

Reception Curriculum Overview

UTW - The Natural World

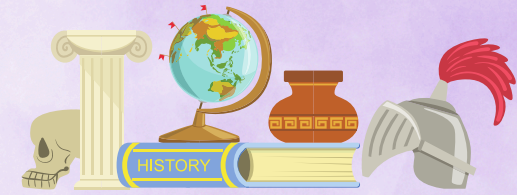


Autumn	Spring	Summer
Materials	Plants	Living things and their habitats
<p>I am a scientist</p> <p>Exploring processes and changes in the natural world, children build important foundations for working scientifically. Through hands-on activities, they compare and test materials, discovering similarities and differences between them. Pupils begin to guess what might happen and learn that observations help to answer questions. They discover that materials have different textures, can change shape and respond to pushes and pulls</p>	<p>Our beautiful planet</p> <p>Exploring the outdoor environment, pupils describe what they see and feel as they observe a range of plants. They examine different plant parts and draw their observations. By planting their own seeds, pupils discover that water and light are essential for growth. They also learn the importance of caring for the planet and consider practical ways they can help protect it.</p>	<p>Animal adventures</p> <p>Exploring habitats where animals big and small live—from spiders to sloths and farms to forests —pupils use their observations to sort animals based on their similarities and differences. They observe and compare the homes and behaviours of various animals, understanding how different environments meet their needs. Through outdoor activities, songs and creative tasks, pupils develop a deeper connection to the natural world.</p>
<p>Changing Seasons - runs throughout the year</p> <p>Observing how the natural world transforms through the year, children discover how these changes affect plants, animals and daily life. In autumn, they create a class weather chart and collect the treasures that the season brings. They learn how some animals prepare for winter. In spring, they explore new life and the life cycle of a butterfly through dance. During summer, they experiment with sand and water to find the perfect mixture for building sandcastles</p>		



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UTW - Past and Present



Autumn	Spring	Summer
All about me	Peek into the Past	Adventures through time
<p>During this term the children will focus on their transition to school. The children will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about themselves, members of their family and where they live Explore how they have grown and changed Talk about significant events and celebrations in their own lives 	<p>Reflecting on memories and experiences from their own past and commenting on images of familiar situations in the past. Children will look for similarities and differences between photos, images and objects from the past and present day.</p>	<p>Comparing and contrasting characters from various stories set in the past, including historical figures. Identifying similarities and differences between characters, enhancing their understanding of the past</p>



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UTW - People, Culture and Communities



Autumn	Spring	Summer
Outdoor Adventures	Around the World	Exploring Maps
<p>Using the senses to explore and describe the natural world around them whilst outside, children begin to recognise the effect of the changing seasons.</p>	<p>Exploring diverse global environments, comparing them to local ones through activities using digital map exploration, books and role play to enhance the understanding of geography and cultural differences.</p>	<p>Exploring maps through discussion, story-telling, games and creative activities, children look at how features are represented and think about the meaning behind shapes, lines and colours on maps.</p>