

Prior learning—
Pets, farm animals (link
to Harvest)



Animals

Autumn animals/wildlife (Hedgehogs, squirrels, foxes, birds, robins, badgers)

What do the animals do during autumn? How do they get ready for winter? Which animals hibernate? How can we help animals—bird feeders, bird houses, shelters, hedgehog houses.

Christmas animals (animals in the North Pole/Arctic)

Reindeer, polar bear, Arctic fox, walrus, seals, arctic hare, snowy owl, whales, Narwhal, puffin.

Future learning—Winter animals, Spring/farm animals throughout Early Years. Animals studied throughout KS1/KS2. Y1 naming, describing and comparing common animals.

Prior learning—

Growing

Pumpkins



Future learning—Growing and planting in summer term. Y1 garden plants, wild plants, trees, flowering plants. Humans and plants studied throughout KS1/KS2

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Key books

Rosie's walk
We're going on a bear hunt
Owl babies
The scarecrow's wedding
Room on the broom
Funny bones
Where the poppies now grow—
Remembrance Day
The Nativity
Stickman
The snowman
The Christmas Jolly postman
The polar express

Fairy tales/traditional tales

The little red hen
The Gingerbread man
Hansel and Gretel

General Vocabulary

Autumn, leaves, pumpkins, scarecrows, conkers, pine cones
Seasonal changes—colours (red, orange, yellow, brown), crunchy, swirling, twirling, smooth, rough
Animals—hibernation, hibernating, hedgehogs, squirrels, foxes, badgers

Prior learning—changes
in ourselves—growing
from a baby to a child

Changes

Autumn (Fri 23rd Sep)

What changes can you see? What similarities and differences are there?



Future learning—changes in winter/spring/summer
Y1—seasonal changes
Evolution studied throughout KS1/KS2

Prior learning—people
who help us in school/
friends/family/builders

People who help us

Farmers (grow and harvest our food so we can eat)
Shop keepers (so we can buy food and toys)
Firefighters (fires at Bonfire night)
Elves (help Santa make toys for Christmas!)
Postal workers (post letters to Santa and Christmas cards)

Future learning—Y1 Florence Nightingale. Y2 The Great Fire of London.

Prior learning—
Ladybirds

Mini-beasts

Autumn mini beast hunt—slugs, snails, earwigs, woodlice, spiders

Future learning—caterpillars/butterflies, bees, wasps, ladybirds in spring/summer, Y2 living things, habitats (including micro-habitats) and food chains.

Prior learning—
Birthdays, Diwali

Celebrations/ special days

Birthdays
Halloween
Bonfire Night
Remembrance Day
Children in need
Hannukah
Advent/Christmas
New Year

Future learning—
Birthdays celebrated throughout the year

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Tuesday 7th November (Bonfire Night/Diwali/
Remembrance)

Monday 13th November (Children in need)

The Gingerbread man

Monday 20th November—The Nativity story

Monday 27th November— Christmas (postal workers/
post letters to Santa) Christmas decorations

Monday 4th December— Christmas—Christmas cards

Monday 11th December— Christmas—Transport—The Po-
lar express

Monday 18th December—Christmas—Calendars

Prior learning—

Transport and travel

Farmers—tractors

Postal workers—postal van, bike, walk-
ing

Christmas—How will we travel to our
school trip to see Santa? (coach, walk-
ing) How does Santa travel? (sleigh,
walking)

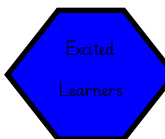
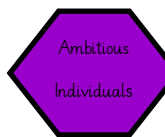
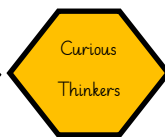
Future learning—
EYFS—Summer trips. Y1 Local
area and seashores
Locational/place knowledge stud-
ied throughout KS1/KS2

Prior learning—

Other

Road safety visit and assem-
bly—being visible outside with
the dark nights drawing in

Future learning—



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Prior learning—Autumn 1

Matching, sorting, comparing size/amounts/height/length, patterns, numbers 1,2,3

Mathematics

WRM—It's me 1,2,3!

Representing, sorting, matching, comparing 1,2,3

One more, one less

Circles and triangles

Shapes

WRM—Light and dark

Representing, sorting, composition, arrangement of 4 and 5

One more, one less

Shapes—squares and rectangles

Day and night

Sequencing

Future learning—
Spring term—Alive in 5,
growing 6,7,8, building 9&10

Prior learning—speed sounds lessons
group A and B—single letter sounds,
word time, Fred talk games

Literacy/phonics RWI –Nursery

Children taught single letter sounds throughout the year in small phonics sessions. Fred talk games and oral blending

Literacy/phonics RWI –Reception

Speed sound lessons

Teach letter formation

Word time reading

Fred talk games

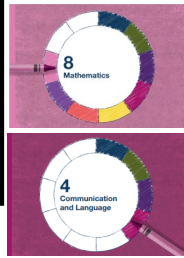
Children assessed end of Autumn 1 and grouped by progress during Autumn 2 (split into 4 groups throughout Reception)

Expectation for children to read all single letter sounds speedily and blending these sounds into words by end of Autumn 2.

Future learning—
Blending/segmenting CVC
words, special friends, ditty
books



Prior learning—exploring pattern, sorting and matching throughout the environment, using shapes to create pictures, exploring height, length, size.



We are mathematicians through...

Daily counting the number of children in class after registration and daily going through our calendar—days of the week, week date, months)

Having a question of the day for children to discuss most popular choice—more than, less than, counting

Counting autumn objects/leaves, Halloween objects, presents, elves, toys and making patterns

Sorting and matching autumn objects/toys/presents/fireworks/Halloween objects

Using mathematical language (size, length, height) when describing autumn animals, Halloween objects, Christmas animals, presents

Sharing food between animals, toys/chocolates/sweets between children

Writing numbers (number of toys, pumpkins, presents, chocolates)

Future learning—
Exploring numbers to 10

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Prior learning—single letter sounds taught, retelling picture books and stories

We are readers through...

Retelling stories and traditional tales

Recognising print in the environment

Learning new vocabulary through the stories we read and listen to

Understanding print —meanings/ purposes

Exploring text and books



Future learning—
Blending CVC words,
reading simple sentences

Prior learning—single letter sounds taught, labelling, name writing

We are writers through...

Dough disco/squiggle while you wiggle

Describing autumn and learning new vocabulary

Labelling autumn objects/animals

Writing lists (potion lists, Christmas list)

Writing letters (post office role play)

Labelling sounds that fireworks make (onomatopoeias)

Writing our name

Sequencing stories and traditional tales



Future learning—
Writing CVC words, writing simple sentences

Prior learning—

We are scientists through...

Exploring seasonal changes

Exploring the natural environment

Using and exploring collections of autumn materials (leaves, conkers, pine cones, sticks, acorns)

Growing/picking pumpkins—life cycle of plants

Collecting acorns, conkers and leaves that have fallen off the trees and learning about the lifecycles.

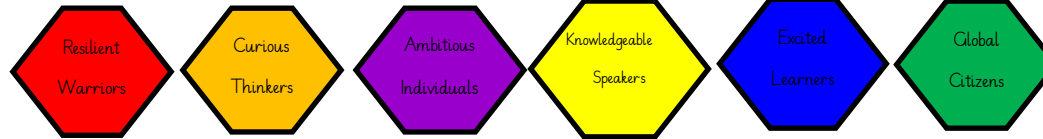
Learning about animals and how they prepare for winter throughout autumn—collecting food ready for hibernation

Making gingerbread men and observing changes in materials

Exploring changes in materials through making potions—chemical reactions between vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, washing up liquid, food colouring.



Future learning—
Spring/summer changes/ animals



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Prior learning—use of iPads and IWB to use applications. Use of cameras when taking photos of themselves, Microwaves for cooking

We are computer engineers through...

Using applications on the IWB to write/draw about Halloween, remembrance day, autumn, Christmas.

Using iPads and cameras to take photos of seasonal changes.

Using the oven when making gingerbread men.

eBooks and online stories

Role play toys—defunct mobile phones/keyboards

Programming bee bots

Future learning—
Computing is studied throughout KS1/KS2

Prior learning—Learning about our own life history

We are historians through...

Talking about photos and memories

Talking about experiences that are familiar and how these may have differed in the past

Talking about when we were young and things that happened before we were born.

Comparing and contrasting characters from stories, including figures from the past (Remembrance day, The Nativity story, Bonfire night)

Future learning—
Chinese New Year traditions, Easter story, Summer holidays and where they have been before

Prior learning—Learning about our local area, buildings, towns, roads

We are geographers through...

Talking about our local area, where we live, where Santa lives, addresses.

Talking about places in the world—The North Pole, arctic.

Talking about similarities and differences between families and countries.

Exploring and observing the natural world

Future learning—
Observing the natural world in winter/spring/summer. Travel and transport throughout summer term

Prior learning—using media and materials to create self portraits, exploring colour

We are artists through...

Creating art through using natural objects—leaf printing, collage

Remembrance day paintings—Mary Manthei

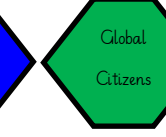
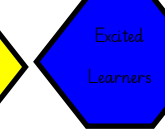
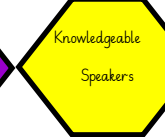
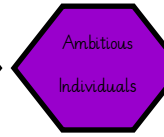
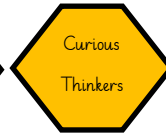
Exploring colours and materials

Creating Christmas decorations—salt dough, clay, paper, card, sequins, glitter

Making props to support role play

Future learning—
Observational drawings, collage snow scenes





Prior learning—Exposed to children who speak other languages throughout the Early Years setting



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Languages

Children will talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. They will develop positive attitudes about the differences between people through class discussions. Children will explore different countries and cultures through role play/small world/construction. Reception children will respond to the register in different languages.

Future learning—Learning a foreign language in KS2.

Prior learning—Diwali



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Local environment and understanding that some places are special to members of their community—churches/mosques.

Recognise that different people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Future learning—Chinese New Year, Easter, Eid

Prior learning—designing and building houses, small worlds, dens.

We are designers through...

Designing Christmas decorations

Designing small worlds with construction kits

Creating bonfire and firework pictures using collage, paper, paint, chalk, pastels.

Junk modelling—nativity scene

Joining materials—tape/glue/paperclips, split pin animals.

Making props to support role play

Building habitats for autumn animals

Making bird houses/hedgehog houses

Building a bug hotel

Future learning—Building igloos, snow castles,

Prior learning—

We are musicians through...

Singing nursery rhymes. Singing and listening to songs. Using different instruments. Listening to music from other cultures.

Listening to and signing songs linked to our topics—Happy Birthday, autumn songs, Christmas songs, nativity songs

Future learning—Spring songs/Easter songs

Prior learning—

We are athletes through...

Understanding our bodies and how our bodies move. Developing physical skills and movement vocabulary—gallop, slither, follow, lead, copy, crawling, climbing, jumping, running, walking)

Using wheeled resources—2 wheeled bicycles, pedal bikes, prams, carts, wheelbarrows)

Future learning—Using apparatus/team games

