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# Pre-Nursery 0-3 years

Repeat actions that have an effect.

Explore materials with different properties.

Explore natural materials, indoors and outside.

Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting and on trips.

Make connections between the features of their family and other families.

Notice differences between people.

# Nursery 3-4 years

!	Past & Present People, Culture & Communities		The Natural World	Summer Term prior to starting reception	
,	Begin to make sense of	Show interest in different	Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	People, Culture & Communities	
•	their own life-story and	occupations.	Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different	Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.	
•	family's history.	Explore how things work.	properties.		

Self-Regulation, Managing Self, and Building Relationships

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	Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.	Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the
	Plant seeds and care for growing plants.	differences they have experienced or seen in photos.
	Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.	
	Talk about the differences between materials and changes they	The Natural World
	notice.	Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.
		Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment
		and all living things.





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~	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2





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of my immediate family
and community.

I can name and describe
people who are familiar to
me.

I can explain some
similarities and
differences between life in
this country and life in
other countries, drawing

I can talk about members

on knowledge from

stories, non-fiction texts

I understand that some places are special to members of my community.

I can recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

I can recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

I can talk about a few significant people in history and ask questions.

I know some similarities and

differences between different

I can describe what I see, hear, and feel whilst outside.

I can comment on images of familiar situations in the past.

I can compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.

I can explore the natural

world around me.

I can understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around me.

I can explore the natural world around me, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

I can talk about the lives of

the people around me and

their roles in society.

I can understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling

Comparisons of settings and fictional settings.

I know some similarities

and fictional settings.

I know some similarities and differences between the natural world around me and contrasting

ELG: Past and Present: - Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society; - Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

ELG: People, Culture and Communities: - Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps; - Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life

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and, when appropriate,	religious and cultures and	I can explore and talks about	I know about significant	environments, drawing	in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-
maps.	understands why others celebrate.	changing states (freezing/	individuals.	on my experiences and	fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.
I can use aerial photographs/ simple maps to locate objects in 'real life' - Can draw own simple maps.		melting, floating/ sinking).  I can discus when and how things grow.	I can identify emergency situations and know who to call.	what has been read in class.	ELG: the natural world: - Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments,
I can discuss family traditions and learn about others.			forces (gravity and magnetism).		drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

