

Reception Curriculum Overview 2017-18

Term	Topic	Unfolding narrative	Key texts	Trip/visitor	Outdoor	Arts	Parental engagement
Autumn 1	Dinosaurs	Mystery egg in class. Egg hatches; teach the dinosaur about school/home life.	Harry and the dinosaurs go to school	Trip to Library, park and walk around local community.	Frozen eggs, dinosaur explorations.	Painting Pasta dinosaurs	Dinosaur exhibition.
Autumn 2	Day and Night	Dark role play/tent. Clues to investigate which nocturnal animal is living there.	Day Monkey, Night monkey	Nocturnal animal encounter Finding a home for Hug at the park	Road safety walk	Clay modelling hedgehog Christmas sewing	Can you guess what is inside our role play area?
Spring 1	Once Upon a Time	Beans in a letter. Found out there were magic beans, link to Jack.	Jack and the beanstalk Three little pigs	Forest school-den building for Three Little Pigs	Exploring different natural materials – waterproof experiment (DT)	Design technology- create a new house for The Three Little Pigs	Class assembly- fairytales Fairytale INSPIRE workshop
Spring 2		Bake gingerbread men, one runs away!	The gingerbread man Little red riding hood	Language Alive	Outdoor puppet theatre for Little Red Riding Hood	Baking Gingerbread Men	Class assembly- fairytales
Summer 1	It's a Bugs Life	Caterpillars arrive- we need to teach them about the lifecycle of a butterfly and other minibeasts they may meet.	Non-fiction	Minibeast encounter	Trip to Park – compare minibeast habitats	Symmetrical butterflies	Minibeast workshop- design technology
Summer 2	Stars in Our Eyes	Alien speaks to Reception. Teach him about earth.	Dinosaur that pooped a planet Aliens love underpants The way back home	Trip – Drayton Manor	Walk around local area to devise list of features found on the earth.	PapierMache planets	Design your own planet at home.

