

EYFS Topic overview 2026-27 Cycle 2 - Nursery

Autumn 2026

All About Me

Science - healthy eating/ practices and dental hygiene. Exploring materials (plastic, wood, metal etc also bendy, stretchy, hard), exploring our senses through materials (light and dark, sound, textures, touch, taste etc).

RE - Harvest Festival - Thinking about others and collecting food for needy. Being thankful.

Belonging to a Family - How we are all different and how different cultures have different celebrations (link to Diwali celebrations).

PSED - New beginnings and routines.

History- Our families and memories of growing up.

Traditional Fairy Tales

Science- Changes in state, for example making porridge for Goldilocks' porridge, making bread for The Little Red Hen.

Geography- simple maps and routes.

CL and L- Story telling, role-play, speaking and listening skills, Nursery Rhyme Challenge Day (November 2024).

PSED - Friendships - feelings and celebrating difference.

RE - St. Andrew's Day.

The Christmas Story - Christmas traditions in their home and Christmas around the world.

Science - seasonal change

Christmas

Spring 2027

Dinosaurs

Science- Discuss living and extinct. What were dinosaurs? Introduce simple classification based on how the dinosaurs ate - Carnivore, Herbivore, Omnivores. Discuss the different environments in which they lived.

History- comment on familiar situations in the past - introduce the age of the dinosaur - Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods.

D/T- Making simple puppets - paper, lolly sticks and gluing techniques.

RE - **New Year** - What we are going to do to get even better at something.
Chinese New Year - Celebrating and sharing.

PSED - Going for goals. Good to be me. Books to support learning include 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to school'.

Wonderful World

PSED- Relationships and Good to be me, including cultures and traditions around the world.

Geography- simple maps and directions, travel, places, communities and tourist attractions. Pollution and being eco-friendly - looking after our world.

Computing - BeeBots for directional vocabulary and creating maps.

RE- **St. David's Day**

St. Patrick's Day

Spring time - New life. Spring walk in woods. Planting bulbs in courtyard area.

Holi Festival - How Hindus celebrate the Spring Festival of Holi.

Easter - The Easter story and how we celebrate Easter

Science - seasonal change

Summer 2027

Mini-beasts and living things

Science- Living creatures, taking care of plants, growth, life cycles.

Geography- school grounds / exploring local environment for mini-beasts.

PSED- respect for others and living things.

RE - Respect for Others and Living Things - The story of Noah's Ark

Science - seasonal change

Our Community

Science- electricity, fire safety, water safety.

Geography- places, people, school community.

PSED- communities and relationships, emergency services, keeping safe. Also transition, moving on and our next school year / people who help us at school.

History- People who help us; past and present for example the fire brigade and Great Fire of London. What emergency services would have looked like in the past.

RE - St. George's Day

Communities - People who help us - communities and relationships, emergency services, keeping safe.

Respect for Others and Living Things - Summer walk in the woods.

EYFS Topic overview 2026-27 Cycle 2 Reception.

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All About Me

Science - healthy eating/ practices and dental hygiene. Exploring materials (plastic, wood, metal etc also bendy, stretchy, hard), exploring our senses through materials (light and dark, sound, textures, touch, taste etc).

RE - friendships, relationships in our school community.

Harvest Festival - Thinking about others and collecting food for needy. Being thankful. Also Sukkot and differences to Harvest.

PSED - New beginning and routines.

History- Our families and memories of growing up.

Art - portraits and colour mixing.

Traditional Fairy Tales

Science- Changes in state, for example, making bread for The Little Red Hen.

Geography- simple maps and routes.

CL and L- Story telling, role-play, speaking and listening skills, Nursery Rhyme Challenge Day (9 -13 November 2026).

PSED - Friendships - feelings and differences.

RE-

Hannukah - Discuss and share the story of this festival and reasons why it is celebrated

Diwali - Discuss & share the story of this festival and reasons why it is celebrated

St Andrew's Day

Christmas and Advent - Explain why advent is important to Christians - leading to Christmas. Share Christmas story and why it is such a special time.

Christmas Around the World - Share traditions such as St. Nicholas Day with children and discuss how other cultures celebrate Christmas in different ways.

Celebrate Christmas - _Children share how they celebrate Christmas.
Explain not everyone will celebrate and why. Look at Christmas celebrations.

D&T - wooden spoon puppets ... traditional story characters

Science - seasonal change all term.

Spring 2027

Dinosaurs

Science- Discuss living and extinct. What were dinosaurs? Introduce simple classification based on how the dinosaurs ate - Carnivore, Herbivore, Omnivores. Discuss the different environments in which they lived. Discuss fossils and how they help us understand the past and the living things that once lived on Earth.

History- Begin to understand that dinosaurs lived in the past. Comment on familiar situations in the past - introduce the age of the dinosaur - Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods. Understand how we can learn from the past.

D/T- Making a pop-up dinosaur.

PSED - Going for goals. Good to be me. Books to support learning include 'Shine'.

Wonderful World

PSED- Relationships and Good to be me, including cultures and traditions around the world.

Geography- simple maps and directions, travel, places, communities and tourist attractions. Pollution and being eco-friendly - looking after our world.

Computing - BeeBots for directional vocabulary and creating maps.

RE-St David's Day

St Patrick's Day

Easter - _Look at symbolism of Easter. The Easter story. Easter and how we Celebrate

Music - rhymes, songs linked to toys / wonderful world

Art - inspired by Van Gogh - swirl technique to create animal environment with silhouette foreground.

Science - seasonal change all term.

Summer 2027

Mini-beasts and living things

Science- Living creatures, taking care of plants, growth, life cycles.

Geography- school grounds / exploring local environment for mini-beasts.

PSED- respect for others and living things.

RE - St George's Day

Talking About and Sharing Stories From Other Religions:

Islam - *Muhammad and the Holy Book*. Talk about Islamic faith.

Buddhism - *The Sound the Hare Heard*. Talk about Buddhist faith.

Judaism: *The Baby in the Basket*. Talk about Jewish faith.

Hinduism: *Ganesh and the Moon*. Talk about Hindu faith.

Sikhism: *The Milk and the Jasmine Flower*. Talk about Sikh faith.

Art - observational drawings of flowers and making clay minibeasts.

Our Community

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PSED- communities and relationships, emergency services, keeping safe. Also transition, moving on and our next school year / people who help us at school.

History- People who help us; past and present. What emergency services would have looked like in the past. Children to compare emergency vehicles from the past to the present day.

RE - key figures in our lives and in the wider community.

D&T - reclaimed materials to make models.

Science - seasonal change all term