

Merlin Class ~ Reception

Year A – 2023~2024

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic Theme	All about Me! - Healthy eating - Our bodies - Feelings - Senses	Seasons and Celebrations! - Bonfire night - Diwali - Remembrance day - Christmas	Creatures Big and Small! - Animals around the world - Pets - Dinosaurs - Minibeasts	Terrific Tales! Fairy and traditional tales	Journeys! - Geographical differences around the World - Transport	Space and Sea! - Sea Creatures - The Ocean - Planets and Stars - Neil Armstrong
Wow Moments	Healthy Eating Café Harvest Festival	Church visit Nativity concert	Zoolah (TBC) Butterfly Garden	A Royal Party (including baking gingerbread men)	Estate agent role play	Space day End of year trip – Aquarium (TBC)
Texts	Elmer Owl Babies The Colour Monster	Rama and Sita Christmas Story Where the Poppies Grow Stick Man Autumn non-fiction texts	Tiger who came to tea Dear zoo What the ladybird heard Giraffes can't dance The Gruffalo Rumble in the Jungle Non-fiction books	The Gingerbread Man The Three Billy Goats Gruff The Magic Porridge Pot The Three Little Pigs	The Train Ride The Snail and the Whale Handa's Surprise We're Going on a Bear Hunt Smartest Giant in Town	Tiddler Rainbow fish Commotion in the Ocean Whatever Next! Aliens Love Underpants The Smeds and the Smoos Non-fiction books
Songs	Head, shoulders, knees and toes I am special	Nativity songs	Walking in the Jungle Down in the Jungle	Easter songs	Journey home from Grandpa's	Down in the deep, blue sea
Communication and Language	Integrated into all aspects of learning					
PSED	SCARF – Me and My Relationships	SCARF – Valuing Difference	SCARF – Keeping Myself Safe	SCARF – Rights and Responsibilities	SCARF – Being my Best	SCARF – Growing and Changing
Physical Development	Yoga / Multi-Skills Balance and co-ordination	Team Games / Multi-Skills Balance and agility	Dance Wake and Shake / Go Noodle	Athletics Running and Jumping	Gymnastics Rolling, stretching, holding shape, jumping, tension	Swimming/ / Multi-Skills Water Awareness Sports Day
	Fine motor skills developed through continuous provision, writing opportunities and crafts					
Literacy Comprehension and word reading	1:1 reading and guided reading	1:1 reading and guided reading	1:1 reading and guided reading	1:1 reading and guided reading	1:1 reading and guided reading	1:1 reading and guided reading
	Daily Phonics teaching	Daily Phonics teaching	Daily Phonics teaching	Daily Phonics teaching	Daily Phonics teaching	Daily Phonics teaching

Literacy Writing	Letter formation practise Labelling using initial sounds CVC words	Letter formation practise CVC/ CVCC words Writing simple captions	Letter formation practise Writing simple captions and short phrases Introduction to sentence writing	Letter formation practise and sentence writing	Sentence building Story writing	Sentence building Story writing
Maths	Match, sort and compare amounts/objects Counting rhymes and songs Matching equal and unequal sets Number recognition Pattern 2D shapes Positional language	Numbers within 6 One more and one less Ordering numbers Composition of numbers within 6 Subitising Explore zero Explore concept of addition and subtraction (within 6) Compare and explore capacity, weight and lengths	Numbers within 10 Count and represent up to 10 objects One more and one less Compare numbers Explore addition as counting on and subtraction as taking away Exposure to 'teen numbers' when counting	Composition of numbers within 10 Number bonds to 5 Number bonds to 10 Doubling and halving and the relationship between them Even and odd numbers Making equal groups	Describe and sort 2D and 3D shapes Recognise, complete and create patterns Subitising Composition of numbers and commutativity (eg, 2+3=5 is the same as 3+2=5) Describe and compare capacities, volumes and weights Money	Depth of numbers within 20 Consolidate addition and subtraction, double facts and even and odd numbers Revisit number bonds and commutativity
Understanding the World – <i>The Natural World</i>	Seasons ongoing, including observing seasonal changes and weather Welly walks					
	Exploring our local environment		Animals and their habitats Drawing animals Life cycles	Materials	Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments	Changing states of matter Space
Understanding the World – <i>Past and Present</i>		Guy Fawkes The Gunpowder Plot			People who help us Changes in transport over time	Neil Armstrong

Understanding the World – People, Culture and Communities	AMV – Special Me	AMV – Special times <i>Including Hanukkah and Christmas/Nativity story</i>	AMV – Special places	AMV – Special times (2) <i>Including Passover and Easter</i>	Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries AMV – Special stories (God)	AMV – Special stories (Jesus)
	<i>Special Celebrations</i> <i>Harvest Festival</i>	<i>Special Celebrations</i> <i>Bonfire Night Remembrance Day Diwali Hanukkah Christmas</i>	<i>Special Celebrations</i> <i>Chinese New Year Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday St David's Day</i>	<i>Special Celebrations</i> <i>Holi Palm Sunday Easter Vaisakhi Start of Ramadan</i>	<i>Special Celebrations</i> <i>Eid</i>	<i>Special Celebrations</i> <i>Eid Summer Solstice</i>
Expressive Arts and Design – Creating with Materials	Collage Self-portraits	Colour mixing Christmas/celebration crafts	Modelling – clay animal sculptures	Story props to support children's retelling (masks, puppets etc)	Nature artwork	Junk modelling – space ships/ space shuttles
Expressive Arts and Design – Being Imaginative and Expressive	Charanga – Me!	Charanga – My stories	Charanga – Everyone!	Charanga – Our World!	Charanga – Big Bear Funk	Charanga – Reflect, Rewind and Replay