Reception Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

	Autumn 1 (7 weeks) 03.09.26 - 22.10.26	Autumn 2 (7 weeks) 02.11.26 - 18.12.26	Spring 1 (6 weeks) 05.01.27 - 12.02.27	Spring 2 (5 weeks) 22.02.27 - 25.03.27	Summer 1 (7 weeks) 13.04.27 - 28.05.27	Summer 2 (6.5 weeks) 07.06.26 - 21.07.27
Themes	Settling in & signs of Autumn.	Celebrations	My healthy body, planting and growing & Chinese New Year	Signs of Spring, Easter & life cycles	Looking after the environment & life in other countries	Jobs in the community, traditional tales & moving on to Year 1
Trips/visitors		Pantomime		St Elizabeth's Church		Gressenhall
Communication & Language	Retelling the Squeaky Story. 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 Gunny Wolf. 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. zones of regulation, 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: How are we the same and different? Looking after the environment.	Living in the wider world: a range of jobs in the local community. Living in the Wider World: Preparing for the transition to Year 1.
Physical Development	Music & Movement: Autumn P.E.	Music & Movement: Diwali P.E.	Music & Movement: Chinese New Year P.E.	Music & Movement: Minibeasts P.E.	Music & Movement: Bollywood P.E.	Music & Movement: Jack and the Beanstalk. Sports day. P.E.
Literacy	**T4W:** The Squeaky Story	**T4W:** The Gingerbread Man.	**T4W:** The Enormous Turnip	**T4W:** Gunny Wolf	**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, positional language, revising what we know.
Understanding the World	Noticing the changes outside in the weather. Looking for signs of Autumn. The harvest festival.	Different celebrations and festivals that are celebrated within own culture and other people's e.g. Halloween, bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.	Plant some turnips inside and think about what they need to grow. How Chinese New Year is celebrated and the story of 'The Great Race.' Explore changing states of matter looking at what happens to solids when they are heated and/or liquids when they are frozen.	Different life-cycles (butterfly, ducks, chicks) and changes in the natural environment. 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.	The importance of looking after our local environment. Explore some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments. How life is different in other countries.	Plant seeds, make observations of plants and talk about the changes they see. Jobs such as firemen, police officers, nurses & doctors.
Expressive Arts & Design	Natural art. Learning to use the tools - scissors, glue sticky tape, using the junk modelling. Singing nursery rhymes.	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. Working in a small group to create a collage turnip. Singing nursery rhymes and counting songs.	Planning and making junk models. Singing nursery rhymes and counting songs.	Plan and make a bridge to get the goats over the stream. Singing nursery rhymes and counting songs.	Making up stories. Singing nursery rhymes and counting songs.
Cooking	Apple crumbles	Gingerbread & mince pies	Vegetable (turnip) soup & stir fry & noodles	Bagel pizzas & Easter nests	Fruit kebabs	Banana & fruit muffins