

Learning Threads	Key Texts
Growth & Changes	 <p>BEANSPROUT by Sarah Lyone Reul</p> <p>Tad by Benji Davies</p> <p>THE AMAZING LIFE CYCLE OF PLANTS by Kay Baraban, illustrated by Maddie Frost</p> <p>SUPERWORM by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler</p> <p>NATURE TRAIL by Benjamin Zephaniah, illustrated by Nila Aye</p>
Knights & Castles	 <p>HECTOR and the BIG BAD Knight by Alex T. Smith</p> <p>DR findout! Castles</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth II AND THE KINGS &amp; QUEENS OF GREAT BRITAIN illustrated by Richard Scrimshaw</p> <p>THE QUEEN'S HANDBAG by Sarah Anthony</p> <p>All Aboard the LONDON BUS by Alison and G. Peter Turner</p>
Transport	 <p>MRS ARMITAGE ON WHEELS by Quentin Blake</p> <p>THE HUNDRED DECKER BUS by Mike Smith</p> <p>WHEELS by Tom Schamp</p> <p>CARS, TRAINS, SHIPS &amp; PLANES by DK</p> <p>TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL by Sandra Lawrence, illustrated by Jen Payne</p>
Looking After Our World	 <p>SOMEBODY'S SWALLOWED STANLEY by Sarah Roberts, illustrated by Hannah Peck</p> <p>The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler</p> <p>WHAT A WASTE by Jess French</p> <p>CLEAN UP! by Nathan Bryan, illustrated by Dapa Adeola</p> <p>I LOVE THE SEASONS SUMMER</p>

## Phonics

Children will move into Phase 4, consolidating their knowledge of sounds and blending to read and spell words with adjacent consonants (e.g. CVCC, CCVC, CCVCC). They will practise reading longer and compound words, using chunking to support fluency. Children will also learn to apply simple word endings (e.g. -ing, -ed, -est) and read and spell Phase 4 tricky words. They will continue to read fully decodable books matched to their phonics level to build confidence and fluency.

## Literacy

Children will continue to build confidence and independence in their writing as they move towards the Early Learning Goals. They will practise writing simple sentences, and short phrases, using their segmenting and phonics knowledge to support spelling. Through Drawing Club, children will further develop their vocabulary, imagination, and storytelling skills, using these ideas to support their writing. There will be a growing focus on writing in meaningful contexts, helping children to communicate their ideas clearly.

## R.E (linked to Understanding the World)

"What can stories tell us?" Children will explore how religious and moral stories teach values such as kindness, honesty, and respect, and how these lessons can be applied in their own lives

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## Fossil Class

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## Jigsaw PSED

Children will build upon and further develop their understanding of relationships exploring themes such as friendships, teamwork, and how to communicate effectively with others. Through a range of engaging activities and discussions, children will learn the importance of kindness, respect, and cooperation, as well as how to manage conflicts and understand different perspectives.

## Understanding the World

Children will develop their understanding through topics such as Growth & Changes, Knights & Castles, Beaches and the Big Blue Sea, and In the Garden. They will explore the natural world by planting and observing how plants grow, as well as learning about life cycles and seasonal change. Through historical themes like *Knights & Castles*, children will begin to understand the past by exploring castles and how people lived. They will also investigate different environments, including oceans and gardens, learning about animals, habitats, and how to care for the world around them. These experiences will support children in asking questions, making observations, and developing a deeper understanding of the world

## P.E. Games

Children will build upon and further develop their movement skills through the topic of 'around the world'. Children will continue to develop these skills by playing a variety of games. They will also learn how to work as a team, take turns, keep the score, play against an opponent and play by the rules.

**This will also include Sports Day Practice**

## Maths

Children will continue to build confidence with numbers beyond 10, developing counting skills, number patterns, and number bonds. They will explore addition and subtraction using "First, Then, Now" and practise recalling key facts to support fluency. Through practical activities, children will explore sharing and grouping, including equal and unequal groups, as well as doubles and odd and even numbers. They will also develop their understanding of shape by selecting, rotating, and combining 2D and 3D shapes, and explore patterns and simple pattern rules.

This supports the EYFS Early Learning Goals as children work towards a secure understanding of number and numerical patterns.

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## Art & Music

Children will explore Art and Music through their termly topics. They will create artwork including models such as animal sculptures and castles and use a range of materials to represent plants, minibeasts, castles, and sea life. In music, children will take part in regular sessions to explore rhythm, movement, and song, building confidence in performing and expressing themselves creatively.