



Overview of Learning Opportunities for reception children 2024-2025

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	
Main theme	All About ME!	Celebrations!	Far and Away....	Hot Hot Hot!	Once Upon a Time...	
Key themes and questions to stimulate enquiry. There themes are starting points and may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests to be included	My New School – settling in My New friends: What is a good friend? How can I be a good friend?	How do people celebrate special days? What do people have party's for? What happens on Bonfire Night? How to people celebrate Diwali? Why do we have a Children In Need Day? How do we all celebrate Christmas? Planning a Christmas Party!	- Where is the coldest place on earth? What is it like there? How can the weather change what is outside? What lives there? Where are the hottest places on earth? What does it look like there? What lives there? What is Chinese New Year? How do people celebrate it?	Where are the hottest places on earth? What does it look like there? What lives there? <i>Mothering Sunday March 30th</i> <i>Easter</i> <i>Mothering Sunday March 10th</i> <i>Easter</i>	<u>'Jim and the Beanstalk'</u> (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!) <u>'The True Story of the 3 Pigs'</u> (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). <u>'The 3 Bears' and other versions of the same (including 'Me and You')</u> What can we do to have a Teddy Bears Picnic? Children will be developing their writing skills – making	What is a castle? What was it like long ago at Arundel Castle? Our school trip to Arundel Castle! Why do we have castles? Celebration – End of the year – success, Sports Day
	How has my body changed since I was a baby? Who are the superheroes we see every day? Who helps us? Autumn: What happens outside in the Autumn? How do I know it is Autumn? What is Harvest?					

					lists, maps and invites for our picnic!	
<p>‘WOW’ moments are important to inspire children’s awe and wonder in the world around them – we want that for them every day!</p> <p>Here are some of the ‘wow’ moments we have planned so far...</p> <p>Sh! Don’t tell the children!</p>	<p>Autumn welly walks in the school grounds and around the village</p> <p>Celebrating Harvest – harvesting our food from our vegetable patch, bringing in Harvest gifts and taking them to Church to share with others.</p> <p>Meeting real superheroes who help us every day...</p>	<p>Celebrating different events – creating celebratory treats to eat as well as art work...</p> <p>Christmas visit to church.</p> <p>Performing in our Nativity.</p>	<p>Talks from explorers who have been on travels to different places.</p> <p>Exploring ice and frost with winter welly walks.</p> <p>Learning about the coldest places on the planet from stories, non-fiction books as well as.</p> <p>Marking Chinese New Year as well as other events such as Eid.</p>	<p>Airport Day – creating our very own role play airport for the day!</p> <p>Easter Hunts</p>	<p><u>See above!</u></p>	<p>Our Trip to Arundel Castle.</p> <p>Dress up days!</p> <p>Planning our Summer Tea/picnic</p> <p>Sports Day</p>