

Nursery Themes and Overview

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Themes	Me and my interests – settling in	The natural environment, animals and plants	Traditional tales, stories and people (communities)
Links to ELG	 PSED – Separates from main carer with confidence. C&L – Wants to communicate with others. PD - Wants to explore the environment through gross and fine motor activity. Literacy – Enjoys listening to stories. Mathematics – Able to sort and match when tidying away. UW – Knows daily routine. talks about significant events in their own experiences EAD – Is motivated to try new creative experiences. Exploring colour and how colours can be changed. 	 PSED – Confident to talk to other children during learning. Can usually adapt C&L – Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts. PD – Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers, no longer using whole hand grasp. Dresses with some help. Literacy – Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and environment. Mathematics – Uses some number names and number language spontaneously. Shows an interest in shape and space by making arrangements with objects. UW – Shows care and concern for living things and the environment. Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. Can talk about some of the things they have observed. EAD – Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces. 	 PSED – Initiates play, offering cues to peers to join them and keeps play going by responding to what others are saying or doing. Communicate freely about own home and community. C&L – Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions. Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences. PD- Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control. Can copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name. Literacy – Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. Joins in with repeated phrases and rhymes within stories. Mathematics – Beginning to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures. Uses positional language and shows an interest in shape by sustained construction activity.

			 UW – Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends. Shows an interest in different occupations and ways of life. EAD – Capture experiences e.g. story, painting or self-portrait.
Seasons and Celebrations	Autumn Yom Kippur Winter Diwali Guy Fawkes Night Remembrance Day St Andrew's Day Hannukah Christmas	Chinese New Year Shrove Tuesday Easter St David's Day St Patrick's Day St George's Day Queen's Birthday Ramadan	Eid Summer Holiday