Focus	Letters and sounds	Early Years Outcomes	Possible resources/activities	Possible links with other areas of learning
Storytelling [reading and talk] e.g. Tell me a story	See weekly plans for activities involving:- Aspect 1: General sound discrimination – environmental sounds p9-12 Aspect 2: General sound discrimination – instrumental sounds p 15-17	Communication & Language LA — Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them. Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories S — Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because). Can retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger). Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.	Retell and create using: story boxes props and puppets sequencing cards and pictures role-play/home corner (dressing-up) circle stories, storyteller's chair masks and story maps	Expressive arts and design , e.g. use their imagination in role play and stories, empathising with characters
	Aspect 3: General sound discrimination – body percussion p20-23 Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme p25-28 Aspect 5: Alliteration p31-34	Literacy R - • Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. • Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups. • Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. • Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. • Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.		
Story Sack of the Week: narrative [reading, responding and awareness of print] e.g. Reading together	Aspect 6: Voice sounds p 37-40 Aspect 7: Oral blending and segmenting p42-44 Also see Phase 2 p48 re phoneme progression	Communication & Language LA — Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories. Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories S — Uses language as a powerful means of widening contacts, sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts. Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating. Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because). Can retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger). Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.	 Big books and story sack resources Taped stories / CD or IWB Key questions related to text Sequencing picture cards 	Personal, social and emotional development – according to content of story
		Literacy R - • Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. • Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups. • Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. • Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. • Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. • Describes main story settings, events and principal characters. • Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. • Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. • Looks at books independently.		

Nursery Rhyme of the week [reading, talking and joining in] e.g. Rhyme time	See weekly plans for activities involving:- Aspect 1: General sound discrimination – environmental sounds p9-12 Aspect 2: General sound discrimination – instrumental sounds p 15-17 Aspect 3: General sound discrimination – body percussion p20-23 Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme p25-28 Aspect 5: Alliteration p31-34 Aspect 6: Voice sounds p 37-40 Aspect 7: Oral blending and segmenting p42-44	Communication & Language LA — Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories. Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. S — Uses language as a powerful means of widening contacts, sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts. Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating. Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because). Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences. Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others. Literacy R - Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. Repeats words or phrases from familiar stories. Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a', Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities. Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration. Recognises rhythm in spoken words. * Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. Looks at books independently. Handles books carefully.	 Poetry posters and rhyme cards Musical instruments/voice Movement sequences/drama Text marking Matching words of interest Rhyme basket and resources 	Expressive arts and design , e.g. make simple musical instruments and use to accompany rhymes Recordable pegs/Tuff Cams to record performances.
	Also see Phase 2 p48 re phoneme progression			

Print culture	See weekly plans for activities	Communication & Language	Environmental print (labels and signs)	Understanding of the world, e.g.
Print culture [reading and writing] e.g. Words, words, words, Words around us	See weekly plans for activities involving:- Aspect 1: General sound discrimination – environmental sounds p9-12 Aspect 2: General sound discrimination – instrumental sounds p 15-17 Aspect 3: General sound discrimination – body percussion p20-23 Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme p25-28 Aspect 5: Alliteration p31-34 Aspect 6: Voice sounds p 37-40 Aspect 7: Oral blending and segmenting p42-44	Communication & Language LA — Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories. Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Developing understanding of simple concepts (e.g. big/little). Understands use of objects (e.g. "What do we use to cut things?") S — Uses language as a powerful means of widening contacts, sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts. Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating. Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences Literacy R - Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. Looks at books independently. Handles books carefully W - Distinguishes between the different marks they make. Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint.	 Environmental print (labels and signs) Familiar print (lunchboxes, birthday badges, logos, greeting cards) Comics Leaflets re people who help us – doctors/fire fighters etc. Signs and symbols – road, first aid etc. 	Understanding of the world, e.g. when taken on a print safari they are observant about their environment, they talk about what they see/how print can help us.
Objects and materials to stimulate interest [talk] e.g. Look what I've got! Looking at Mini-beasts, bug boxes and bugs collected on mini-beasts walk.	Also see Phase 2 p48 re phoneme progression	Communication & Language LA — *Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes *Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them. *Focusing attention — still listen or do, but can shift own attention. *Is able to follow directions (if not intently focused on own choice of activity). U - *Understands 'who', 'what', 'where' in simple questions (e.g. Who's that? What's that? Where is.?) *Developing understanding of simple concepts (e.g. big/little). *Understands use of objects (e.g. "What do we use to cut things?") *Responds to simple instructions, e.g. to get or put away an object *Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions. S — *Uses language as a powerful means of widening contacts, sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts. *Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating. *Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because). *Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall / relive experiences. *Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how *Uses vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them	 Topic related artefacts and objects, e.g. toy collections, photos, interest table Show and tell Activities and games to extend vocabulary ('Guess my object') Describing, explaining, questioning and problem-solving. Discussion about how to care for living things. 	Understanding of the world, e.g. use their senses to explore and investigate objects – begin to recognise/talk about similarities and differences

Focus	Letters and Sounds	Early Years Outcomes	Possible resources/activities	Possible links with other areas of learning
'People who help us' non-fiction texts to stimulate discussion and writing. [writing] Outdoor area [handwriting] e.g. Inside/Outside	See weekly plans for activities involving:- Aspect 1: General sound discrimination – environmental sounds p9-12 Aspect 2: General sound discrimination – instrumental sounds p 15-17 Aspect 3: General sound discrimination – body percussion p20-23 Aspect 4: Rhythm and rhyme p25-28 Aspect 5: Alliteration p31-34 Aspect 6: Voice sounds p 37-40 Aspect 7: Oral blending and segmenting p42-44 Also see Phase 2 p48 re phoneme progression	Literacy W — Distinguishes between the different marks they make. Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint. Ascribes meanings to marks that they see in different places Physical Development MH — Shows control in holding and using jugs to pour, hammers, books and mark-making tools Beginning to use three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools. Imitates drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors. Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers, no longer using whole-hand grasp. Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control. Can copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name. Physical Development MH — Shows control in holding and using jugs to pour, hammers, books and mark-making tools Beginning to use three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools. Imitates drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors. Holds pencil heaveen thumb and two fingers, no longer using whole-hand grasp. Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control. Can copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name. Literacy W — Distinguishes between the different marks they make.	 Photographs/pictures (to label) Zigzag books Song from Espresso – People who help us. PowerPoint about emergency services. Great Fire of London. • Mark making on the ground/walls (water, mud, chalks) finger painting Salt, sand, foam and grain trays Bead threading, construction Stick twirling and ball games (see Developing early writing) 	Personal, social and emotional development, e.g. they talk about the people who may have helped them – hospital, doctors etc, Role-play area – doctors, fire service. Looking after Our World. Physical development, e.g. have opportunities to develop gross and fine motor control
		Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint. Ascribes meanings to marks that they see in different places		

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[reading and writing]

e.g. parent sessions, focus week sessions (creative and performing arts week), fire fighter/police/nurse where available.

See weekly plans for activities involving:-

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Literacy

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Communication & Language

LA –

•Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes

- Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them.
- Focusing attention still listen or do, but can shift own attention.
- Is able to follow directions (if not intently focused on own choice of activity.

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•Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how

•Uses vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them

Posters, invitations, letters to parents/carers

Photographs to talk about, sequence and write captions

Books

Understanding of the world, e.g. talk readily about features in their immediate locality

Seasonal/cultural interest

[reading: non-fiction]

e.g. Harvest, Birthdays, walk in woods, Diwali, Christmas, Creative/performing arts week visitors and activities.

Communication & Language

LA -

- Single channelled attention. Can shift to a different task if attention fully obtained using child's name helps focus.
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•Understands more complex sentences, e.g. 'Put your toys away and then we'll read a book.'

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- Understands use of objects (e.g. "What do we use to cut things?")
- Shows understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind' by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture.
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•Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating.

- •Uses a variety of questions (e.g. what, where, who).
- •Uses simple sentences (e.g. 'Mummy gonna work.')

•beginning to use word endings (e.g. going, cats).

- Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. *using and, because*).
- Can retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger).
- Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.
- Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how.
- Uses a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played).
- Uses vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them.
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- Looks at books independently.
- Handles books carefully.
- · Knows information can be relayed in the form of print.
- Holds books the correct way up and turns pages.
- Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom.

- 3D collections/tables of interest/displays with accompanying information books, labels, questions, cards, packets, adverts
- Writing cards, making labels
- Big information books/sets
- Instructions and captions
- CDROMs
- Web sites
- visitors

Mathematical development Understanding of the world Expressive arts and design

Talk for thinking

Looking at mini-beasts, caring for living things in the classroom, walk in woods, minibeast hunt, visitors – fire fighters/nurse/doctor/police officer. Talking about toys from the past.

Communication & Language

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Physical Development

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- Beginning to use three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools.
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- Uses one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors.
- Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers, no longer using wholehand grasp.

Expressive Arts And Design

EUMM –

- · Experiments with blocks, colours and marks.
- Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent objects.
- Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things
- Uses various construction materials.
- Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces.

BI -

*Beginning to use representation to communicate, e.g. drawing a line and saying 'That's me.'

- Builds stories around toys, e.g. farm animals needing rescue from an armeboir foliff
- · Uses available resources to create props to support role-play

- Malleable play (dough, clay, etc.)
- Sand and water trays
- Design and make (construction kits, toys, junk modelling)
- Cooking
- Describing, explaining, questioning and problem-solving.
- Role-play areas.

Physical development, e.g. handle tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control

Understanding of the world, e.g. build and construct with a wide range of objects, selecting appropriate resources and adapting their work where necessary

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