Whitehall Nursery and Infant School







Nursery Overview 2021/2022

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Nursery Rhymes Exploring Autumn	Sparkle and Shine Me and my community	Winter Wonderland Transport	Can we have a pet? Signs of Spring, Long Ago	Lets Explore Sunshine and Sunflowers	Move it! On the beach
Driver	Leaf man, The Leaf Thief, Pumpkin Soup, A Mouse called Julian, The Hedgehog, A bit lost.	My body, your body Skin, Love always everywhere, The Baby catalogue, Families, Postman Bear, The Christmas Story, Spots first Christmas.	Pip and Posy-The snowy day, Jack Frost, Henry's Holiday, Maisy's Chinese New Year, We all go travelling by, Car Car Jeep Jeep, Maisy's Bus, Maisy's Train, Guess How Much ILove You	Mr Wolf's pancakes, Dogs, Smelly Louie, Ginger, Mog and the Vet, Goodbye Winter Hello Sping, The Teeny Weeny Tadpole, The story of Easter.	In every house on every street, A gift for Amma, The Tiny Seed, Guess how much I love you in summer, The Extraordinary Gardner, Sunny.	Which food will you choose? Kitchen disco, Maisy's sports day, Billy's Bucket, Lucy and Tom at the seaside.
PSED	Making relationships Builds relationships with special people but may show anxiety in the presence of strangers Is becoming more able to separate from their close carers and explore new situations with support and encouragement from another familiar adult Sense of self Knows their own name, their preferences and interests and is becoming aware of their unique abilities Is developing an understanding of and interest in differences of gender, ethnicity and ability Shows a sense of autonomy through asserting their ideas and preferences and making choices and decisions Understanding emotions Expresses the self-aware emotions of pride and embarrassment as well as a wide range of other feeling Can feel overwhelmed by intense emotions, resulting in an emotional collapse when frightened, frustrated, angry, anxious or overstimulated	Shows some understanding that other people have perspectives, ideas and needs that are different to theirs, e.g. may turn a book to face you so you can see it Shows empathy and concern for people who are special to them by partially matching others' feelings with their own, e.g. may offer a child a toy they know they like Sense of self Experiments with their own and other people's views of who they are through their play, through trying out different behaviours, and the way they talk about themselves Is gradually learning that actions have consequences but not always the consequences the child hopes for Understanding emotions Is becoming able to think about their feelings as their brain starts to develop the connections that help them manage their emotions Seeks comfort from familiar adults when needed and distracts themselves with a comfort object when upset Responds to the feelings of others, showing concern and offering comfort	Making relationships Is beginning to be able to cooperate in favourable situations, such as with familiar people and environments and when free from anxiety. Seeks out others to share experiences with and may choose to play with a familiar friend or a child who has similar interest Sense of self Is becoming more aware of the similarities and differences between themselves and others in more detailed ways and identifies themself in relation to social groups and to their peers Is sensitive to others' messages of appreciation or criticism Understanding emotions May recognise that some actions can hurt or harm others and begins to stop themselves from doing something they should not do, in favourable conditions Participates more in collective cooperation as their experience of routines and understanding of some boundaries grows	Seeks out companionship with adults and other children, sharing experiences and play ideas Uses their experiences of adult behaviours to guide their social relationships and interactions Sense of self Enjoys a sense of belonging through being involved in daily tasks Understanding emotions Expresses a wide range of feelings in their interactions with others and through their behaviour and play, including excitement and anxiety, guilt and self-doubt May exhibit increased fearfulness of things like the dark or monsters etc and possibly have nightmares	Making relationships Shows increasing consideration of other people's needs and gradually more impulse control in favourable conditions, e.g. giving up a toy to another who wants it Practices skills of assertion, negotiation and compromise and looks to a supportive adult for help in resolving conflict with peers Sense of self Is aware of being evaluated by others and begin to develop ideas about themselves according to the messages they hear from others Understanding emotions Talks about how others might be feeling and responds according to their understanding of the other person's needs and wants Is more able to recognise the impact of their choices and behaviours/actions on others and knows that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings	Making relationships Enjoys playing alone, alongside and with others, inviting others to play and attempting to join others' play Sense of self Shows their confidence and self-esteem through being outgoing towards people, taking risks and trying new things or new social situations and being able to express their needs and ask adults for help Understanding emotions Understands that expectations vary depending on different events, social situations and changes in routine, and becomes more able to adapt their behaviour in favourable conditions

	Listening and attention	Listening and attention	Listening and attention	Listening and attention	Listening and attention	Listening and attention
C&L	Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories Recognises and responds to many familiar sounds, e.g. turning to a knock on the door, looking at or going to the door Understanding Identifies action words by following simple instructions, e.g. Show me jumping Speaking Uses language to share feelings, experiences and thoughts Holds a conversation, jumping from topic to topic	Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes Single channelled attention; can shift to a different task if attention fully obtained – using child's name helps focus Understanding Beginning to understand more complex sentences, e.g. Put your toys away and then sit on the carpet Speaking Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating Uses a variety of questions (e.g. what, where, who)	Listens to others in one-to-one or small groups, when conversation interests them • Listens to familiar stories with increasing attention and recall Understanding • Understands who, what, where in simple questions (e.g. Who's that? Who can? What's that? Where is?) • Developing understanding of simple concepts (e.g. fast/slow, good/bad) Speaking • Uses longer sentences (e.g. Mummy gonna work) • Beginning to use word endings (e.g. going, cats)	Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories Understanding Understands use of objects (e.g. Which one do we cut with?) Speaking Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because) Able to use language in recalling past experiences Can retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger) Uses talk to explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next	Focusing attention — can still listen or do, but can change their own focus of attention Understanding Shows understanding of prepositions such as under, on top, behind by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture Speaking Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how Beginning to use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played) Continues to make some errors in language (e.g. runned) and will absorb and use language they hear around them in their community and culture Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others	Is able to follow directions (if not intently focused) Understanding Responds to instructions with more elements, e.g. Give the big ball to me; collect up all the blocks and put them in the box Beginning to understand why and how questions Speaking Talks more extensively about things that are of particular importance to them Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences Uses talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play, e.g. This box is my castle
PD	Moving and handling Sits up from lying down, stands up from sitting and squats with steadiness to rest or play with object on the ground, and rises to feet without using hands Sits comfortably on a chair with both feet on the ground Runs safely on whole foot Moves in response to music, or rhythms played on instruments such as drums or shakers Jumps up into the air with both feet leaving the floor and can jump forward a small distance Health and self care Feeds self competently Can hold a cup with two hands and drink well without spilling Develops some independence in self-care and shows an awareness of routines such as hand washing or teeth cleaning but still often needs adult support	Moving and handling Begins to walk, run and climb on different levels and surfaces Begins to understand and choose different ways of moving Kicks a stationary ball with either foot, throws a ball with increasing force and accuracy and starts to catch a large ball by using two hands and their chest to trap it Climbs up and down stairs by placing both feet on each step while holding a handrail for support Uses wheeled toys with increasing skill such as pedalling, balancing, holding handlebars and sitting astride Health and self care Develops increasing understanding of and control of the bowel and bladder urges and starts to communicate their need for the preferred choice of potty or toilet	Moving and handling May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand and/or leg/foot Turns pages in a book, sometimes several at once Shows increasing control in holding, using and manipulating a range of tools and objects such as tambourines, jugs, hammers, and mark making tools Holds mark-making tools with thumb and all fingers Health and self care Able to help with and increasingly independently put on and take off simple clothing items such as hats, unzipped jackets, wellington boots Begins to recognise danger and seeks the support and comfort of significant adults Can increasingly express their thoughts and emotions through words as well as continuing to use facial expressions	Moving and handling Climbs stairs, steps and moves across climbing equipment using alternate feet. Maintains balance using hands and body to stabilise Walks down steps or slopes whilst carrying a small object, maintaining balance and stability Health and self care Can tell adults when hungry, full up or tired or when they want to rest, sleep or play Observes and can describe in words or actions the effects of physical activity on their bodies. Can name and identify different parts of the body Takes practical action to reduce risk, showing their understanding that equipment and tools can be used safely	Moving and handling Runs with spatial awareness and negotiates space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles Can balance on one foot or in a squat momentarily, shifting body weight to improve stability Health and self care Can wash and can dry hands effectively and understands why this is important Willing to try a range of different textures and tastes and expresses a preference. Can name and identify different parts of the body Observes and controls breath, able to take deep breaths, scrunching and releasing the breath Can mirror the playful actions or movements of another adult or child	Moving and handling Can grasp and release with two hands to throw and catch a large ball, beanbag or an object Creates lines and circles pivoting from the shoulder and elbow Manipulates a range of tools and equipment in one hand, tools include paintbrushes, scissors, hairbrushes, toothbrush, scarves or ribbons Health and self care Working towards a consistent, daily pattern in relation to eating, toileting and sleeping routines and understands why this is important Gains more bowel and bladder control and can attend to toileting needs most of the time themselves. Dresses with help, e.g. puts arms into open fronted coat or shirt when held up, pulls up own trousers, and pulls up zipper once it is fastened at the bottom

	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Literacy	Reading Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles Repeats and uses actions, words or phrases from familiar stories Writing Distinguishes between the different marks they make	Reading Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. Humpty Dumpty sat on a Begins to recognise familiar logos from children's popular culture, commercial print or icons for apps Writing Enjoys drawing and writing on paper, on screen and on different textures, such as in sand playdough and through using touch-screen technology.	Reading Enjoys rhythmic and musical activity with percussion instruments, actions, rhymes and songs, clapping along with the beat and joining in with words of familiar songs and nursery rhymes Writing Makes up stories, play scenarios, and drawings in response to experiences, such as outings Sometimes gives meaning to their drawings and paintings	Reading Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, when reading one-to-one and in small groups Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories Begins to be aware of the way stories are structured, and to tell own stories Writing Ascribes meanings to signs, symbols and words that they see in different places, including those they make themselves Includes mark making and early writing in their play Imitates adults' writing by making continuous line of shapes and symbols (early writing) from left to right	Reading Talks about events and principal characters in stories and suggests how the story might end Shows interest in illustrations and words in print and digital books and words in the environment Writing Attempts to write their own name, or other names and words, using combinations of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type shapes Shows interest in letters on a keyboard, identifying the initial letter of their own name and other familiar words	Reading Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name, advertising logos and screen icons Looks at and enjoys print and digital books independently Writing Begins to make letter-type shapes to represent the initial sound of their nam and other familiar words
	Comparison	Cardinality (How many?)	Comparison	Counting	Counting	Counting
	Beginning to compare and recognise changes in numbers of things, using words like more, lots or 'same' Counting Begins to say numbers in order, some of which are in the right order.	In everyday situations, takes or gives two or three objects from a group Beginning to notice numerals (number symbols) Beginning to count on their fingers	Compares two small groups of up to five objects, saying when there are the same number of objects in each group, e.g. You've got two, I've got two. Same! Cardinality	 May enjoy counting verbally as far as they can go Points or touches (tags) each item, saying on number for each item, using the stable order of 1,2,3,4,5. Cardinality	Uses some number names and number language within play, and may show fascination with large numbers Composition Through play and exploration, beginning to learn that numbers are made up	Begin to recognise numerals o to 10 Composition Beginning to recognise that each count ing number is one more than the one before
	(ordinality) Spatial Awareness Moves their bodies and toys around objects and explores fitting into	Responds to some spatial and positional language Explores how things look from differ-	Subitises one, two and three objects (without counting) Counts up to five items, recognising that the last number said represents	 Links numerals with amounts up to 5 and maybe beyond Explores using a range of their own marks and signs to which they ascribe mathe- 	 (composed) of smaller numbers Beginning to use understanding of number to solve practical problems in play and meaningful activities 	Separates a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same Pattern
Maths	spaces Begins to remember their way around familiar environments	ent viewpoints including things that are near or far away Pattern	the total counted so far Spatial Awareness Responds to and uses language of	matical meanings Spatial Awareness Responds to and uses language of posi-	Predicts, moves and rotates objects to fit the space or create the shape they would	Creates their own spatial patterns showing some organisation or regularit Explores and adds to simple linear patterns of two or three repeating
		Joins in and anticipates repeated	position and direction	Kesponus to and uses language of posi-	like	patterns or two or three repeating

- Chooses puzzle pieces and tries to fit them in
- Recognises that two objects have the same shape
- Makes simple constructions

Measures

Beginning to anticipate times of the day such as mealtimes or home time

- sound and action patterns
- Is interested in what happens next using the pattern of everyday routines

Measures

- Explores differences in size, length, weight and
- capacity
- Beginning to understand some talk about immediate past and future

 Predicts, moves and rotates objects to fit the space or create the shape they would like

Shape

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- Responds to both informal language and common shape names

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 In meaningful contexts, finds the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter and more/ less full of two items

Shape

- Responds to both informal language and common shape names
- Shows awareness of shape similarities and differences between objects
- Enjoys partitioning and combining shapes to make new shapes with 2D and 3D shapes
- Attempts to create arches and enclosures when building, using trial and improvement to select blocks

- stone (ABC)
- Joins in with simple patterns in sounds, objects, games and stories dance and movement, predicting what comes next

Measures

 Recalls a sequence of events in everyday life and stories

EAD	Humpty Dumpty—Designing walls Painting with different tools. Exploring different mediums. Simple Collage. Transient art working with natural objects. Printing to reveal different textures. Simple clay work.	 Self portraits. Facial features. Positional work and spatial work of portraits. Using skin tones. Collage work. Fork painting. Printing with a link to collage work. Pattern work (link to festivals). Colour. 	 Creating a model of a Vehicle Winter colours (cool colours). Exploring colour and media on different surfaces. Painting with elements of how paints mix. Drawing with links to self portraits with different drawing tools. Early silhouettes. Printing using sponge and toy cars. Understanding shape. Transient art working with ice. Early step by step drawing. 	 Spring water colour painting. Easter egg printing with ink. Collage cats. Observation drawing of school. Grey scale portraits . 	Van Gough Sunflowers. Observation paintings. Construction of houses using recyclable materials. Colour choice based on emotions (linked to The Extraordinary Gardener book)	Creating a healthy snack
	Discussion about belonging and being part of a nursery community.	Understanding how we change over time from being a baby to a child.	Texture work. Painting with links to use of line. Identifying the weather in Winter Children to identify places they have	Animals including humans Taking care of pets— what would they	Children to take part in fieldwork activities by going on a walk around	Children to begin to identify physical features of the seaside.
UTW	 Name features of our school environment. Caring for our classroom (school environment) linked to settling in and following nursery routines. E.g. looking after our classroom and outdoor area. Identifying the weather in Autumn Living things and their habitats Naming and identifying woodland creatures. Role playing a woodland animal and using materials to build themselves home. Seasons Introduction to seasons and introduction to signs of autumn. Daily weather chart. 		travelled to on which type of transport through adult focused activities and role play. Children to name their local area. Begin to use maps and globes as part of role play/discussion of where they have travelled to and how. Begin to draw simple maps and begin to use positional language to direct the transport to where they want it to go in the nursery outdoor area. Materials Materials Making boats. Do they float or sink? Introducing that different materials have different properties. Seasons Introduction to signs of	 Tearing care of pets—what would they need to stay alive? Learning about the lifecycle of a chick. Seasons Introduction to signs of spring. Looking at what we have done 'yesterday', 'last week' and 'last year'. Family histories, when our parents/ teachers/ grandparents were young. Victorian schools and our school building. 	the local area. Children to identify some human features of their local area - eg house, shop, school. Begin to draw simple maps of the local area. Children to explore and compare countries England and India. E.g. weather, food, clothes etc. Begin to use maps and globes to find England and India. Plants Planting sunflower seeds. Discussing how to look after a seed. Exploring different types of seeds Seasons Introduction to signs of summer. Using ipads to take photos of areas in nursery/outside nursery (linked to map work)	Plants Observing a tomato plant grow—linking to foods which are healthy. Habitats Naming sea creatures. Saying if different creatures would live in water or on sand.