

Reception Curriculum Topics 2016-17

| Term | Topic | Unfolding narrative (sub-topics) | Key texts | Key vocab | Trip/visitor | Outdoor | International | Art | Parental engagement |
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| Autumn 1 | Dinosaurs | Mystery egg in class. Egg hatches; teach the dinosaur about school/home life. | Harry and the dinosaurs go to school | Different types of eggs. Hatching/where animals come from. Local community. | Trip to Library, park and walk around local community. | Litter picking, sand, water, frozen eggs, dinosaur explorations. | Learning about local community. Where dinosaurs originated | Hall Web | Name the dinosaur as a family. Parents invited to see exhibition. |
| Autumn 2 | Day and Night | Dark role play/tent. Clues to investigate which nocturnal animal is living there. | The prickly hedgehog by Mark Ezra | Habitats, what animals eat, features of animals (link to nocturnal advantages), safety, reflective gear | Nocturnal animal lady – show different types | Build home for hedgehog using natural materials | Day and night around the world (link to time) | Clay modelling hedgehog | Stargazing/night time reading inspire workshop |
| 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 | Traditional stories Beans, growing, magic Party (invitations, lists) | Language Alive | Exploring different natural materials – waterproof experiment (DT) | | Make your own magic beans | Letter from Jack – take home to discuss and respond with parents |
| Spring 2 | | Bake gingerbread men, one runs away! | The gingerbread man Little red | Cooking (instructions, recipe) | | Forest school | | Sewing Easter Eggs | Send home traditional stories and begin a book swap |

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| Summer 1 | It's a bugs life | Letter from Nursery – found 'things' in the garden. Exit: Create performance for Nursery. | Non-fiction | Symmetrical, habitats, features of creatures, chrysalis, life cycle | Pond dipping Caterpillars | Trip to Park – compare minibeast habitats | Poisonous spiders, African snail etc | Symmetrical butterflies | Have a minibeast hunt with grown up and feedback with pictures |
| Summer 2 | Stars in our eyes | Alien speaks to Reception. Moon landing (link with Neil Armstrong) | Dinosaur that pooped a planet Aliens love underpants The way back home | Alien/real words Names of planets and features | Trip – Drayton Manor | Forest School | Space | Papier-Mache planets | Create own planet at home, e.g. drawing, sculpture |