

Reception Curriculum Overview 2025–2026

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Themes	Settling in & signs of Autumn.	Celebrations	My healthy body & planting and growing	People who help us, signs of Spring & Chinese New Year	Life cycles, looking after the environment & life in other countries	Traditional tales & moving on to Year 1
Trips/visitors		Pantomime		St Elizabeth's Church		Gressenhall
Communication & Language	Listening and attention games to get used to learning at school. Learning to talk to a partner.	Retelling the story of the Gingerbread Man. Learning and using new vocabulary from the story.	Retelling the story of The Enormous Turnip. Learning and using new vocabulary from the story.	Retelling the story of Baby Mouse. Learning and using new vocabulary from the story.	Retelling the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Learning and using new vocabulary from the story.	Retelling the story of Jack & the Beanstalk. Learning and using new vocabulary from the story.
PSED	WEINS High Five, Class Rules. Relationships: Families and people who care for me, caring friendships and what makes a good friend.	Relationships: Respecting others and making informed choices, online safety and how to ask for help, being safe and understanding privacy.	Health and Wellbeing: An introduction to my body, how to recognise and talk about my emotions, making healthy food choices and being sugar smart.	Health and Wellbeing: Basic personal hygiene and handwashing, What first aid is, why it is important and who to ask for help. Living in the Wider World: A range of jobs in the local community.	Living in the Wider World: How are we the same and different? Looking after the environment.	Living in the Wider World: Preparing for the transition to Year 1.
Physical Development	Music & Movement: Autumn P.E.	Music & Movement: Fireworks Fantasia P.E.	Music & Movement: Dirty Diggers & Dumper Trucks P.E.	Music & Movement: Chinese New Year P.E.	Music & Movement: Minibeasts P.E.	Music & Movement: Jack and the Beanstalk. Sports day. P.E.
Literacy	T4W: Children will learn to tell a story using a five sentence story structure.	T4W: The Gingerbread Man.	T4W: The Enormous Turnip	T4W: Baby Mouse	T4W: The Three Billy Goats Gruff	T4W: Jack & the Beanstalk. Children will learn what a traditional tale is and have lots of

						different tales read to them.
Maths	Match, sort & compare, measure & patterns.	Shapes, numbers 1–5.	Subitise & represent numbers to 5, mass & capacity, represent 6,7,8, one more.	Length, height & time, represent 9 & 10, compare numbers to 10, 3D shapes.	Understanding numbers 10–20, adding & subtraction, sharing & grouping.	Patterns in numbers, revising what we know.
Understanding the World	Noticing the changes outside in the weather. Looking for signs of Autumn. Harvest.	Different celebrations and festivals that are celebrated within own culture and other people's e.g. Harvest, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.	Plant some turnips inside and think about what they need to grow.	People who help us such as firemen, police officers, nurses & doctors. Learn about the signs of Spring and the changes that are happening in the natural world around them. How christians celebrate Easter and visit our local church. Chinese New Year and the story of 'The Great Race.'	Different life-cycles (butterfly, frogs) and changes in the natural environment. The importance of looking after our local environment and about the importance of recycling materials to take care of our planet. How life is different in other countries.	Plant seeds, make observations of plants and talk about the changes they see. Explore changing states of matter looking at what happens to solids when they are heated.
Expressive Arts & Design	Natural art. Learning to use the tools – scissors, glue sticky tape, using the junk modelling. Make your face. How do I put these materials together to make a face?	Diva lamps – salt dough, textures, patterns, tools to make marks. How do I make sure the candle stays in the lamp? Children will take part in a Christmas performance and perform songs.	Creating a class dragon. Using boxes and other materials to make a car.	Making a baby mouse and creating a cosy baby mouse house. Planning and making junk models, present to class and explain how you made it.	Plan and make a bridge to get the goats over the stream.	Moving scene linked to Jack and the Beanstalk.
Cooking	Apple crumbles	Gingerbread & mince pies	Vegetable (turnip) soup & stir fry & noodles	Bagel pizzas & easter nests	Fruit kebabs & savoury muffins	Frozen yoghurt lollies