



Overview of Learning Opportunities for reception children 2026-7

Here is an overview of some of the themes and questions we ask our children in order to stimulate their curiosity! At the start of the year, we spend time talking to them and learning about their interests in order to plan learning opportunities to inspire them. We also plan to extend their initial interests and weave in new ideas to challenge their thinking about the world around them. Our plans are always flexible and will be adapted to the needs of learners.



Please see our [EYFS LONG TERM PLAN](#) to see our more detailed **EYFS curriculum plan** of the skills, knowledge and understanding that we plan for our children in each of the seven area of learning across the year.

	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	All About ME!	Let's Celebrate	Far and Away....	Hot Hot Hot!	Once Upon a Time...	
Key themes and questions to stimulate enquiry. <i>(These themes are starting points and may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests to be included)</i>	My New School – settling in All About ME! Sharing our 'All About Me' books we made with our families – getting to know each other How has my body changed since I was a baby? Surprise visitors (babies) helping us learn about how we have grown! Making a baby museum to share with our families containing photos of when we were babies and our first toys/teddies. My Growing Body: How can I keep fit, strong and healthy? Meeting our dentist and school nurse/Drs to help us learn about keeping healthy. Fitness circuits. Autumn: What happens outside in the Autumn? Autumn welly walks in the school grounds and around the village Celebrating Harvest – harvesting our food from our vegetable patch, bringing in Harvest gifts and taking them to Church to share with others.	How do people celebrate special days? How to people celebrate Diwali? Learning about how people celebrate Diwali – exploring art from other cultures. Why do we have a Children In Need Day? Charity Day – thinking of others. How do we all celebrate Christmas? Christmas visit to church. Performing in our Nativity. Visiting Church. Planning a Christmas Party!	Where is the coldest place on earth? What is it like there? What lives there? Learning about the coldest places on the planet from stories, non-fiction books as well as from visitors/ explorers who have been on travels to different places. We can also compare other places with where we are - exploring ice and frost with winter welly walks. What is Lunar New Year? How do people celebrate it? Marking Lunar New Year as well as other events such as Eid. Listening to visitors share their experiences of Eid and Lunar New Year. Exploring art and crafts from other cultures.	Where are the hottest places on earth? What does it look like there? What lives there? Learning about the hot places on the planet from stories, non-fiction books as well as from visitors/ explorers who have been on travels to different places. We can also compare other places with where we are. Airplane Day – changing our classroom into an Airport and pretending to travel around the world. <i>Mothering Sunday March 7th</i> <i>Easter</i> Marking this festival with visits to the church and a range of crafts.	'Jim and the Beanstalk' (and other variations of this story) How can we make Jack's beans grow? (This is a science/garden project – designed to encourage the children to learn more about how seeds grow and create a garden of our very own!) 'The True Story of the 3 Pigs' (and other variations of this story) How can we make a new home for the 3 Pigs? This is a technology project – designed to develop the children's making skills through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). 'The 3 Bears' and other versions of the same (including 'Me and You') What can we do to have a Teddy Bears Picnic? Children will be developing their writing skills – making lists, maps and invites for our picnic!	What is a castle? What was it like long ago at Arundel Castle? Our school trip to Arundel Castle! Why do we have castles? Dress up days and Invites to Balls! Sports Day!