









# Overview of Learning Opportunities

for reception children

2021 - 2022



	Autumn - Discovering My World		Spring - Ocean Explorers		Summer - Planet Protectors - looking after our world.	
Overarching Theme	<b>Marvellous Me!</b> 	<b>Let's Celebrate!</b> 	<b>Frozen!</b> 	<b>On the Move</b> 	<b>The Big Dig</b> 	<b>It's Summer!</b> 
Mini themes NB: These themes may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests to flow through the provision	My New School/ My New friends My feelings My Body How have I changed? Superheroes/ People Who Help Us Seasonal change: Autumn Celebration - Harvest	Bonfire Night Diwali 4.11.21 Family Celebrations Christmas How our families celebrated long ago Seasonal change: late Autumn Celebration - see above	Weather watch Seasonal change Learning about contrasting landscapes - Antarctica Seasonal change: Winter Celebration - Chinese New Year	Faraway landscapes Transport Seasonal change: Early Spring Celebration - Mothering Sunday Easter	Growing flowers and plants from seeds Seasonal change Spring/Summer Celebration - Eid The Queen's Royal/Platinum Jubilee	Mini beasts Life cycles Bug hunts, pond dipping Looking after our environment Now and then - our school long ago Seasonal change Celebration - End of the year - success, Sports Day
The Big Questions... These are to stimulate further questions The Natural World People, Cultures and Communities Past and Present *black text refers to PSE questions	<b>The Big Questions:</b> How do I feel now I am at school? <b>Making friends</b> How can I be a good friend? <b>Autumn</b> How will we know it is Autumn? <b>My Super body</b> <b>The Big Questions:</b> How can we keep ourselves fit, strong and healthy? How have I changed	<b>The Big Questions:</b> How do people celebrate special days? How did our family celebrate when we were born? How do we all celebrate Christmas? How can we bake a cake to celebrate? How can the weather change what is outside?	<b>The Big Questions:</b> What happens in Winter? Where is the coldest place on earth? What animals like the winter? Which animals love the heat? Celebration - Chinese New Year... How do people celebrate Chinese New Year?	<b>The Big Questions:</b> Where is the hottest place on earth? Which animals like the heat? How did people travel long ago? How will we know if it is Spring? What is Mothering Sunday? What is Easter?	<b>The Big Questions:</b> How can we make our garden grow? Will our seeds grow without the ....? How can the weather change what is outside? Why is the Queen having a party? What was the Queen like long ago?	<b>The Big Questions:</b> Let's discover ...what living creatures can we find outside? How can I look after our school? (environment) What was my school like long ago? Why do people have sports days?

	since I was a baby? Who can help us keep safe and well?					
<b>Characteristics of Effective Learning</b> NB these are promoted throughout the year	<b>Playing and exploring:</b> - 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 <b>Active learning:</b> - 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. <b>Creating and thinking critically:</b> - 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.					
<b>Awe and wonder - Key first hand experiences, visitors, dressing up, surprises...</b>	Visits from Drs/nurses... farmers - real life superheroes Making superhero assault courses, and healthy snacks...  Digging up our vegetables for Harvest, celebrating with our farmers and going to church	Asking questions about our life as babies! Making a 'Baby Museum' made up of our toys or clothes from when we were babies. Other celebrations Guests to share ideas of Diwali Christmas visit to church. Performing our Nativity	Talks from explorers who have been to the Antarctic Exploring ice and frost with winter welly walks Learning about the coldest places on the planet from stories, non-fiction books as well as.  How do people celebrate Chinese New Year?	Visits from Zoolab - learning about creatures from faraway places from visitors, books and the internet  Easter celebrations Celebrating Mothering Sunday	Planting seeds and growing fruit, vegetables and flowers in our garden. Exploring ways of growing plants/seeds.  Planning to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee - parties!	Weekly Welly walks and bug hunts/pond dips in and around the school grounds and village Visit to Woods Mill  Visits to Wakehurst/local Kew Gardens Planning our Summer Tea/picnic Sports Day
<b>Awe and wonder/first hand experiences from nature</b>	Autumn welly walks in the school grounds and around the village Celebrating Harvest - harvesting our food from our vegetable patch		Winter welly walks in and around the school grounds	Signs of Spring - welly walks in and around the school grounds and village looking for signs of Spring Celebrating Easter	Gardening - growing seeds and bulbs to create our own vegetable patch	Summer bug hunts in and around the school grounds  Tending to our garden/vegetable patch
<b>Awe and wonder from celebrations</b>	Harvest	Firework Night Diwali/Hannukah Christmas	Chinese New Year	Easter Mothering Sunday	St George's Day The Queen's Platinum Jubilee	End of term celebrations Sports Day

