

Understanding the World Curriculum Overview – Progression in skills

History

Geography

Science

Nursery

Topic		Key skills	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Seasons and materials Enquiry: Observation over time	Autumn 1	Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.	Transition Week	Explore all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	Explore all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	Explore all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	Explore all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	Explore Autumn in the outdoor environment.	Diwali
Materials and animals Enquiry: Identify, grouping and classifying	Autumn 2	Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.	Bonfire Night 5th Fireworks and safety	Remembrance Day ~ Poppies	Explore Autumn in the outdoor environment	Explore materials and begin to name them.	Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice (melting).	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for animals.	Begin to understand the need to respect and care for animals.

Animals and materials Enquiry: Research	Spring 1	Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. Explore how things work. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.	To talk about farm animals and their habitat.	To explore Winter in the outdoors	To begin to talk about decay.	To begin to talk about decay.	To explore floating and sinking	Chinese New Year Feb 10 th	
Seasons and materials Enquiry: Comparative testing	Spring 2	Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice	To explore Pancake Day	To talk about changes in materials (making porridge).	Science Week	Eid	Explore Spring in the outdoor environment.		
Planting and animals Country of the Week all Summer Term Enquiry: Pattern-seeking	Summer 1	Explore and talk about different forces they can feel. Plant seeds and care for growing plants.	Explore materials from the story 'The Three Little Pigs'.	Explore fruit and discuss it is healthy.	Explore planting in the outdoor environment.	Begin to understand and talk about sea creatures.	To discuss dental care.	To begin care for animals in their own natural environment (mini beasts).	
Animals	Summer 2	Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.	To begin to understand the key features of a	To begin to understand the key features of a	To begin to understand the key features of a	To explore and talk about forces they can feel.	To explore and talk about forces they can feel.		

		Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.	life-cycle of an animal.	life-cycle of an animal.	life-cycle of an animal.				
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Reception

Topic		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
All about me Seasons and Materials	Autumn 1	Transition Week	Explore natural materials and their properties (in provision).	Explore natural materials and their properties (in provision).	To name materials	Know that Autumn is a season and explore the changes in our school environment.	Explore floating and sinking	History- past and present	Know that materials can be changed (changing states) Harvest-cooking bread.
Animals and materials. Bonfire night Enquiry: Identify,	Autumn 2	To talk about Bonfire Night	Remembrance Day ~ Poppies Kapow lesson	Geography- Our school from above	Explore animals we keep as pets.	Know a range of animals that live under the sea.	Explore materials and magnets	Geography- Investigating map	

grouping and classifying									
Geography Maps Animals and seasons Enquiry: Research	Spring 1	Geography- Map making	History- My Life timeline	Know Winter is a season and explore changes in our school environment.	Know ice melts and turns into a liquid from a solid.	Geography- Home or away	Know that materials can be changed (changing states) Cooking- pancakes for Shrove Tuesday		
People who help us Materials Enquiry: Pattern- seeking	Spring 2	Explore animals and their habitats.	Explore people who help us in our community (Link to scientist)	Science Week	Know that materials can be changed (changing states) Decay	Geography- Bear UK Travels			
Spring Animals Enquiry: Observation over time	Summer 1	Know Spring is a season and explore changes in our school environment.	Know a plant grows from a seed/bean. Explore a plant's needs and name simple parts of a plant.	Know a range of farm animals and their offspring.	Geography- city or countryside	Explore mini- beasts and their habitats	History- Toy box		
Materials Seasons Enquiry: Fair testing	Summer 2	Know the life-cycle of a butterfly.	To know that Summer in a season.	Explore light through materials	History- Spot the difference	Explore light and shadows.	Geography- Exploring world landscapes	Assessment Week	