

Curriculum Framework for Reception

Early Years Foundation Stage ~ Curriculum Principles and Rationale for the Reception classes

The curriculum in Reception is coherently planned from the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (2024). This encompasses activities and experiences that enable the children to learn, develop and gain the knowledge that will prepare them for future learning opportunities in Key Stage One and beyond.

The teaching team prioritise getting to know the children well, **considering previous knowledge and experiences**. This enables them to construct a curriculum that **celebrates the children and their families**, and their surrounding **natural environment**. The framework has some essential, **core learning experiences** yet remains **flexible** and can be adapted according to the needs and interests of the children. The **four guiding principles in** the framework shape and underpin our practice. These are:

Every child is unique.

Children learn how to be strong and independent through positive relationships.

Children learn and develop well in enabling environments with teaching and support from adults.

Learning and development is important.

We have **high expectations and ambition** for all children and view them as curious learners. The curriculum design considers a balance of adult guided, adult initiated and child initiated learning. New knowledge can be applied, understood and consolidated through play scenarios and throughout the continuous provision, where adults interact to scaffold, extend, support and collaborate.

Being a skillful communicator is a key focus in the Reception classes. Vocabulary is extended through sharing rich texts that encourage a love of reading and the children begin their journey to become confident, fluent readers.

Learning Experiences in Reception





The long term plan below sets out the teaching	and learning opportunities for Reception children du	ing 'adult guided' times of the day.
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Year		Aut	umn	Sp	ring	Sun	nmer
		Term	Term	Term	Term	Term	Term
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Overarcl	hing	Me and my community	,	Traditional tales with a		Our wonderful planet	
project a	and themes	Light and dark		twist		My learning journey	
				Moving and growing			
Enhanced experiences		Listen to and sing with an orchestra. Learn how to safely light a fire and cook on it. Visit the school in the dark.		Touch and hold some unusual and exotic animals. Observe a life cycle ~ explore the tadpoles in the pond. Listen to a storyteller. Bake some bread and make butter.		Grow a plant / vegetable from seed and coowith the ingredients grown. Make a picnic to share with friends and famile Perform some special songs to your family.	
English text type		Fiction Autumn texts: Love makes a family — Sophie Beer How to catch a star - Oliver Jeffers Hovis the hedgehog — Lynda Leigh- Crawford Happy in our skin - Fran Manushkin		Spring Texts: Goldilocks and the thre Sharratt The gingerbread man - Tap, Tap the egg cracke Tadpoles promise - Jean	various authors d- Keith Faulkner	Summer Texts: The coral kingdom - La and Jennie Webber Sand between my toes Cross Eco-girl Ken Wilson-Ma	s – Caroline ax
	·	Wriggle and Roar – Julia The Sound Collector – R Quack said the Billy Goa ShimbleShanks the railv Once upon a star – Jame	loger McGough at - Charles Causley way cat – T S Elliot				
Reading – Possible texts related to topic		You Choose – Pippa Goodhart and Nik Sharratt Super Duper You! - Sophy Henn All are welcome – Alexandra		Goldilocks and the thre dinosaurs – Mo Willems The three little wolves a bad pig – Eugene Triviza Chapati moon - Pippa G	s and the big as	The Snail and the Whale – Julia Donaldson Lost and Found – Oliver Jeffers The Lion Inside – Rachel	
		Penfold, Suzanne Kaufm	nan	What's in an egg? - Mai	ke	Bright	

	Which food will you choose?	Biederstadt	The Last Tree – Emily	
	– Claire Potter	Bug Hotel – Libby Walden	Haworth Booth	
	Welcome to our world – a	Non fiction texts about lifecycles	How many legs? – Jim	1
	celebration of children		Field and Kes Grey	
	everywhere!		Journey – Aaron Becke	er
	Oscar and the Moth - Geoff		Clean up! - Nathan Bry	on e
	Waring		and Dapo Adeola	
	Developing communication and language ur	nderpins all learning in the early years.		Early Learning Goals
Communication				
and Language	Through adult led and child led learning oppo	ortunities children:		Children at the
				Expected Level of
	Listen to stories with interest, joining in with and phrases.	Development will:		
	·			Listen attentively and
	Can follow one step, then two step instruction	ons.		respond to what they
				hear with relevant
	Ask why, who, what, where, when questions			questions, comments
				and actions when
	Use some range of tenses, some of which are	e accurate.		being read to and
				during whole class
	Retell simple past events in correct order.			discussions and small
				group interactions.
	Can follow a story without props.			

Listening,	Through adult led and	child led learning opport	unities children:				
Attention &		5 11				Make comments	
Understanding	Can retell simple past e	events.				about what they have	
						heard and ask	
Speaking	Begin to understand ho	ow and why, use comple:	x sentences including 'be	ecause and'.		questions to clarify	
						their understanding.	
	use a range of tenses.	se a range of tenses.					
	Display two-channelled	l attention.				Hold conversations	
	Display two diaminence	a determinant.				when engaged in	
	Can respond to how an	nd why questions.				back-and- forth	
		, 1				exchanges with their teachers and peers.	
	Express themselves eff	ectively by sticking to th	e main theme or intention	on.		teachers and peers.	
Writing	Children are able to	Children are taught	Children use phonic	Children:	Children are taught	Write recognisable	
	hear, say and write	to use Little Wandle	knowledge to write		to use capital letters	letters, most of	
	the initial sound in a	phonics skills to	short sentences with	Write recognisable	and full stops.	which are correctly	
	CVC word.	segment and say the	words with known	letters, most of		formed.	
		sounds in a CVC	letter-sound	which are correctly	Children are taught		
		word.	correspondences	formed.	to read their writing	Spell words by	
			using a capital letter		back to themselves	identifying sounds in	
		Children spell words	and full stop.	Spell words by	to check it makes	them and	
		by identifying the sounds and then	For everanle writing	identifying sounds in them and	sense.	representing the sounds with a letter	
		writing the	For example, writing a simple character	representing the	Children have the	or letters.	
		sound with letter/s.	or scene description	sounds with a letter	opportunity to learn	or letters.	
		Journal With Tetter/3.	and a recipe for	or letters.	the spelling of tricky	Write simple	
		Children are given	gingerbread.		words.	phrases and	
		opportunities to		Write simple		sentences that can	
		write, for example		phrases and		be read by others.	
		writing a label, a fact		sentences that can		,	
		about a star and		be			
		writing a Christmas		read by others.			
		list.					
			• •		ılum to learn to write la	bels, simple captions	
			and short, phonetic se	ntences.			

E D	ersonal, Social and motional evelopment ~ gsaw, No Outsiders	Children are taught emotional vocabulary for feelings. Rights and	Children are able to talk about themselves, their talents and strengths Children are able to talk	Children are supported and encouraged to work hard, have a positive attitude, set goals and be motivated.	Children think about their bodies, being healthy and exercising as well as the importance of sleep.	Focus on transition Thinking, talking about and preparing for Year One including	Early Learning Goals Children at the Expected Level of Development will:
	Self Regulation Managing Self Building Relationships	responsibilities.	about expectations which keep us safe and happy.				Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. Set and work towards simple goals, being
		Jigsaw	Jigsaw	Jigsaw	ligeau	and fun and fears.	able to wait for what they want and control
		Being me in my world.	Celebrating differences.	Dreams and goals	Jigsaw Healthy me	Jigsaw Relationships Changing Me	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.

	Are confident to try
	new activities and
	show independence
	resilience and
	perseverance in the
	face of challenge.
	Explain the reasons
	for rules, know righ
	from wrong.
	Work and play
	cooperatively and
	take turns with
	others.
	Form positive
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transition to KS1.

Children have a short relaxation session at the end of each lunch time. During this children learn skills to develop their regulation strategies including breathing to calm and settle.

Physical		Early Learning Goals
Development	Fine Motor Development – we support the children to develop their fine motor skills through a range of	
	independent and directed activities such as threading, manipulating the play dough, using the tools and tweezers	Children at the
Gross and fine	and building with the Lego. We focus on hand dominance, crossing the midline and developing the tripod pencil	Expected Level of
motor skills	grasp. Scissor skill development goes hand in hand with fine motor development – approaches to supporting this are incorporated into continuous provision, through the topic and adult led learning such as crumpling, ripping,	Development will:
Balance	snipping and then cutting.	
A cility		Negotiate space
Agility	Gross Motor Development – engaging in gross motor activity supports fine motor development by facilitating	and obstacles
Ctua wath	children's ability to manage their bodies through space and increasing trunk control. Planned learning includes	safely, with
Strength	outdoor play, running, jumping, bike riding, ball play and dancing.	consideration for
n :		themselves and
Being	Throughout the year, linked to the PE planning framework, needs of the children and links to the relevant theme and topic:	others.
independent		Demonstrate
	Children explore various large movements from the shoulder using scarves which develop the key movements for	strength, balance
Looking after	writing – clockwise circles, anti-clockwise circles, up and down.	and coordination
		when playing.
ourselves	Children have opportunities to collaborate in creating large pictures on rolls of paper on the floor, propping	', '
	themselves upon their elbows in a tummy time position.	Move energetically
		such as running,
	Children are taught to use one handed tools and equipment with safety. E.g. walking whilst holding scissors using	jumping, dancing,
	the scissors in a grasped hand way.	hopping, skipping
		and climbing.
	Children are taught simple skills through a multi skills format – running, travelling with confidence and skill	
	around, under, over and jumping through balancing and climbing equipment.	Can talk about
		ways to keep
	Children are growing in independence in their ability to change for PE, understanding why this is a healthy habit. Can distinguish between healthy and unhealthy lifestyle choices and give an explanation.	healthy and safe
	can distinguish sective in health, and annealth, mestyle sholdes and give an explanation	Can dress and
	Children are able to talk about habits which keep them healthy - exercise, eating, sleeping, relaxation and hygiene	toilet
	(including dental hygiene).	independently
	Opportunities for mindfulness and yoga teach children the benefits of slow movement, breathing and relaxation.	
	Children talk about the effect physical activity has on their body including their heart rate and breathing.	

Additional provision

We respond to the needs of the children and plan targeted support to support learning and understanding through:

- Using widgits for key vocabulary, sequencing, supporting behaviours for learning and routines.
- Planning activities that enable the children to successfully participate during whole class sessions (such as using sensory trays).
- Communication groups for children who are new to English and those that have gaps in their learning.
- Buddy system for children who are new to English / EAL so that they can interact and build relationships with children in the school who speak the same language.
- Fun fit to develop gross motor skills.

Mathematics ~	Children:	Children:	Children:	Children:	Children:	Early Learning Goals
lumbers	Ciliuren.	Ciliuren.	Ciliui en.	Ciliuleii.	Ciliuleii.	Larry Learning Goals
ullibers	Recites numbers	Accurately count	Count up to 10	Count reliably and	Count reliably and	Children at the
	accurately to 5	fixed objects to 5	forwards and	creates groups of	represent numbers	Expected Level of
	•	1			•	=
	demonstrating	and recognise	backwards including	numbers to 10 using	beyond 10 using a	Development will:
	'some' accuracy of	numerals to at least	from any given	a range of objects	range of	
	numbers to 10.	5 out of sequence.	number.	and are able to place	manipulatives.	Have a deep
				numerals to 10 in		understanding of
	Count small groups	Recognise up to 3	Accurately count	order.	Create number lines	numbers to 10,
	of manipulatives	objects (without	fixed objects to 10		to support their	including the
	correctly, using 1:1	counting) in a range	and recognise	Use a range of	calculations of	composition of each
	correspondence,	of orientations and	numerals to 10 out	objects to create 5 in	simple addition and	number.
	whilst playing a	different sizes.	of sequence.	different ways and	subtraction facts and	
	variety of number			recognize up to 5	problem solving.	Subitise (recognise
	games.	In self- initiated play	Are able to recall	objects (without		quantities without
		begins to record	number bonds to 5	counting) in a range	Use manipulatives	counting) up to 5.
	Are able to recite	numbers and	and knows some	of orientations.	to demonstrate	Automatically recall
	numbers forwards	mathematical	number pairs to 10,		some number	(without reference
	and backwards from	thinking with own	including double		bonds within 10.	to rhymes, counting
	5.	purpose.	facts.			or other aids)
						number bonds up to
	Count small groups	Understands the				5 (including
	of fixed objects with	relationship				subtraction facts)
	accurate 1:1	between a				and some number
	correspondence.	group of objects and				bonds to 10,
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						including double

facts.

	Use graphic representations to record number explorations in pictures and mark making.	corresponding number. Count reliably and creates groups of numbers up to at least 5 and is able to place numerals to at least 5 in order.				
Numbers ~	When combining	Children identify	Using resources,	Children:	Children:	Early Learning Goals
Numerical	materials, children	groups of objects	children can create			
Patterns	know how to change	that have more or	quantities which are	Verbally count	Begin to count	Children at the
	an amount (size,	less than and the	greater than, less	beyond 20.	reliably with	Expected Level of
	number) if	same.	than, the same as a		numbers from 10 to	Development will:
	something is added		given number and	Use resources to	20, they begin to	
	or taken away.	In play scenarios,	may record these in	create parts of a	place them in order	Verbally count
	Chillian a san alala ta	children are able to	pictures or numerals.	whole, to partition	and can write	beyond 20,
	Children are able to	make groups of	Children	pairs of numbers up	numerals with some	recognising the
	anticipate which	objects of the same	Children:	to 10, to distribute	accuracy.	pattern of the
	amount will be next	quantity and begins	Com was was a was a	quantities equally	Ava abla ta aius	counting system.
	in the context of one	to find the totals by	Can use resources	and represent	Are able to give	Compare quantities
	more/one less number	combining groups.	and say one more or	double facts.	examples of numbers	up to 10 in different
	songs/rhymes.	Children use	one less than a given number and to	Will demonstrate	which are greater than/less than for	contexts, recognising when one quantity is
	songs/mymes.	everyday language	create equal groups.	thinking through use	numbers beyond 10.	greater than, less
	With a purpose in	to recreate and	create equal groups.	of verbal number	indifficers beyond to.	than or the same as
	mind, children	describe patterns in	Create patterns by	sentences / number	Verbally count to	the other quantity.
	recognize and select	nature or urban	lining, placing,	stories and may	30 and beyond.	Explore and
	simple geometric	environments.	building and	choose to record	So and beyond.	represent patterns
	shapes in their	cirvironinicitis.	arranging.	these.	Can talk about the	within numbers up
	construction and	Children use			properties of shape	to 10, including
	block play.	comparative	Order three or more	In everyday contexts	and patterns, using	evens and odds,
	' '	language to	measures (size,	children are able to	vocabulary to	double facts and
	Children uses	describe and	weight and capacity)	demonstrate	describe position,	how quantities can
	everyday vocabulary	compare measures	whilst playing, for	through talk or when	direction and	be distributed

to describe and compare measures	(size, weight, capacity and time).	example with sand, water or in the mud	responding to questions an	movement.	equally.
(size, weight, capacity and time).	capacity and time).	kitchen.	understanding of the number sequence, values, greater and less than, odd and even. Use of measures (size, weight and capacity) when comparing and combining quantities.	Estimate, measure, weigh, and can compare and order objects. Talk about properties, position and the sequence of time.	

Possible texts to develop and consolidate mathematical understanding:

One is a snail, ten is crab – April Pulley Sayre & Jeff Sayre & Randy Cecil

Counting Creatures – Julia Donaldson & Sharon King-Chai

Fruits: A Caribean Counting Poem – Valerie Bloom and David Axtell

10 Cats – Emily Gravett

How many jellybeans? – Andrea Menotti and Yancey Labat

Centipede's 100 shoes – Tony Ross

How much does a ladybird weigh? – Alison Limentani

365 Penguins – Tom Leher

Understanding the World & Expressive Arts and Design ~ across the year, meaningful learning is planned through the theme and topic as well as responding to spontaneous learning opportunities.

Understanding the World ~

Children:

Know the names of basic body parts.

Use their five senses to explore.

Observe changes in the local environment throughout the seasons.

Name the four seasons and discuss weather features of each.

Widening Vocabulary:

grow, change, baby, child, teenager, adult, hair, height, ability, eat, drink, sleep, breakfast, lunch, tea, snacks, healthy, unhealthy, carbohydrates, protein, dairy, fat, vegetables, fruit, sugar, treat.

woodland, woodland animals, squirrel, dear, owl, mouse, fox, mole, shelter, food, minibeasts, sticks, leaves, stones.

season, warm, lighter, grow, plants, baby animals, rain, sun, blossom, plant, stem, leaves, flower, plant, roots.

habitat, climate, shelter, food, water, survive, animals, ocean, savannah, desert, woodland.

Children:

Observe, comment on and make recordings of a lifecycle which can be seen firsthand such as tadpoles in the school pond.

Guided enquiry ~ through the topic and theme, children and adults investigate together to develop critical thinking.

Children know that some things can change, e.g. water into ice, chocolate can be melted.

Children make predictions about what they think might happen.

Children will be able to explain and describe these changes.

Widening Vocabulary:

hot, cold, water, ice, snow, hibernate, shortest day, melt, warm, icy, slippery, heat.

float, sink, metal, shape, size, material, experiment, waterproof.

Guided exploration:

Children plant and grow a seed, observing and recording the changes over time.

Children know how plants grow from seed, that plants need water, soil and sun to grow. **Early Learning Goals**

Children at the Expected Level of Development will:

Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons

		and changing states of matter.
Understanding the world ~	Children are encouraged to think about how they themselves have grown and changed in their own personal	Early Learning Goals
History Past and Present	timeline.	Children at the Expected Level of
	Children comment on images of familiar situations in the past.	Development will:
	Children compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.	Talk about the lives of the people around
	Children create a timeline from 0 – 4/5 years old.	them and their roles in society.
	Children are encouraged to think ahead to the immediate future and what they may choose to do when they are older.	Know some similarities and differences between
	Children are able to talk with increasing awareness about the similarities of themselves and other families, their roles and routines. and are beginning to develop an awareness of some of the differences between these.	things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what
	Children share information about their lives they may share about their achievements, holiday events, family, religion or interests.	has been read in class. Understand the past through settings,
	Children are encouraged to think about similarities between themselves and their peers.	characters and events encountered in books
	Children are encouraged to think about history around us in our immediate environment (for example our school building, transport, technology) developing an understanding that lives were different in the past.	read in class and storytelling.
	Widening Vocabulary:	
	Birthday, Celebration, Months, Seasons, Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer, Months of the year (Jan, Feb, March), Days of the week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), Today/yesterday/tomorrow, Changes, Similarities/differences.	
	Old/new, Year, Seasons of the year (Autumn/Winter) Calendar, Morning, Dinner time, Afternoon, night time tea time, lunchtime.	
	Now, past, baby, child, adult, older, younger.	

Understanding the	Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and in other countries.	Ea
World ~	needs insertion and anterended between the invalid country and involver countries.	La
Geography	Recognise some environments that are different to one in which they live.	Ch
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	Talk about the features of their own immediate environment including their home.	De
	Where do they live? How do they get to school?	
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	Go on a local walk around Stoke Hill.	sir
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	Create a simple map of the school.	th
		ar
	Understand that some places are special to members of their community.	со
		en
	Talk about members of their community.	dr
		ex
	Through a range of texts and their own experience, the children are encouraged to look at similarities and	ha
	differences.	
	Observe the changes across the four seasons.	Ur
	Observe and describe weather associated with the second	im
	Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons.	an
	Compare weather from different places.	na
	Compare weather from different places.	th
	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states	se
	of matter.	sta
	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and communicating their ideas.	Ex
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	Widening Vocabulary:	di
		lif
	Map, school, home, shop, address, road, forwards, backwards, turn, under, over, behind.	lif
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	Climate, rainforest, habitat, planet Earth, environment.	kn sto
	Caraball assured as another field diversiall field as being best above to the control of the con	
	Seashell, seaweed, sea creatures, fish, diver, jellyfish, seahorse, boat, ship, canoe, raft, crab, pollution, ocean.	te

Early Learning Goals

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Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

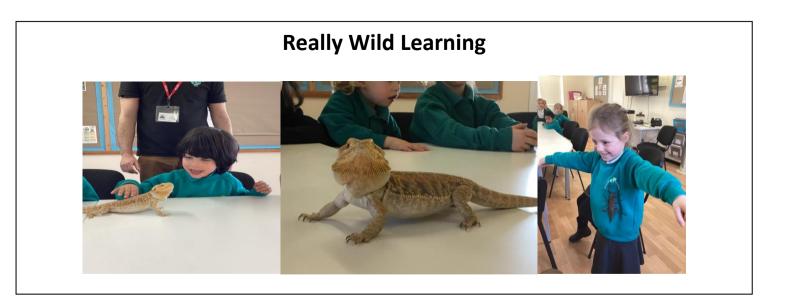
Explain some
similarities and
differences between
life in this country and
life in other countries,
drawing on
knowledge from
stories, non-fiction
texts and
—when appropriate —
maps.

Understanding the	Children can use the IWB independently to create a picture.	Early Learning Goals
World ~ Technology	Children are able to programme a bee bot to follow a simple two step and then five step command.	Children at the Expected Level of
	Children are able to observe timers being used for example during an obstacle course race.	Development will:
	Children are taught to use the ipad to take photos of their interests and immediate environment.	Recognise that a
	Children learn how to use the tools and work on the tool bench.	range of technology can be used for home and school.
		Select and use technology for purpose.
		Interact with age appropriate programs.
_	Children experience a range of celebrations from different religions.	Early Learning Goals
world ~ People and communities	Children discuss similarities and differences between different religions.	Children at the Expected Level of
	Children talk about important celebrations they celebrate with their families.	Development will:
	Children talk about important places to them.	Know some similarities and
	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.	differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

Everossivo Arts and	Children will have the enpertunity to study an artist learn about their style of work and use the tool hanch throughout	Early Loarning Goals
-	Children will have the opportunity to study an artist, learn about their style of work and use the tool bench throughout the year.	Early Learning Goals
Design ~ Art		Children at the Expected Level of Development will:
	Children:	Development wiii.
	Create closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.	Cofoly, you and ownland
		Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques,
	Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.	experimenting with colour, design, texture,
	Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear, etc.	form, and function.
	'	Share their creations, explaining the process
		they have used.
	Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.	Make use of props and
	Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.	materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.
	Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.	inarratives and stories.
	Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.	
Expressive Arts and		Early Learning Goals
Design ~ Music	Children have opportunities to sing, play to and perform songs, developing their feelings of pulse and rhythm.	
		Children at the Expected Level of Development will:
	Children use body percussion and untuned instruments such as claves and maracas to explore simple rhythm, pitch and beats.	
	Children explore the emotion of the beat of music as they freely move to music.	Invent, adapt and recount narratives and

	stories with peers and
	their teacher.
The Charanga scheme is taught in all classes.	
	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.

Exciting Learning Experiences in Reception





World Book Day

World Science Day

