

Year R Curriculum Overview – 2023-24



	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Theme	Bear Hugs	Pumpkins & Parties	Out of this World	A Long Time Ago	Wild World	Splish Splash Splosh
Curriculum Intent	Children will settle happily in to school, by exploring their surroundings and articulating their feelings	Children will explore celebrations and festivals familiar to them as well as those from other cultures	Children will gain knowledge about the world around them and beyond	Children will explore past events and gain historical knowledge	Children will gain understanding about growth; plants, animals and their own	Children will explore the world beneath the sea
Core Text	We're Going on a Bear Hunt Michael Resen · Helan Oxenhury 'Biscuit Bear' 'The Everywhere Bear'	'Pattan's Pumpkin' 'Stick Man'	Alexis Deacon BEEGU 'Astro Girl' 'Look Inside Space'	'Dinosaur Roar!' 'How Do Dinosaurs' series (Non-fiction texts)	CARDEN GARDEN 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' 'Yucky Worms'	'Rainbow Fish' 'Billy's Bucket' 'Surprising Sharks'
Enrichment Opportunities	'Biscuit Bear Bake Off' Take home class bear	Grow pumpkins Make pumpkin soup Letter/visit from Santa	UFO landing in the outdoor classroom Beegu visits YR	Visit Maidstone Museum / Dinosaur Workshop	Caterpillars in the classroom Growing plants Visit Loose allotments	Beach Day School Trip
Key Curriculum Outcomes	Join in with repeated refrains Sequence stories Describe, compare and order size Write speech bubbles Name recognition and writing	Write letters to Santa Write lists Perform Nativity to parents Number recognition and writing Explore change and decomposition Talk about celebrations	Write character descriptions Use full stops, capital letters and finger spaces Oral storytelling Create own alien Role-play Name the planets in our	Explore non-fiction texts Ask and write questions Develop handwriting using correct letter formation Ordering historical events	Explore, retell and perform traditional tales and songs Keep a diary of plant growth Life cycles Mini-beast hunt Measure and compare plant growth, and	Make clay fish Still life drawings of fish Fact files about sea creatures Writing positive qualities about each other
	Answer questions about stories	and festivals in own and others' cultures	solar system	Making pancakes	themselves0	Artist studies