



Preschool Curriculum Overview



Ash Class

		Block 1		Block 2		Block 3	
Key Dates:		Monday 1 st September – INSET Monday 1 st September – Six weeks of Reception Baselines Wednesday 1 st October – Black History Month / ADHD Awareness Month Wednesday 8 th October – INSET Monday 20 th October – Invisible Disabilities Month Monday 10 th October – Nursery Rhyme Week Tuesday 11 th November – Remembrance Day Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th November - Laches Wood - Year 4		Wednesday 3 rd December - INSET Friday 12 th December – Winter Fair Monday 15 th December – Christmas Meals Week Friday 19 th December – Winter Jumper Day Wednesday 28 th January – INSET Monday 2 nd February – Children’s Mental Health Week Wednesday 11 th February - Parents’/Carers’ Afternoon/Evening- 1pm – 7pm (Appointments) Thursday 5 th March – World Book Day Monday 9 th March – Fabulous Female in your Life Week Friday 6 th – Friday 15 th March – British Science Week Wednesday 18 th March - INSET		Monday 4 th May – Bank Holiday Monday Monday 11 th May – SATs Week Monday 1 st June – Year 4 Multiplication Check – Two Weeks Monday 8 th June -Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Friday 19 th May – Special Gent’s Breakfast Monday 7 th – Friday 10 th July – Year 6 - Gulliver’s Kingdom Monday 13 th July – Transition Week Monday 20 th July - INSET	
Project							
		Exploring Autumn	Artful Celebrations	Winter Explorations	Rainy Day Adventures	Light and Wonder	Water Wonderland
Cultural Capital	Parental Engagement:	Friday 5 th September - Welcome Meetings - 1pm-3pm Friday 17 th October - World Food Day – 1pm-3pm Monday 3 rd November - Whole School Bonfire Afternoons		Wednesday 17 th December – Reception Nativity PM Thursday 17 th December – Preschool and Nursery Carols and Crafts Thursday 17 th December – Reception Nativity AM Friday 13 th February – Internet Safety – 1pm – 3pm		Friday 22 nd May – Sports Day Friday 3 rd July -Slow Art Afternoon Wednesday 8 th July – Open Afternoon/Evening	
	Memorable Experiences:	• Birches Valley	• Celebrating Occasions	• Winter wonderland Party	• Welly Walk	• Make Suncatchers	• Animal Man
	PURPLE Passport activities within school:	• Roll down a hill • Leaf rubbing • Make a time capsule	• Paint a self-portrait • Post a letter to the office • Teddy bears picnic	• Make an oaty biscuit	• Cook on a bonfire • Autumn walk	• Bake a cake • Make a den • Make suncatchers • Taste a new fruit	• Barefoot walk • Search for butterflies • Make a leaf kabab • Make a bug hotel
	PURPLE Passport/enrichment activities to be completed at home:	• Sing favourite rhymes • Visit the Mining wheel • Re-tell a story	• Share stories • Share nursery rhymes	• Go on a winter walk • Take a friend on an adventure	• Jump in puddles	• Watch birds • Make a healthy sandwich • Take a photo of the night sky	• Traditional rhymes • Make friends with a bug

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Project overview	During this project preschool children begin to explore the outdoor environment to find out about the plants and animals that live there. They begin to talk about some of the things they observe, for example, that fallen leaves are crispy and crunchy. They take place in hands-on experiences as they explore the outside environment and make collections of natural resources. Children explore natural resources to create transitional artwork. They begin to sing songs on the theme of autumn.	During this project, preschool children are introduced to photographs and stories that depict various celebrations. They take part in practical activities that support them to talk about special events in their lives and are encouraged to act out familiar scenarios such as meal times and parties. They continue to create transitional art using shiny resources and explore using different media to create artwork.	During this project, preschool children take part in practical activities that support them in developing their understanding of the changing seasons. They explore the outdoor environment and are encouraged to talk about the plants, animals and natural objects they observe. They explore ice and are encouraged to talk about how it feels and what happens when they hold it in their hands. They look at images and share stories on the theme of animals in cold climates and create small worlds based on their experiences during the project. The children listen to winter-themed music and explore colour mixing.	During this project preschool children take part in practical activities that continue to develop their understanding of the changes that happen in the natural world as the seasons change. They go on welly walks on a rainy day, jump in puddles and explore the plants, animals and natural objects outdoors. They make collections of natural resources and begin to talk about the different types of weather they experience. They sing songs and rhymes related to the weather and continue to explore and talk about what happens when colours mix.	During this project, preschool children take part in practical activities that introduce them to natural phenomena including shadows and reflections. They are encouraged to notice and make shadows outside on sunny days. They explore mirrors and shiny objects to look at their reflections.	During this project, preschool children continue to develop their understanding of the natural world as they experience practical water-based activities. They further develop their understanding of meting and freezing introduced in Winter Wonderland. They are introduced to vocabulary related to capacity, such as full and empty and they begin to explore floating and sinking.
Fundamental British Values	Our Pre-school Curriculum promotes the Fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faith and beliefs and for those without faith, in order to prepare our children for life in modern Britain. We make direct reference to these during our weekly picture news sessions.					