#### <u>Curriculum Overview for Reception</u> <u>2024 - 2025</u>



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Possible Interests / Themes / Events / Lines of Enquiry	All about me and my family Autumn Halloween	Autumn Diwali Guy Fawkes Night Remembrance Sunday Winter Inter Faith Week Children in Need Christmas	Winter Cold places Chinese New Year Spring RSPB Big School Birdwatch Valentine's Day	Spring Growing up - generations Shrove Tuesday World Book Day Planting & growing Mother's Day Easter	Summer Life cycles - butterflies / ducks Father's Day	Summer Holidays – past & present Woodlands Hot places Sport's Day Transition Events
Communication & Language	Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. Engage in story times, rhymes, and songs. Maintain attention in whole class/groups. Follow 1 step instructions. Understand 'why' questions. Use sentences with 4- 6 words. Use talk to organise play.	Listen in familiar & new situations. Engage in story times. Maintain attention in new situations. Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them. Follow instructions with 2 parts in a familiar situation. Start a conversation with peers and familiar adults and continue for many turns. Develop social phrases.	Listen attentively in a range of situations. Maintain attention during appropriate activity. Engage in non-fiction books. Consider the listener and take turns. Use talk to organise/stand for something else in play. Begin to use past tense. Begin to recount past events.	Understand why listening is important. Maintain attention in different contexts. Use talk to help work out problems and to organise thinking. Explain how things work and why they might happen. Ask questions to find out more and check understanding. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well- formed sentences. Listen to and talk about selected non- fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. Begin to connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.	Listen and understand instructions while busy with another task. Maintain activity while listening. Understand how, why, where questions. Describe events in some detail. Express ideas about feelings and experiences. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well- formed sentences. Use language to reason.	Listen and respond with relevant questions, comments, or actions. Attend to others in play. Make comments and clarify thinking with questions. Retell the story once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Speak in well-formed sentences with some detail. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Use past, present, and future tenses in conversation with peers and adults. Use conjunctions to extend and articulate their ideas.

C&L Across the Year	Learn new vocabulary Use new vocabulary throughout the day Use new vocabulary in different contexts		Listen carefully to stories, songs, rhymes and poems Learn stories, songs, rhymes and poems Talk about stories, to build familiarity and understanding			
Oracy: Physical Linguistic Cognitive Social & Emotional	Speak audibly so they can be heard and understood by a talk partner. Express needs clearly to a familiar adult or peer.	To maintain eye contact with a partner or familiar adult. Describe an experienced event to a partner including 'and' to elaborate.	Speak audibly so they can be heard and understood in a trio. State their point of view simply to a larger group (up to 5). Look at the speaker.	Use gestures to support meaning e.g. in a T4W recital. Ask a relevant question about a story. Use the 'word of the day' accurately in conversation. Take turns in games and speaking.	Speak audibly so they can be heard and understood by the class. e.g. in a news session. Use 'because', 'then' 'but' when explaining their plan and outcomes.	To explain how or why something happened using 'because' or 'so'. To use 'if' and 'might' to explain how they could improve their work next time.
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Can talk about feelings. Welcome distractions when upset. Increasingly follow rules. Know likes and dislikes. Independently organise belongings in the morning. Manage personal hygiene. Build constructive and respectful relationships. JIGSAW: BEING ME IN MY WORLD	Beginning to express their feelings and consider the perspectives of others. Begin to take turns and share resources. Independently choose where they would like to play. Continue to build constructive and respectful relationships. JIGSAW: CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE	Show pride in achievements. Understand behavioural expectations of the setting. Can explain right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. Manage their own needs. Can identify kindness. Seek others to share activities and experiences. JIGSAW: DREAMS AND GOALS	Can make choices and communicate what they need. Begin to show persistence when faced with challenges. Can keep play going by co-operating, listening, speaking, and explaining. Can reflect on the work of others and self-evaluate their own work. JIGSAW: HEALTHY ME	Beginning to know that children think and respond in different ways to them. Can talk about their own abilities positively. Confident to try new activities Show resilience and perseverance. JIGSAW: RELATIONSHIPS	Able to identify and moderate own feelings. See themselves as a unique and valued individual. Can seek out a challenge and enjoy the process. Show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings. JIGSAW: CHANGING ME

Physical Development	PE Sessions: Jungle Journey Baseline Gross Motor Assessments & Introduction to PE – Unit 1	<b>PE Sessions</b> : Introduction to PE - Unit 2	<b>PE Sessions:</b> Yoga Games - Unit 1	<b>PE Sessions:</b> Gymnastics - Unit 1 Ball Skills - Unit 1	<b>PE Sessions:</b> Ball Skills - Unit 2 Dance - Unit 1	<b>PE Sessions:</b> Gymnastics - Unit 2 Games - Unit 2
Physical Development Across the Year	regularly given the oppo Through dedicated PE s gymnastics and games. Children are given oppor lining up appropriately, The children will develo drawing and writing, pai	ildren a wide range of reso ortunity to transfer physic essions, children are given rtunities to develop the sk giving others personal spac p their fine motor skills sc ntbrushes, scissors, knives n, children will hold a penci	al skills learnt in one cont a opportunities to develop ills they need to manage t ce and having good table m o that they can use a range s, forks, and spoon.	ext to another. their overall body strengt he school day such as mar anners. e of tools competently, sa	h by learning disciplines ir haging their own basic hygi fely, and confidently. Sugg	ene and personal needs, pested tools: pencils for
Literacy	Talk for Writing - imitate The Dot Holey Moley Oral Composition: Use talk to organise describe events and experiences. Spine Books: Whatever Next	Talk for Writing - imitate and beginning to innovate Fiction: The Little Green Dinosaur Non-Fiction (Recount) Clara Vale Trip recount Oral Composition: Use talk to link ideas, clarify thinking and feelings. Understands that thoughts and stories can be written down. Spine Book: Handa's Surprise	Talk for Writing - imitate and innovateFiction: Three Little PigsNon-Fiction (Instructions) How to make a chocolate egg crispy cake.Oral Composition: Orally compose a simple sentence and hold it in memory.Spine Book: On the Way Home	Talk for Writing - imitate and innovateFiction: Billy Goats GruffNon-Fiction (Information Text): A Troll wanted poster / fact fileOral Composition: Orally compose a simple sentence/caption and hold it in memory before attempting to write it.Spine Book: Farmer Duck	Talk for Writing - imitate, innovate and independent applicationFiction: SupertatoNon-Fiction: (Information Text) Letter to The Evil PeaOral Composition: Orally compose a simple sentence/caption and hold it in memory before attempting to write it.Spine Book: Six Dinner Sid	Talk for Writing – imitate, innovate and independent application Fiction: Pirate Tom Non-Fiction: (Information Text) Report on rock pool creature. Composition: Write a simple sentence/caption which may include a full stop Spine Book: Mrs Armitage on Wheels

	<b>Poetry Basket:</b> A Basket of Apples	<b>Poetry Basket:</b> Five Little Pumpkins	Poetry Basket: Carrot Nose	Poetry Basket: Hungry Birdies	<b>Poetry Basket</b> : A Little Shell	Poetry Basket: Monkey Babies
	Phonics To read & write Set 1 Sounds. To hear sounds at the start and within words. To begin to blend sounds.	<b>Phonics</b> To know, read & write Set 1 Sounds To blend Set 1 sounds to read words.	<b>Phonics</b> To read photocopiable ditties 1-20. To read Green word cards 1.1 to 1.5. To introduce Red words.	Phonics To read Red Ditty books. To read Green word cards 1.6 to 1.7. To read Red words. To read and write uppercase letters. To learn letter names.	<b>Phonics</b> To read Green books. To learn Set 2 Sounds. To learn how to read words with Set 2 sounds.	<b>Phonics</b> To read Purple books. To know Set 2 Sounds. To read Set 2 words.
	<b>Writing</b> To use mantras when writing lowercase letters.	<b>Writing</b> To write words. To write their name.	<b>Writing</b> To write words.	<b>Writing</b> To learn how to write sentences.	<b>Writing</b> To write a sentence.	Writing To write a sentence using recognisable letters which are correctly formed that can be read by others.
Literacy Across the Year	including picture books, order to develop their u paper, chalkboards, whit chalks, wax crayons, cha	nderstanding further. We teboards, and interactive v Ik pens and paint pens. to build up their confidenc	ction books, rhymes and po provide children with oppo vhiteboards. Children also	oetry and give children th ortunities to write indoor have free access to a var	e opportunity to share the s and outdoors on a range riety of mark making tools	eir thoughts and opinions in of resources including including pens, pencils,
Maths	Baseline Assessments Matching & Sorting Comparing Amounts Comparing size, mass and capacity Exploring Pattern Representing, comparing & composition of 1,2 and 3. Circles & Triangles.	Representing, comparing and composition of numbers to 5. Number bonds to 5. One more and one less. Shapes with 4 sides. Positional language.	Introducing zero. Comparing mass & capacity. Representing, comparing & composition of 6,7 and 8. Making pairs. Combining two groups.	Length & Height Time Representing, comparing & composition of 9 & 10. Number bonds to 10. 3D Shape Pattern	Building numbers beyond 10. Counting patterns beyond 10. Spatial Reasoning: Match, rotate & manipulate. Adding more. Taking Away. Spatial Reasoning: Compose & decompose.	Doubling. Sharing & grouping. Odds and Evens. Spatial Reasoning: Visualise & build. Patterns & Relationships of number. Spatial Reasoning: Mapping.

UTW: People, Culture & Communities (NC Links to Geography, History & RE)	To talk about own family & experiences using 'Chatterboxes'. Know that you can find out information from different sources e.g. internet, books. Talk about the features of their immediate environment with visual representations e.g., classroom maps, seating maps.	How do we celebrate Christmas? Is that the same or different to how others celebrate Christmas? Use the language of time when talking about past/present events in their own lives and in the lives of others including people they have learnt about through books. Describe images of familiar situations in the past using books such as, 'When we were giants', 'Peepo', Shirley Hughes stories.	To investigate different occupations and community members. Visually represent their own day on a simple timeline (correspond with number 7 work, days of the week).	To investigate people from the past - our own family and other significant people that have had an influence on the present. Talk about and understand changes in their own lifetime, by creating a personal timeline.	To study our immediate environment; including the school grounds and Crawcrook. Look at maps of different scales & produce own environment map. Order personal experiences, e.g., recount an educational visit or stories.	To explore the similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Describe features of objects, people, places at different times and make comparisons. Talk about what is the same and different.
UTW: People, Culture & Communities Across the Year	customs and routines, di challenge negative stere year. In our continuous p children to draw simple	fferent occupations, influ otypes. We use our 'Infor provision, we have maps, gl	ential historical figures, d mation Station' daily, to to obes and non-fiction book or 'story maps' of well-kn	lifferent cultures and relia alk about chronology; what s available for the childre own stories. A range of 'ro	gions, texts that reinforce t is happening today / yest n to investigate their worl ble play' set ups, small wor	erday / next week / next d. We encourage the ld toys, props and costumes
RE	Discovery Enquiry: What makes people special?	<b>Discovery Enquiry:</b> What is Christmas?	<b>Discovery Enquiry:</b> How do people celebrate?	<b>Discovery Enquiry:</b> What is Easter?	<b>Discovery Enquiry:</b> What can we learn from stories?	<b>Discovery Enquiry:</b> What makes places special?

	Seasonal Changes - To understand that the season is 'Autumn' and what this looks	<b>Materials</b> - Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic,	<b>Animals</b> - Looking after living creatures - Bird Watch.	<b>Plants</b> - Know the correct basic scientific vocabulary to describe parts of	Life Cycles - Know about the life cycle of a human and can talk about how I have	Animals (British Wildlife) Know and explain where a range of animals live e.g. talk about animals which
UTW: The Natural World (NC Links to Science, Computing & Geography)	like. Know the order of the four seasons. Describe about how the seasons can affect the natural world and how things grow. e.g., acorns and conkers are found in autumn. Know and describe the seasonal weather. <b>Vocabulary -</b> Seasonal Changes - Autumn, day, dark, light, Winter, night, season, Moon, Sun, lighter, darker, shadow.	glass, metal, water, and paper. Know some simple properties of materials. Know how we can sort objects into groups based on their material. Know what materials can be recycled. <b>Vocabulary</b> - material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, paper, recyclable, hard, soft, rough, smooth, shiny Use technology e.g., a BeeBot and begin to show spatial awareness. Use positional language i.e., under, beside,on top of etc. To investigate changes over time; such as freezing and melting.	Looking after our environment - Dear Greenpeace. Know the correct basic scientific vocabulary to describe parts of animals. Know what animals need to survive. Know and explain where a range of animals live. Use technology to make observations or find information about different locations and places.	plants. Know what plants need to survive and grow healthily. Know that plants need water, soil and sun to grow. Name some common plants. Know where some plants grow. Know that plants grow from a seed. Make close observations of plants in the natural world. Understand through books and observations that plants change and explain what a lifecycle is. Know and be able to explain a simple lifecycle, E.g., sunflower. <b>Vocabulary</b> - tulip, daffodil, bluebells, crocuses, snowdrops, dandelions, buttercups, daisy Plant, stem, leaf, roots, bulb, shoot, seed, growth flower, trunk, branches.	changed since I was a baby. Know the name of some parts of the body that can be seen. Know how to keep their bodies healthy, e.g., eating healthy food, exercising, screen-time, oral health. Know humans have five senses. <b>Vocabulary</b> - Hygiene, healthy, non-healthy, grow, change, germs, 5 senses, teeth brushing, dentist, face, hair, leg, human, knee, arm, elbow, back, head, toes, ear, hands, eye, fingers, mouth, nose, parent, baby, child, adult, grandparent, life cycle, egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, cocoon, butterfly, water, food, air Investigate other Life Cycles, including butterflies and ducks.	live in our community e.g. talk about wildlife in Britain. Describing habitats and some microhabitats (animal homes). Make close observations of animals in the natural world. Make comparisons and identify similarities and differences. Understand through books and observations how animals change and grow. <b>Vocabulary</b> - pond, garden, woodland, seaside, habitat, wild, wildlife, native, woodland, birds, (owl, duck), insects/bugs/ minibeasts (lacewing, ladybird, woodlouse, bee, wasp, spider, tarantula, earthworm, snail, millipede, butterfly, caterpillar, microhabitats

					Describe images of familiar situations in the past using books such as, 'When we were giants', 'Peepo', Shirley Hughes stories. Identify features of growth and change	
UTW: The Natural World Across the Year	insects, and planting and continuous provision to a observe. We explore sin	d growing. We use our loca explore and observe detail	l area to study the same s using binoculars, magnify ch as floating and sinking	pace; Clara Vale Nature R ing glasses and encourage and the characteristics of	eserve, as it changes thro the children to talk about	ons, living creatures, birds, ughout the year. We use our and record what they a play and planned activities.
UTW: Technology (Links to NC Computing)	To use ICT hardware to To create content such To develop digital litera	ogram on electronic device interact with age appropr as a video recording, stori cy skills by being able to a n adult supervision to find	iate computer software. es, and/or draw a picture access, understand and inte	eract with a range of tech	nologies.	
EAD (Links to NC Art)	Drawing Skill: Understand how to grip a pencil comfortably and explore making marks, creating lines and circles. Give meaning to marks made.	Drawing Skill: observational drawing - Pumpkins Understand how to create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.	Drawing Skill: show different emotions in their drawing e.g. happiness, sadness. Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.	<b>Drawing Skill</b> : Observational drawing - Daffodils	<b>Drawing Skill</b> : observational drawing - Sunflowers Show accuracy and care in their drawing.	<b>Drawing Skill</b> : produce more detailed work and say what they have included.
	<b>Colour Experience</b> : explore colours and how colours can be changed. Identify light and dark colours.	<b>Colour Knowledge:</b> recognise and name colours.	<b>Colour Skill:</b> to be able to create a wash background and combining colour.	<b>Colour Skill</b> : colours in nature	<b>Colour Skill:</b> exploring shades of colour and how to make different shades.	<b>Colour Skill</b> : to be able to choose a particular colour for a purpose.

	<b>Paint Experience:</b> explore different paint types - watercolour, powder paint, acrylic, ready mix paint.	<b>Paint Skill/Knowledge:</b> splatter painting in the style of Jackson Pollock	Paint Experience: explore working with paint on different surfaces and in different ways i.e. coloured, sized and shaped paper. Explore using different brush	<b>Paint Skill:</b> mix paints to make new colours following instructions.	<b>Paint Skill:</b> paint through inspiration, feeling, observation or imagination. Evaluate their own work and others, suggest how work can be improved.
with spor rollers, s Inspiration	hapes. e.g. leaves, pine cones		types.	<b>Printing Skill:</b> symmetrical printing - butterflies as inspiration	<b>Printing Skill:</b> printing simple repeating patterns. Recognise patterns in the environment
Understa different materials feel and	Arrowmaterials. Junkexploremodelling will continueg. malleable,to be offered in	Textiles/Materials Knowledge: understand the purpose of different textiles/materials. e.g. winter clothing.	Textiles/Materials Skill: Weaving (natural and manmade materials)	Textiles/Materials Skill: Collage using Eric Carle as inspiration	Textiles/Materials Skill: Sewing using a pre-running stitch with natural resources.
use simpl using dif materials	a Skills: to e joins when ferent3D Work Skill/Knowledge: Natural art in the style of Andy Goldsworthyto create 3D sellotape,of Andy Goldsworthy	<b>3D Work Skill:</b> creating work to celebrate special days e.g. decorations (paper chains, bunting) for lunar new year, valentine's Day.	<b>3D Work Skill:</b> Making own props/ puppets to retell a story. Folding techniques e.g. fans, aeroplanes, books. Choosing materials for effect e.g. feather headdress		<b>3D Work Skill focus:</b> be able to select tools and techniques needed to assemble and join materials they are using for a specific reason.
<b>Artist S</b> Kandinsky	<b>tudy:</b> y - Dot Day Andy Goldsworthy - Autumn	<b>Artist Study:</b> Jackson Pollock - experimentation	Artist Study: Monet - Spring	<b>Artist Study:</b> Antony Gormley - Angel of the North	<b>Artist Study:</b> Mondrian - Shape

EAD Across the Year (Links to NC DT, Art & Music)	Develops their own idea and communicate their Expresses and communi- arts. Creates representations Initiates new combinati Chooses particular move Uses combinations of ar Responds imaginatively Introduces a storyline of	s through experimentation discoveries and understand cates working theories, fe s of both imaginary and rea ons of movements and gest ements, instruments/ sound to art works and objects. or narrative into their play	ding. elings and understandings al-life ideas, events, people tures in order to express c ds, colours and materials f inging, making and dramatic	g. light, projected image, using a range of art form e and objects. and respond to feelings, id or their own imaginative j c play, drawing and talking	loose parts, watercolours s, e.g. movement, dance, d deas and experiences. purposes.	, powder paint, to express rama, music and the visual
Music	Musical Instruments & How Sounds Change		Peter and the Wolf - Instrument Families	Nursery Rhymes and Singing Games	Composing Simple Songs & Rhythms	End of year Performance songs.
Whole school music genre	A cappella Ragtime Flamenco Barber Shop Tango Charleston March	Asian music Classical War songs Scottish Dance Scottish Folk Christmas - Pop Christmas - Films/ TV Christmas - Choral	Blues Jazz Rhythm and blues Soul Rap/Chant Ballad/Waltz	String Quartet Welsh Choral music Country Irish Folk or Irish Dance Jewish music Gospel / Spiritual Music	English folk / country dancing music Reggae Musical Film Music Opera	Pop Rock African Calypso Rock and Roll Wind or Brass Band Teacher's own choice
Whole school singing focus	Together Choices Together as One Harvest Samba Cauliflowers Fluffy/ Paintbox Autumn Days Choices Together as One	There's a Place Song of Blessing We Will Remember Jingle Bells, White Christmas Away in a Manger Calypso Carol It was on a Starry Night Every Christmas	For Me Happy Birthday in French Waka Waka - Africa La Bamba - Mexican Folk Song Coming Home Newcastle Blaydon Races - Verses 1 and 2.	Make a Good Decision Days of the Months Spring Chicken Hosanna The Seed Song	R-E-L-A-T-I-O-N-S- H-I-P	A New Day
School events		Stay and Play - Christmas Nativity play Enrichment week		Stay and Play Enrichment week		Stay and Play End of year performance Enrichment week

Visits/visitors	Visit to Crawcrook Library	Clara Vale - Autumn visit	Visit from various people with different occupations.	Theatre visit	Visit from Road Safety Team	Local Area Trip - Gibside
V 15115/ V151101/5		Christmas Production / Workshop	Visit from librarians			

## Curricular Goals

Our curricular goals highlight all the things that we want children to know, experience and be able to do as a result of their time in Reception.

# COMMUNICATION & LANGUGAGE

ASK a relevant question, make a relevant comment.

CONVERSE in a back and forth exchange with friends and teachers.

EXPRESS ideas and feelings with confidence.

### PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL

Show EMPATHY to others.

Show DETERMINATION to complete a goal.

Show RESILIENCE in the face of challenges.

Show CURIOSITY about the world around them.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

USE cutlery with confidence.

HOLD a pencil effectively.

RIDE a two wheeled bike.

#### LITERACY

RETELL a story through play.

READ simple sentences and books containing Set 1 and Set 2 sounds.

WRITE simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

#### MATHEMATICS

UNDERSTAND in depth numbers to 10, including number bonds.

RECOGNISE the pattern of the counting system.

COMPARE quantities in different contexts

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

KNOW their own family tree.

CARE for a animal.

APPRECIATE different religious and cultural communities in their own hometown, and around the world

UNDERSTAND how to read a simple map.

# EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

CREATE a painting through musical inspiration.

PERFORM a story, song, poem or rhyme to an audience.