EYFS Curriculum intent

Assessing Pupils' Development

Assessment is an ongoing process involving observations made by all adults working in the unit and discussions with parents/carers during pupils' time in EYFS.

Checkpoints for assessment have been identified based on what the "expected" child would know at various points in the year: baseline, by the end of Advent Term, by the end of Lent Term, by the end of FS 1/FS 2

Expected Checkpoint knowledge has been identified in Bold Italics

Communication and Language (Listening, Attention and Understanding and Speaking)

The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. Children's back-and-forth interactions from an early age form the foundations for language and cognitive development. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing and echoing back what they say with new vocabulary added, practitioners will build children's language effectively. Reading frequently to children and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes, and poems, and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and embed unfamiliar words in a range of contexts, will give children the opportunity to thrive. Through conversation, storytelling and role play, where children share their ideas with support and modelling from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them toelaborate, children become comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structures.

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		Advent 1	Advent 2	Lent 1		Lent 2	Pentecost 1	Pentecost 2
				Pupils will:				
Reception Listening, Attention and	•	Enjoy listening to longer stories and to others in one-	Listen to familiar stories with increasing attention	Respond to instructions with more elements.	•	Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to	 Follow a story without pictures or props. 	ELG: Listening Attention and Understanding
Understanding Speaking		to-one or small groups, when conversation is of interest to them.	 and recall. Understand how to listen carefully and know why listening is 	 Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. 		develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.	 Understand and use questions such as who; why; when; where and how. 	 Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant
	•	Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.	 important. Engage with nonfiction books. Describe events in some detail. 	 Recognise the difference between fiction and non-fiction stories. Ask questions to find 	•	Listen and respond to ideas expressed by others in conversations or discussions.	Use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.	questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole
	•	Engage in story times. Beginning to learn new vocabulary and use it.	 Join in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. 	 out more and to check they understand what has been said to them. Introduce a storyline or narrative into play. 		Extend their vocabulary, using it throughout the day. Use new	Link statements and stick to a main theme or intention.	class discussions and small group interactions Make comments about what they
	•	Learn rhymes, poems and songs.	• Develop the use of social phrases e.g. to	• Learn new vocabulary.		vocabulary in different		have heard and ask questions to

e.g. to say prompts from an adult.	contexts. Use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events. Connect one idea or action to another using a range of conjunctions. Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities explaining how things work and why things might happen. Articulate their	clarify their understanding. - Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers. ELG: Speaking - Participate in small group, classand one- to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. - Offer explanations for why thingsmight happen, making use of
	ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.	recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non- fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. - Express their ideas and feelings duttheir experiences using full sentences, including use of past,present and future tenses, whilst making use of conjunctions, with modelling and

			support from their
			teacher.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Self-regulation, Managing Self and Making Relationships).

Children's personal, social, and emotional development (PSED) is crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives and is fundamental to their cognitive development. Underpinning their personal development are the important attachments that shape their social world. Strong, warm, and supportive relationships with adults enable children to learn how to understand their own feelings and those of others. Children should be supported to manage emotions, develop a positive sense of self, set themselves simple goals, have confidence in their own abilities, to persist and wait for what they want and direct attention, as necessary. Through adult modelling and guidance, they will learn how to look after their bodies, including healthy eating and manage personal needs independently. Through supported interaction with other children, they learn how to make good friendships, co-operate and resolve conflicts peacefully. These attributes will provide a secure platform from which children can achieve at school and in later life.

	Advent 1	Advent 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Pentecost 1	Pentecost 2
			Pupils will:			
Reception Self-regulation Managing self Building relationships	 show attention to the teacher usually respond appropriately. show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others begin to recognise the impact of theiractions. explore feelings through role play. enjoy trying new healthy snacks at snack time build relationships with familiar adults play with other children. 	and consider the needs of others.	adapt their	 talk to others, include them in play and are willing to try new things. be able to manage their feelings and tolerate situations in which their wishes cannot be met. See themselves as valuable individuals. give attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity. know what they want to go about it. Show independence, and perseverance in the face of challenge not necessarily of their 	 understand own and other people's feelings, offering empathy and comfort. take steps to resolve conflicts with other children by finding a compromise sometimes with support. try new activities and show independence, resilience, and perseverance in the face of challenge. know the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. dress and undress mostly independently. 	Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. Set and work toward simple goals, being able to wait for who they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate. Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

	 feed themselves with a fork and spoon. Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. develop particular friendships with other children. take turns and share with others. 	both mentally and physically is important. • know what they and others need.	choosing. usually play cooperatively and take turns with others. know that other children may have a different likes and dislikes. form positive attachments to adults andfriendships with peers.	 frequently play cooperatively and take turns with others. Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs. 	Know how to be safe at the seaside e.g. sun protection, importance of hydration, importance of shade, water safety. ELG: Managing Self Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience, and perseverance in the face of challenge. Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices. ELG: Building Relationships Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others. Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with
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		peers. • Show sensitivity to
		their own and to others' needs.

Physical Development (Fine Motor Skills and Gross Motor Skills).

Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives. Gross and fine motor experiences develop incrementally throughout early childhood, starting with sensory explorations and the development of a child's strength, co-ordination, and positional awareness through tummy time, crawling and play movement with objects and adults. By creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, adultscan support children to develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being. Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination, which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.

	Advent 1	Advent 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Pentecost 1	Pentecost 2
			Pupils will:			
Reception Gross Motor Fine Motor	 Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired: rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, hopping. Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor. Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: - lining up and queuing – mealtimes show a preference for a dominant hand. create lines and circles pivoting from the shoulder and elbow 	 balance on onefoot or in a squat momentarily, shifting body weight to improve stability. progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace further develop spatial awareness. combine different movements with ease and fluency. develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. manipulate arange of tools and equipment in one hand. 	 confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group. develop overall bodystrength, balance, coordination and agility. further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming. use a pencil and hold it effectivelyto form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. 	 develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging inactivities that involve use of equipment e.g. a ball. climb stairs,steps and move across climbing equipment using alternate feet. walk downsteps or slopes whilst carrying a small object, maintaining balance and stability. use a pencil and hold it effectivelyto form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. 	 develop the overall body strength, coordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming. develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient. 	 ELG: Gross Motor Skills Negotiate space and obstaclessafely, with consideration for themselves and others. Demonstrate strength, balanceand coordination when playing. Move energetically, such asrunning, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. ELG: Fine Motor Skills Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing. Use the tripod grip in almost allcases. Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes

			and cutlery. • Begin to show
			accuracy andcare when drawing

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					deas and structuring them in	— ·			
	Advent 1	Advent 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Pentecost 1	Pentecost 2			
	Pupils will:								
Reception	 Recognise initial 	• Read individual	 Blend sounds into 	• Read a few common	 Listen to stories, 	ELG Comprehension			
	sounds.	letters by saying the	words, so that they	exception words	accurately	 Demonstrate 			
 Word Reading 	 Join in with rhymes 	sounds for them.	can read short	matched to the	anticipating key	understanding of			
 Comprehension 	and show an interest	• Retell storiesrelated	words made up of	school's phonic	events & respond to	what has been read			
 Writing 	in stories with	to event	known letter-sound	programme.	what they hear with	to them by retelling			
Little	repeated refrains.	through acting/role	correspondences	 Retell a story with 	relevant comments,	stories and			
Wandle	• Sequence	play and images.	 Read simple phrases 	actions and or	questions, and	narratives using			
Phonics	familiar stories using	 Sequence a story 	and sentences made	picture prompts as	reactions.	their own words and			
	pictures.	using the following	up of words with	part of a group.	Write for a purpose	recently introduced			
	Draw pictures of	vocabulary:	known letter-sound	 Use story language 	in role play using	vocabulary.			
	characters/ events /	beginning, middle	correspondences	when acting out a	phonetically plausible	Anticipate, where			
	settings in a story.	and end.	and, where	narrative.	attempts at words	appropriate, key			
	Create storymaps	Draw pictures of	necessary, a few		•	events in stories.			
*Please note,	and retell stories.	characters/ events/	exception words.	Re-read these books	whilst beginning to	Use and understand			
schools should	Give meaning to	settings in a story	Read some letter	to build up their	use finger spaces.	recently introduced			
add details of	marks whilst holding	which may include	groups that each	confidence in word	• Reception Summer 1	vocabulary during			
their specific	my pencil in a tripod	labels, sentences or	represent one sound	reading, their	phase 4 weeks 1-5	discussions about			
phonics schemes	grip.	captions.	and say sounds for	fluency and their	• Reception Summer 1	stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems			
to each term	Write initial sounds and simple continues	Write name correctly.	tiiciii	understanding and	phase 4 weeks 1-5	and during role play.			
	and simple captions.	 Begin to draw/write some of the main 	 Explain the main 	enjoyment.	assessment.	ELG			
	Reception Autumn 1 Phase 2 weeks 1. F.	events of a story	events of a story and	• Create my own story	•	Word Reading:			
	phase 2 weeks 1-5	using initial sounds.	give simple	maps, writing		TTOTA NEGATING.			
		using initial soulius.							

• Reception Autumn 1 phase 2 weeks 1-5 assessment.	 Reception Autumn 2 phase 2 weeks 1-5 Reception Autumn 2 phase 2 weeks 1-5 assessment. 	descriptions of characters. Ask and answer questions about story book characters. Distinguish between capital letters and lower- case letters. Begin to write simple phrases inspired by stories. Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s. Reception Spring 1	captions and labels, using short simple sentences. • Form lower-case and capital letters correctly. • Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondence using a capital letter and full stop. • Write and use some of the tricky words such as I and The. • Re-read what they have written to	Say a soundfor each letter in the alphabet andat least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound- blending. Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words. ELG: Writing:
		phase 3 weeks 1-5 • Reception Spring 1 phase 3 weeks 1-5 assessment.	check that it makes sense. Reception Spring 2 phase 3 weeks 1-5 Reception Spring 2 phase 3 weeks 1-5 assessment.	 Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. Reception Summer 2

phase 4 weeks 1-5

			• Reception Summer 2 phase 4 weeks 1-5 assessment.
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Mathematics (Number and Numerical Patterns).

Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically. Children should be able to count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to ten, the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers. By providing frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply this understanding - such as using manipulatives, including small pebbles and tens frames for organizing counting - children will develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary from which proficiency in mathematics is built. In addition, it is important that the curriculum includes rich opportunities for children to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space, and measures. It is important that children develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, 'have a go,' talk to adults and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes.

	Advent 1	Advent 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Pentecost 1	Pentecost 2
			Pupils will:			
Reception Number Numerical Patterns	 represent numbers up to five, using fingers. subitise to 3 count objects, actions and sounds. count up to five objects by touching each object and saying one number name for each item. recognise, say and identify numerals 1 to 9. select and name 2d shapes. continue, copy and create repeating patterns. 	 subitise numbers up to 5. count out up to 5 objects from a larger group. record using numerals up to 5. Recongise number bonds to 5. Begin to explore mathematical problems using skills such as symbols '+' and '-' and vocabulary e.g. 'add,' 'take away,' and 'equals,' to show working out. Order numerals up to 5 and say which number comes before/after. 	numbers 0-5 and some to 10. • partition and recombine small groups of up to ten objects. • count forwards and	countforwards and	 find the total number of objects in two groups by counting all of them and begin to write the number sentence. recognise that the number of objects in a set does not change if they are moved around. remove objects from a small group and count how many are left and write the total. begin to use a number line to add simple number sentences. act out, recall and write different ways 	subitise up to 5 automatically recall (without reference to

• link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value. • be able to partition numbers – know number bonds up to 5. • understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers. • select and name 2d shapes. • link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value. • be able to partition numbers – know number bonds up to 5. • understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers. • Select and name 2d shapes. • Solve problems in predict and come length, weight and capacity. • Begin to use measuring tools as rulers and tine.	and that compose and decompose shapes so that they recognise a shape can have other shapes within it Tone of the correct operational language. To compose and describe its rule 10. Solve mathematical Solve mathematical Problems using symbols '+,' - ,' and '=' accurately and using the counting system. Create own repeating pattern and describe its rule 10. Solve mathematical Compose and counting system. Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally. Solve mathematical Compose and counting system. Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Compose and counting system. Compose and counting system. Compose quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Compose and compose shapes so that they recognise a shape can have of the counting system. Compose quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Compose and compose shapes so that they recognise a shape can have of the counting system. Compose and compose and same as the other quantity. Compose and compose and same as the other quantity. Compose and compose and same as the other quantity. Compose and as a counting to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Compose and as a counting to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Compose and as a counting to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. Compose and as
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Understanding the World (Past and Present: History/People and Communities: Geography/The Natural World: Science).

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's subjective experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries, and museums to meeting notable members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

		Advent 1		Advent 2		Lent 1		Lent 2		Pentecost 1		Pentecost 2
Pupils will:												
Reception Past & Present	•	talk about members of their immediate family and community.	•	know that their community is made up of many different people with		 understand the past through settings, characters and events 		 understand the past through settings, characters and events 		explain some similarities and differences between life in this country	•	Explore the natural world around them and talk about the different animal life that exists.
People, Culture and Communities The Natural World	•	name and describe people who are familiar to them. discuss family traditions and learn about others. know about significant individuals comment on images of familiar situations in the past. compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. recognise some environments that are different to the	•	different roles. talk about some of the similarities and differences in family groups. Know that unique means distinctive and your differences can make you unique. understand that some places are special to members of their community. recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different	•	encountered in books read in class and storytelling. very cold weather can cause water to freeze, warmer weather will cause ice to melt. Explore the natural world around them. Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.	•	encountered in books talk about some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and when appropriate – maps • make comparisons of settings and fictional settings. • draw information from a simple map Understand processes such as	•	and other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and, when appropriate, maps. Know the names of the four seasons. Know the 'typical' type of weather for each season. Describe what they see, hear and feel outside. Explore the natural world around them and talk about the different plant life that exists.	•	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. • Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter. • Understand processes such as freezing and melting. E.g. how ice lollies are made and what
	•	one in which they live.	•	ways. know that God created us all to be like him but also unique. compare and			•	floating and sinking. E.g. in the sea Recognise some environments that are different to the	•	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of plants. Understand the effect of changing		happens to them in the sun. • Understand processes such as heating and cooling

	contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. Comment on images of familiar situations in the past Know the names of the four seasons. Know the 'typical' type of weather for each season. understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. E.g. seasonal changes to trees/plants;	one in which they live. know some similarities and differences between the natural world around me and contrasting environments, drawing on experiences and what has been read in class.	seasons on the natural world around the world e.g. very hot/cold countries and how the plant and life differs.	e.g. in cooking, sunbathing. •
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Expressive Arts and Design (Creating with materials and being imaginative and expressive).

The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have regular opportunities to engage with the arts, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. The quality and variety of what children see, hear, and participate in is crucial for developing their understanding, self expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The frequency, repetition and depth of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe. Give children an insight into new musical worlds. Invite musicians in to play music to children and talk about it. Encourage children to listen attentively to music. Discuss changes and patterns as a piece of music develops.

	Advent 1	Advent 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Pentecost 1	Pentecost 2		
Pupils will know:								

Reception

Creating with materials
Being imaginative

- Begin to draw selfportraits, landscapes, and building/cityscapes.
- Build models which replicate those in real life, using a variety of resources.
- Sing in a group or by oneself, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs.
- Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.

- Join items in a variety of ways (sellotape, masking tape, string and split pins).
 - Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks
 - Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
 - Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.
 - watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing feelings and responses.
 - Listen to music and say what they do or don't like.
 - Sing a range of well-known nursery rhyme and songs.
 - Make music and move to music.

- Independently select additional tools (stamps, rollers etc.) to improve my painting.
- Create patterns or meaningful pictures when printing.
- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and my teacher.
- Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

- Know how to Improve models (scrunch, twist, fold, bend, roll).
- Know how to secure boxes, kitchen rolls.
- decorate
- bottles.
- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
- Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills
- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.
- Return to and build on my previous learning, refining ideas and developing ability to represent

- Explore different textures.
- Draw with details.
- create a model,
 listening to each
 other's ideas
 about how to
 improve and
 change their
 model.
- Explain how they have made a mode.
- Change the tempo and dynamics whilst playing music.
- Use a wide variety of instruments.
- Begin to understand emotion through music and describe music in simple term e.g. 'happy',

'sad' or 'scary'.

- Use familiar stories to innovate small world play with their peers
- Use the outside areas

ELG: Creating with Materials:

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.
- Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

ELG: Being Imaginative and Expressive:

 Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.

		•	them. Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources and skills. Develop storylines in pretend play. Listen attentively, move to, and talk about music, expressing feelings and responses.	(stage/boat/trim of trail) to act out familiar stories and change them with their peers.	 Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others and when appropriate try to move in time with music.
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