

Annual Theme Overview for 2026-2027



Rowan	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Learning Theme	All about me Superheroes	Celebrations	Bears and Friends	On the Farm	Rumble in the Jungle	Under the sea
Key Questions	What is special about me? Who lives in my house? What is my house made of? How am I feeling? How do I use my super senses?	What shall we celebrate? What is Bonfire Night? How can we keep safe around fire? Can we make magic? How do people celebrate Christmas?	Shall we go on a bear hunt? Who will we meet in the woods? Which animals live in the woods? Which animals live in the trees in the woods?	What plants grow on the farm? What food grows on the farm? Who lives on the farm? Friends on the farm Can you see me grow? Can we see new life growing?	Who lives in the jungle? Where is the jungle? How can we get to the jungle? What is the weather like in the jungle? Where is Africa?	Who lives under the sea? What's that at the bottom of the sea? What's that swimming by? What will you find on the beach? What's that in the sand? What's happens at the seaside?
Key Texts	Head, shoulders, knees and toes Colour Monster Each, Peach, Pear, Plum The House that Jack Built Family and Me! Ten little fingers, ten little toes Funny Bones	I can sing a Rainbow Remember, Remember the 5 th of November The Gingerbread Man Stick Man The Nativity Story Dear Santa	We're going on a Bear Hunt Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around Round and round the garden Woodland Animals The Gruffalo Owl Babies Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?	Lift and look flowers and plants by Tracy Cottingham. Old MacDonald had a farm Driving my tractor Baa, Baa, Black sheep. Wonkey Donkey Hungry Caterpillar The Easter Story	Handa's Surprise Monkey Puzzle Animal Boogie Rumble in the Jungle Down in the Jungle Jungle Boogie	Hole in the bottom of the sea Under the sea 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive The Rainbow Fish Commotion in the ocean Off to the Beach Oh I do like to be beside the seaside
Life and Cultural Experiences	Walk around our local area	Learning about different festivals Experiencing different foods Remembrance Day Christmas Diwali	Chinese New Year Valentine's Day	Visit to Smithills Farm Eid Mother's Day Easter	Walk to the park Trip out on the bus	Visit Tesco to buy baking ingredients Father's Day

Foundation	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Learning Theme	All about me and Celebrations Woodlands and Autumn		Winter Traditional Tales Pirates		Dinosaurs Farm Minibeasts and Growing	
Key Question	What is special about me? Who is down in the woods today? What shall we celebrate?		Why is it cold in Winter? Where in the world is Pengy? Who lives in a house like this? What is out at sea?		What lives in my garden? Who's are those footprints? What happens on the farm?	
Key Texts	I'm special - I'm me Goldilocks and the Three Bears We're going on a Bear Hunt Peace at Last Home The Gruffalo Stick Man The Christmas Story Owl Babies Festivals		Lost and Found Hiku Polar Bear Boy The Emperor's Egg The Naughty Bus Jack and the Beanstalk The Princess and the Dragon The pirates are coming? Comotion in the Ocean The pirates next door		Minibeasts Galore Mad about Mini-beasts The Very Ugly Bug What the Ladybird Heard The Scarecrow's Wedding Dinosaurs Galore How to grow a dinosaur? Giganotosaurus Supertato	
Cultural Experiences	How to look after a baby.	Visit the Pantomime Learning about different festivals	Tasting food from different countries	Pirate themed day	Hedgehogs Healthy Eating Visit from the Dental Nurse	Visit to the park with their buddies

Year 1	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Question	What is the weather like in the UK?	How am I making History?	How have toys changed?	Which plants would Superworm find in Horwich?	How have explorers changed the world?	Which materials should the Three Little Pigs have used to build their houses?
Key Texts	Lost and Found	Nibbles the Book Monster	The Lion Inside The Koala who Could	The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth The Friendly Mammoth	Somebody Swallowed Stanley Meet the Planets	Goldilocks and Just the One Bear Little Red Riding Hood
Cultural Experiences	Observing signs of Autumn around the local area.	Visitor to talk about toys from their childhood. Pantomime.	Magical Toy Museum – Freshwater Theatre company	Trip to RHS Bridgewater to do a plants workshop	Manchester Airport	Den Building

Year 2	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Question	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	What do animals do in the dark Autumn and Winter days?	How did we learn to fly?	How do plants grow and change?	What is a monarch?	What is it like to live by the coast?
Key Texts	Troll Swap The Troll	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark Above and Below	The Dragon Machine The Dragonsitter	Major Glad, Major Dizzy Owen and The Soldier	The Last Wolf Fantastic Mr Fox	Grandad's Secret Giant Grimm's Fairytales
Cultural Experiences		Christmas Pantomime	Pilot Visit		Theatre Company Experience	Blackpool Sealife / Beach visit

Year 3	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Question	Are magnets really magic?	What was important to the Ancient Egyptians?	Who lives in Antarctica?	How does each part of a plant help its function?	Why do people live near volcanoes?	Why did the Romans settle in Britain?
Key Texts	Seal Surfer The Sea Book	Winter's Child Ice Palace	Stone Age Boy Iron Man	Big Blue Whale This morning I met a whale	Journey Illustrated Atlas of the UK	Zeraffa Giraffa The Egyptian Cinderella
Cultural Experiences		Bolton Museum Egyptians Workshop	Theatre workshop	Rivington		Brockholes Outdoor Learning

Year 4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Question	How do we feed ourselves?	How important is electricity?	How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?	Where does our food come from?	How did the achievements of the Ancient Maya impact on their society and beyond?	What are rivers and how are they used?
Key Texts	Gorilla A World Full of Animal Stories	Leon and The Place Between The Train To Impossible Places	Our Tower Fantastic Forests	Koji's Island Ariki and The Island of Wonders	Jungle Explorer The Problem With Plastic	Blue John A Myth Hunters Travel Guide
Cultural Experiences	Djembe Drums	Christmas carol concert	Anglo Saxon Visitor	Arts festival	Living things hunt	Nature walk

Year 5	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Question	What was life like in Tudor England?	What is life like in the Alps?	Were the Vikings Raiders, Traders or Something Else?	Why do oceans matter?	What did the Greeks ever do for us?	Would you like to live in the desert?
Key Texts	Queen of the Falls Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls	The Lost Happy Endings Hansel and Gretel	Kai and the Monkey King Odd and the Frost Giant	The Darkest Dark Exploring Space	The Paperbag Prince Pollution – a Look Behind the Scenes	Radiant Child African Tales: A Barefoot Collection
Cultural Experiences	Trip to Smithills Hall		Visit from a Vikings Expert	Trip to Rockover Climbing Centre	Ancient Greece Day	Italian Food Tasting Workshop

Year 6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Question	What was the impact of WW2 on the people of Britain?	What is classification?	Where does our energy come from?	What is light?	Who should go on the £10 note?	Can I carry out an independent fieldwork inquiry?
Key Texts	Star of Fear, Star of Hope When We Were Warriors	Can we Save the Tiger? Tyger	Shackleton's Journey The Happy Prince and Other Tales	Island The Explorer	Manfish Great Adventurers	Poetry for Kids William Shakespeare Sky Chasers
Cultural Experiences	PGL – Winmarleigh Visit from the Magistrates Service	Fort Alice Workshops	Crucial Crew Mock Trial with the Magistrates			Leavers' Day Out Rivington Pike Walk