

Nursery and Reception EYFS Termly Summary

Term	Theme/Focus	Communication and Language (CAL)	Personal, Social & Emotional Dev. (PSED)	Physical Development	Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
Autumn 1	All About Me / Settling In	Listening games, joining in with rhymes and stories. Show and Tell. Vocabulary building.	Learning routines, turn-taking, emotional regulation with support. Building relationships.	Gross motor skills: balancing, jumping; Fine motor: pencil grip, threading	Story sequencing, name recognition and writing, phonics Phase 1/2	Counting songs, number recognition, shape sorting	Family trees, senses exploration, seasonal changes	Self-portraits, songs about self, role play family
Autumn 2	Celebrations / Autumn Changes	Calendar, weather chart, vocabulary expansion. Repeated refrains and question words.	Exploring family, empathy, class responsibilities. Emotional literacy through festive themes.	PE: dance and movement, Fine motor: scissor skills, dressing	Festive storybooks, letter recognition and writing, Phase 1/2 phonics	Calendar numbers, counting celebrations, patterns	Festivals around the world, local environment study	Making decorations, seasonal crafts, nativity songs
Spring 1	Healthy Me / Lifecycles	Sequencing stories, using story vocabulary, building spoken sentence structure.	Recognising body changes, expressing likes/dislikes. Body safety and respect.	Yoga and stretching, outdoor climbing, tool use for crafts	Labeling lifecycle stages, Phase 2 phonics, nonfiction	Measuring height/weight, simple addition, graphs	Human body, healthy eating, plant/animal lifecycles	Collage of food, life cycle art, movement to music
Spring 2	Growth / New Life	Describing events in detail. Using	Learning about care and responsibility	Athletics: running, jumping,	Writing lifecycle stories,	Ordering life stages,	Farm visit, care for living	Drama on growth stories,

		connectives. Show and Tell to report growth of chicks/plants.	through animal life cycles and planting.	obstacle courses, coordination games	Phase 2 phonics, using time connectives	subtraction stories, time	things, weather tracking	bug music, natural crafts
Summer 1	Our Planet / Plants	Non-fiction texts. Asking questions about environment. Creating own stories based on real-world knowledge.	Discussing changes and caring for environment. Expressing future hopes.	Team games, sports day practice, nature-based gross motor activities	Instructions for planting, Phase 2 phonics (Phase 3 ambition), texts	Data collection on plants, number bonds, measuring	Environment care, recycling, sea/beach habitats	Environmental posters, sculpture from waste, dances
Summer 2	The Seaside / Transitions	Discussion of summer holidays and transition feelings. Expanding sentence length with detail.	Preparing emotionally for change. Confidence in abilities. Storytelling from memory.	Consolidation: revisiting movement skills, summer sport activities	Story sequencing, name writing, phonics Phase 2 (Phase 3 ambition)	Counting songs, number recognition, shape sorting	Family trees, senses exploration, seasonal changes	Self-portraits, songs about self, role play family