

Here at Holywell we place children's interest and ideas at the forefront of learning. Therefore, our planning and enhanced provision is adapted accordingly. Themes may last for a few days or a few weeks. Staff within EYFS observe and facilitate play to stimulate interactions and further develop learning. This also enables them to plan for individuals/ whole class next steps. In Nursery and Reception, we also have core books, which we share and use to enhance the children's learning across the year. Below are some possible drivers in learning which may be used as a hook. However, not all of these drivers will be covered as our children have so many wonderful ideas!

Overarching Principles	 Unique Child: Every child is unique and has the potential to be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. Positive Relationships: Children flourish with warm, strong & positive partnerships between all staff and parents/carers. This promotes independence across the EYFS curriculum. Children and practitioners are NOT alone - embrace each community. Enabling environments: Children learn and develop well in safe and secure environments where routines are established and where adults respond to their individual needs and passions and help them to build upon their learning over time. Learning and Development: Children develop and learn at different rates. We must be aware of children who need greater support than others. 					
Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning	Playing and exploring: Children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'. Children who actively participate in their own play develop a larger store of information and experiences to draw on which positively supports their learning.Active learning: Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties. They are proud of their own achievements. For children to develop into self-regulating, lifelong learners they are required to take ownership, accept challenges and learn persistence and resilience.Creating and thinking critically: Children develop their own ideas and make links between these ideas. They think flexibly and rationally, drawing on previous experiences, which help them to solve problems and reach conclusions.Summer ASummer B					
General Themes NB: These themes may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests.	What makes me special? Starting school / my new class / New	It's the most wonderful time of the year!	Out of this World Arts & Design focus:	How does your garden grow?	What does a dragon need to know?	Our Green Planet



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	Beginnings People who help us / Careers My family / PSED focus /relationships/feelings What am I good at?	Bonfire night Celebrations Diwali Harvest The Nativity Christmas Lists Letters to Father Christmas	A Starry Night Van Gogh Journeys Alien words Rocket building	Planting beans/seeds Lifecycles	Where do we live in the UK /world? Materials Hospitals/People who help us Kings and Queens Castles	Reduce, Reuse & Recycle /Fun Science / Materials Where in the world shall we go? Marine life Fossils - Mary Anning Seasides in the past Compare: Now and then! Seaside art
High-quality Texts	Goldilocks and the	Room on the Broom	Astro Girl	We're Going on a	Zog	Ten Little Dinosaurs
(core book texts in	Three Bears	The Gingerbread	The 100 Decker Bus	Bear Hunt	The Three Little	Somebody
each classroom)	Owl Babies	Man		Monkey Puzzle	Pigs	Swallowed Stanley
Enrichment	Staying Safe-	Celebrations	Artists	Literature	History - Monarchy/	Geography
Opportunities	Visitors from	Autumn	Winter	Works/Book Focus	Chronology	Our local
	various emergency	Festivals	Valentines day	Easter	Spring	environment
	services e.g. fire	Diwali	Chinese New Year	Mother's Day	Walk around the	A trip around
	brigade, Volunteer	Bonfire Night	Light and Dark	World Book Day	local area	Holywell - Map work
	Life brigade.	Halloween	Cooking: Chinese	Changes in Spring		Father's Day
	Autumn Walk	Remembrance Day	Stir Fry			Under the Sea -
	Baking: Apple	Christmas				singing songs and sea shanties
	Crumble	Night and Day Baking: Gingerbread				sea snanties
Topic Vocabulary	Nocturnal, Diurnal,	Autumn, Festivals,	space, rocket, Mae	spring, season,	King, Queen, royal,	environment, local,
	Autumn, Harvest,	Diwali, Diva Lamp,	Jemison, astronaut,	growth, new life,	palace, crown, maps,	change, past, the
	Change, Season,	Rangoli, Christmas,	gravity, travel,	daffodil, buds,	construct, build, the	past, recycle,
	Large, Medium,	Remembrance,	world, planets,	butterfly,	past,	volcano, then, now
	Small	Light, Dark,	journey	caterpillar, life		
	Automa Ender		Carrings Frederict	cycle, planting	Commons Field of t	
Areas of Learning:		m skill expectations		m skill expectations		rm skill expectations
Communication and		-	•	f children's spoken la		
Language				ons from an early age		
			•	ations they have with	•	J .
			-	children are interes	-	choing back what
	they say with new vo	ocabulary added, prac	ctitioners will build c	hildren's language eff	ectively.	



	I listen in larger groups when distractions are minimised. I can listen to instructions without having to stop what I am doing. I understand and follow more complicated instructions. I offer reasons and explanations when answering 'how' and 'why' questions, I link sentences and generally stick to the topic of conversation. I give a more detailed account of recent events and experiences. I clarify my ideas by thinking out loud. I repeat back new vocabulary correctly even if these are longer words.	I can listen attentively in smaller groups and respond to others during conversation. I can use new vocabulary through the day. I can answer who, what, when, where questions and I am beginning to answer why. I am beginning to articulate my ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. I am beginning to connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. I can retell familiar stories, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.	 Listening, Attention and Understanding Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers. Speaking Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, nonfiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with
Focus Vocabulary	Vocabulary will be developed across all areas	of learning including core books and enrichme	modelling and support from their teacher. nt opportunities.
Where might I see these skills within the provision?	Throughout the EYFS environment.		



MAKING LEARNING AN ADVENTURE Reception (Curriculum Overview			
Areas of Learning:	EYFS Statutory Educational Programme	2: Children's personal, social and emotional	development (PSED) is crucial for	
PSED	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 un	derstand their own feelings and those of a	others.	
	I take pleasure in winning games.	I am generally sensible, controlled and	Self-Regulation	
	I can transition to a new environment or	independent in my behaviour but this is still	ullet Show an understanding of their own	
	activity.	variable depending on the situation.	feelings and those of others, and begin to	
	I can regulate my feelings by drawing on a	I follow tidy up routines and have a strong	regulate their behaviour accordingly.	
	range of strategies I know, to calm myself	sense of time in relation to the daily	 Set and work towards simple goals, being 	
	down after an upsetting event.	routine.	able to wait for what they want and control	
	I choose the necessary equipment I need	I describe what I am going to do before I	their immediate impulses when appropriate.	
	to complete a task.	do it e.g. giving a description of a model and	 Give focused attention to what the 	
	I can undress and dress myself	what it will be like before I build it.	teacher says, responding appropriately	
	independently, except for laces, ties and	I can pour my own drink without spilling and	even when engaged in activity, and show an	
	back buttons.	prepare a simple snack.	ability to follow instructions involving	
	I can eat using a fork and knife.	I can fold my clothes.	several ideas or actions.	
	I show sympathy towards other children who are in distress.	I can express my own feelings using our	Managing Self	
		emotional regulation strategies.	• Be confident to try new activities and	
	I have friends that I have chosen myself. I initiate conversations with familiar adults	I am beginning to work out how people feel, what has happened or what is wrong when	show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.	
	and children.	'reading' non-verbal communication or when	 Explain the reasons for rules, know right 	
	and chindren.	looking at non-verbal and situational clues	from wrong and try to behave accordingly.	
		in pictures.	 Manage their own basic hygiene and 	
		I play cooperatively most of the time,	personal needs, including dressing, going to	
		establishing and sticking to agreed rules	the toilet and understanding the	
		for fair play.	importance of healthy food choices.	
		I am gentle and protective towards younger	Building Relationships	
		children and enjoy showing them how things	 Work and play cooperatively and take 	
		are done.	turns with others.	
		I demonstrate some resilience and	 Form positive attachments to adults and 	
		perseverance in the face of challenge.	friendships with peers.	
		I am beginning to know and talk about the	 Show sensitivity to their own and to 	
		different factors that support my overall	others' needs.	
		health and wellbeing:		
		 regular physical activity 		



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Focus Vocabulary			
Where might I see these skills within the provision?	Throughout the EYFS environment.		
Areas of Learning:	pursue happy, healthy and active lives. G	ross and fine motor experiences develop i	all-round development, enabling them to incrementally throughout early childhood, , co-ordination and positional awareness
Physical Development	through tummy time, crawling and play m	ovement with both objects and adults.	
	I can navigate movement from one place to another skillfully, turning sharp corners, running, hopping, jumping. I can skip using alternate feet rather than galloping. I can roll a ball along the ground at a small target. I can throw a ball in the air underarm at a small target. I can throw an object overarm at a small target. I can throw an object overarm at a small target. I am beginning to hold a pencil effectively when drawing and mark making. I can draw a simple person that includes a head, body, arms, legs and simple features. I am beginning to form familiar letters effectively when mark making. I am beginning to hold a knife and fork correctly when eating.	I can throw and catch an object using two hands. I can balance along a narrow beam/plank. I can safely create an obstacle using large loose parts to demonstrate balance, agility, body strength and coordination. I can use my core muscle strength to achieve good posture when sitting at a table to write. I can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently e.g. scissors, pencils, paintbrushes, knives, fork, spoons. I can hold a pencil effectively when drawing and begin to add more detail. I am beginning to develop a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.	 Gross Motor Skills Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others. Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing. Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing. Fine Motor Skills Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing - using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.



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Focus Vocabulary	hop, skip, jump, run, gallop, space, throw, underarm, overarm, roll, catch, cutlery	throw, catch, balance, safety, utensils,	
Where might I see these skills within the provision?	Writing Area, Outdoor Learning, Dough Disco water, loose parts, large and small construction	o. Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle, Funky Fingers, ion.	Playdough, Creative Area, FUTSAL, sand and
Areas of Learning: Literacy	of two dimensions: language comprehen writing) starts from birth. It only deve (stories and non-fiction) they read with later, involves both the speedy working	sion and word reading. Language compre elops when adults talk with children about them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and song out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar p riting involves transcription (spelling and b	life-long love of reading. Reading consists hension (necessary for both reading and ut the world around them and the books gs together. Skilled word reading, taught printed words (decoding) and the speedy handwriting) and composition (articulating
	I can read individual letters by saying the sounds for them using our Floppy Phonics programme. I can blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences. I can read some common exception words such as to, I, go, no, into, the. I am beginning to write initial sounds and some CVC words in various contexts e.g. lists, labels. I can tell you what I am going to draw and write before I create my special marks. I can write my name forming letters increasingly accurately. I actively listen to stories and can retell familiar stories. I listen to stories from beginning to end and can answer questions based on the story.	I can read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. I can read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. I can re-read books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment. I am beginning to form lower-case and capital letters correctly. I can spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s. I use vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by my experiences of books. I can answer questions related to characters or events within a familiar story.	 Comprehension Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories. Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play. Word Reading Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at 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.



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		I will listen to non-fiction texts, rhymes, poems and songs.	 Writing 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.
Focus Vocabulary	phoneme, sound, grapheme, word, letter	digraph, trigraph, sentence, finger space,	full stop, capital letter, letter formation
Where might I see these skills within the provision?	Writing Area, Role Play Area, Phonics, Readin	ng Area, Construction	
Mathematics	the necessary building blocks to excel ma	e: Developing a strong grounding in number athematically. Children should be able to c relationships between them and the patte I am continuing to develop my subitising	count confidently, develop a deep
	and when counting is needed. I can subitise different arrangements, both unstructured and structured, including using the Hungarian number frame. I can make different arrangements of numbers within 5 and talk about what I can see, to develop their conceptual subitising skills. I can spot smaller numbers 'hiding' inside larger numbers. I can connect quantities and numbers to finger patterns and explore different ways of representing numbers on their fingers. I can hear and join in with the counting sequence, and connect this to the 'staircase' pattern of the counting	skills for numbers within and beyond 5, and increasingly connect quantities to numerals. I am beginning to identify missing parts for numbers within 5. I can explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and connect this to finger patterns and the Hungarian number frame. I can focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers. I understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns. I can sort odd and even numbers according to their 'shape'. I am continuing to develop my	 Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5. Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts. Numerical Patterns Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the 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.



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	numbers, seeing that each number is made of one more than the previous number. I am developing my counting skills and knowledge, including: that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' (cardinality): to be accurate in counting, each thing must be counted once and once only and in any order; the need for 1:1 correspondence; understanding that anything can be counted, including actions and sounds. I can compare sets of objects by matching. I am beginning to develop the language of 'whole' when talking about objects which have parts. I can compare 2d and 3d shapes. I can copy an ABC pattern. I am showing an awareness of comparison in estimating and predicting.	and link cardinality and ordinality through the 'staircase' pattern. I can order numbers and play track games. I can join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers. I use some more formal mathematical vocabulary when talking about 2d and 3d shapes. I can make my own ABB, ABBC patterns. I can spot an error in an ABB pattern. I can create a pattern using movement, sound or symbols. I can recognise the relationship between the size and number of units.	• Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.
Focus Vocabulary	counting rules, numerals, subitise, whole, part, staircase pattern, repeating pattern, 2d shape names, five frame	more than, less than, fewer, the same as, equal to, subitise, 2d/3d shape names, part, whole, verbal counting to 20, ABB/ABBC pattern, same, different, double, ten	more than, less than, fewer, the same as, equal to, subitise, 2d/3d shape names, part, whole, verbal counting to 20, same, different, double, ten frame, odd, even,
Where might I see these skills within the provision?	Maths Area, Snack Time, Daily Routine, Math Sand Area.	frame, odd, even. ns Mastery, Daily Maths, Reading Area, Role Pl	share, half, double. Iay Area, Outdoor Learning, Water Area,
Areas of Learning: Understanding the World	physical world and their community. The and sense of the world around them - fr such as police officers, nurses and firef and poems will foster their understandin as building important knowledge, this e	frequency and range of children's person rom visiting parks, libraries and museums fighters. In addition, listening to a broad	



I can confidently talk about the changes	I can talk about the changes in my	Past and Present
that take place during Autumn from	immediate environment from season to	• Talk about the lives of the people around
exploring my local environment (school	season. I can explain how the landscape	them and their roles in society.
grounds).	changes throughout the seasons using key	 Know some similarities and differences
Geography & Science link	vocabulary.	between things in the past and now,
I am able to follow and describe a familiar	Geography & Science link	drawing on their experiences and what has
route.	I can draw information from a simple map.	been read in class.
Geography link	I am beginning to talk about the features	ullet Understand the past through settings,
	on my map.	characters and events encountered in
I am able to recount changes within living	I am able to draw a map related to a	books read in class and storytelling.
memory.	journey that is familiar to me, e.g. a	People, Culture and Communities
I can talk about how I have changed since I	journey in a story or a route around school.	• Describe their immediate environment
was a baby.	Geography link	using knowledge from observation,
I am able to use our class calendar to talk		discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and
about past events using vocabulary such as	I am able to talk about special events in my	maps.
yesterday, last week, when I was in	life.	 Know some similarities and differences
Nursery.	I can identify and talk about key figures	between different religious and cultural
History Link	from the past e.g. Queen Elizabeth, Mae	communities in this country, drawing on
	Jemison, Mary Anning.	their experiences and what has been read
I can recall simply what happens at a	I am able to talk about our EYFS timeline	in class.
traditional Christian infant baptism and	and remember significant events using	 Explain some similarities and differences
dedication.	photographs etc to recall.	between life in this country and life in
I can recall simply what happens when a	History Link	other countries, drawing on knowledge
baby is welcomed into a religion other		from stories, non-fiction texts and (when
than Christianity.	I can talk about things I find	appropriate) maps.
RE Link (F4)	interesting, puzzling or wonderful and also	The Natural World
Say how and when Christians like to	about my own experiences and feelings	 Explore the natural world around them,
thank their Creator - Harvest Festival.	about the world.	making observations and drawing pictures
RE Link (F1)	I can retell stories, talking about what	of animals and plants.
I can recall simply what happens at a	they say about the world, God, human	 Know some similarities and differences
traditional Christian festival (Christmas)	beings	between the natural world around them and
I am beginning to recognise the word	I can think about the wonders of the	contrasting environments, drawing on their
'incarnation' as describing the belief that	natural world, expressing ideas and	experiences and what has been read in
God came to Earth as Jesus.	feelings.	class.
	RE Link (F1)	



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connections with	e nativity story, making personal experiences. I ow I celebrate Christmas cial to me.	I can talk about ideas of new life in nature. I can recognise some symbols Christians use during Holy Week, e.g. palm leaves, cross, eggs, etc., and make connections with signs of new life in nature. I can talk about some ways Christians remember these stories at Easter. RE Link (F3)	 Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter 		
allotment, fun clu	past, incarnation,	Holywell, village, England, path, road, change, many years ago, Easter, holy week, cross, eggs, new life, nature,	different, same, beach, ocean, world, similar, old, new, past, present church, god, mosque, synagogue		
Where might I see Outdoor Learning	, Investigation Station/Curi	osity Table, Reading Area, Creative Area.			
these skills within					
the provision?					
Areas of Learning: EYFS Statutory	y Educational Programm	e: The development of children's artisti	c and cultural awareness supports their		
		nt that children have regular opportunitie			
		of media and materials. The quality and			
· ·		u 1	ulary 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.				
		Ind observe. I use gestures and expression within my	Creating with Materials		
	t hand experience of but		 Safely use and explore a variety of 		
	pon favourite stories.	life.	materials, tools and techniques,		
	ther children, each of us	I can explain the role I am taking on and	experimenting with colour, design, texture,		
taking on differer		use language to act out the role.	form and function.		
	g gestures, mime and	I am beginning to act out in detail stories I	• Share their creations, explaining the		
unrealistic object	5.	have been read or told in both imaginary play and with puppets, small world play or	process they have used.Make use of props and materials when		
		through actions.	role playing characters in narratives and stories.		



Reception	Surficulum Overview		
	I can draw/paint a representation of a person with increasing detail such as, arms, legs, body, facial features. I use colours for a purpose when painting and drawing. (Art Link) I can safely construct with a purpose using a variety of materials. I can use scissors to accurately cut a variety of lines e.g. straight, curved, zig-zag. (DT Link) I can listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. I can find the pulse in songs. I am beginning to copy clap rhythms and explore high pitch and low pitch. (Music Link)	I am beginning to make up new stories with others which are increasingly detailed in their structure and understanding of characters and act them out in play. I am taking great pride and care when drawing/painting. I will add observational detail to enhance my drawings. I use a range of resources effectively to create my pictures e.g. pastels, chalks, pencils, paints. I know that I can create colours by mixing two together when they are not available. (Art Link) I can think about and discuss what I want to make and I can talk about problems and how they might be solved as they arise. I can use my knowledge of tools and techniques to improve my models. (DT Link) I can sing in a group or on my own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody. I am beginning to explore and engage in music making and dance. I am beginning to explore melodic patterns using one or two notes. (Music Link)	 Being Imaginative and Expressive Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher. 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.
Focus Vocabulary	cutting, snipping, safe, pulse, pitch, rhythm	glue stick, pva glue, glue spreader, attach, improve, pulse, pitch, rhythm, beat, instrument, percussion, high sounds, low sounds.	pulse, pitch, rhythm, beat, instrument, percussion, tuned, untuned, tempo, perform, rap, unison, high sounds, low sounds.



Where might I see	Role Play Area, Creative Area, Loose Parts, Outdoor Learning, Writing Area.
these skills within	
the provision?	