Body My Feelings I Like, You Like, We All Like All the Feelings	Created to Love Others Friends, Family and Everyone Who's Who? You've Got a Friend in Me Forever Friends	Created to Live in Community Our Community The Community of God What Makes a Community? Good Neighbours	Created and Loved by God My Body Belongs to Me Safe and Unsafe I Am Special Superheroes	Created to Love Others Special People Being Kind Loving Others Growing and Changing

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