Reception Curriculum Map

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Beware of the Bears!	**Beware of the Bears! Christmas**	**Helpful Heroes**	**Marvellous Me**	**Amazing Animals**	**Amazing Australian Animals**
Communication and Language	Rhyming words Repetitive language in texts Descriptive language Describing my teddy bear	Role-playing Goldilocks and the Three Bears Following instructions	Vocabulary linked to emergency services Listening to visitors Asking appropriate questions	Vocabulary linked to our families and bodies Re-telling a traditional story Talking about my family	Vocabulary linked to insects and other small animals Parts of an insect	Vocabulary linked to Australia and Australian animals Talking about my feelings
Physical Development	Fine motor skills; handwriting; gross motor skills; climbing and balancing; construction; riding scooters and bikes; ball games; using ribbons; dance					
	Me and Myself	Dance	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Games including ball skills: rolling, bouncing, throwing, catching, kicking	Games Athletics
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Belonging Staying safe Responsibility Feelings	Respect Compassion Fireworks safety Resolving conflicts	How to be a good learner Setting myself a goal – Ambition Pride Safer internet day Allergy lesson	Families Feelings NSPCC PANTS	Compassion	Being reflective learners Transitions Feelings RSE
Literacy – key texts	*Where's My Teddy* *My Friend Bear* *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* *Bear in the Cave* *Bear Flies High*	*Goldilocks and the Three Bears* *Who's Been Eating My Porridge Bears (non-fiction)* *Peace at Last* *The Christmas Story*	*Zog and the Flying Doctors* *Emergency!* *Ambulance in Action series* *Non-fiction texts*	*My Two Grannies* *See Inside My Body* *The Gingerbread Man* *Our New Baby* *The Easter Story*	*Why Do We Need Bees?* *Ants* *Spiders* *Butterflies and moths/ ladybird and beetles* *The very lazy ladybird*	*Possum Magic* *A is for Australian Animals* *Koalas* *My first book of Australian birds and animals*
Literacy – phonics	Phase 2 GPCs (s – l) Tricky words: is, I, the	Phase 2 GPCs (ff – nk) Words with s added at the end Words ending in –s /z/ Tricky words: put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, no, go, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be	Phase 3 GPCs Tricky words: was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure	Review phase 3 GPCs Longer words including double letters Words with –s and –es Tricky words: review	Phase 4 Short vowels with adjacent consonants Tricky words: said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do, were, here, little, says, there, when, what, one, out, today	Phase 4 Phase 3 long vowel graphemes with adjacent consonants Tricky words: review
Mathematics	Subitising, Cardinality, Ordinality, Counting, Composition, Comparison Investigating shapes	Subitising, Cardinality, Ordinality, Counting, Composition, Comparison Composing and decomposing 2D shapes Comparing mass	Subitising, Cardinality, Ordinality, Counting, Composition, Comparison Investigating shapes Repeating patterns	Subitising, Cardinality, Ordinality, Counting, Composition, Comparison 3D shapes Comparing length	Subitising, Cardinality, Ordinality, Counting, Composition, Comparison Investigating shapes Repeating patterns 2D shapes	Subitising, Cardinality, Ordinality, Counting, Composition, Comparison Capacity 3D shapes
Understanding the World	The recent past (visits to school) Harvest Making vegetable soup Geographical features in stories Making sandwiches Autumnal changes	Diwali Bonfire Night Tasting food Describing materials Christmas Christmas cooking Winter changes	Emergency services (visitors) Investigating ice Investigating waterproof mats Chinese New Year Photo maps Visit to Oxted library Local area walk Special places: church, mosque Visit to St. Nicholas Church	Our bodies Growing and changing RE: what is special? belonging Christenings (visit to church) Picture maps Local area walk Making gingerbread people Family history	Trip to Kent Life: minibeasts workshop Investigating minibeasts and their habitats Life cycle of a caterpillar Eid	Australian animals Looking at world maps Investigating melting ice RE: creation stories
Expressive Arts and Design	Singing Exploring paint, collage etc. Observational drawing and painting of a teddy bear	Making finger puppets Christmas decorations Music	Colour mixing Painting a silhouette Reclaimed materials emergency vehicle	Goldsworthy: natural art Watercolours (Mothering Sunday cards) Printing (Easter cards)	Symmetrical patterns with paint Observational drawings Henri Matisse: The Snail Music	Collage (Father's Day cards) Aboriginal art Listening to musicians Music

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