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January	Settling In	To support children in settling into the environment, building confidence, exploring identity, and understanding themselves and others.	<i>I Like Myself – Karen Beaumont</i> <i>All About Families – Usborne</i>	Welcome & Routines	All about me – My likes/dislikes/ability	My family & friends	My world: What makes us special and unique
				Learning Focus: classroom rules, daily routines, emotions Activities: name recognition games, circle time introductions, feelings chart Vocabulary: happy, sad, friend, teacher, routine Enhancement: family photo wall	Learning Focus: likes/dislikes, abilities Activities: “All About Me” booklet, self-portrait painting Vocabulary: like, dislike, favourite, special Enhancement: mirror exploration station	Learning Focus: family structures, friendships Activities: family tree craft, friendship bracelets Vocabulary: mum, dad, brother, sister, friend Enhancement: role-play home corner	Learning Focus: what makes us unique Activities: fingerprint art, “I am special because...” circle time Vocabulary: unique, world, community Enhancement: multicultural dolls & books
				EYFS Links: <i>Communication & Language:</i> listening to instructions <i>PSED:</i> building relationships, managing emotions <i>Understanding the World:</i> learning about the setting	EYFS Links: <i>PSED:</i> sense of self, confidence <i>Communication & Language:</i> sharing personal information <i>Expressive Arts & Design:</i> self-portrait art	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> family structures <i>PSED:</i> friendships <i>Literacy:</i> vocabulary building	EYFS Links: <i>PSED:</i> celebrating uniqueness <i>Communication & Language:</i> describing self <i>Understanding the World:</i> community awareness

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February	Health & Wellbeing	To develop children's awareness of personal hygiene, healthy habits, and the importance of caring for their teeth and body.	<i>Going to the Dentist</i> – Anne Civardi: <i>The Tooth Book</i> – Dr. Seuss	My Body	Healthy eating	Hygiene & Cleanliness	Dental Care
				Learning Focus: body parts Activities: body outline drawing, "Simon Says" body parts Vocabulary: head, shoulders, knees, toes Enhancement: anatomy puzzle	Learning Focus: food groups Activities: fruit tasting, sorting healthy/unhealthy foods Vocabulary: fruit, vegetable, healthy Enhancement: pretend grocery store	Learning Focus: washing hands, keeping clean Activities: glitter germ experiment, hygiene posters Vocabulary: clean, wash, soap Enhancement: handwashing station	Learning Focus: brushing teeth, dentist Activities: brushing demo with model teeth, dentist role-play Vocabulary: brush, teeth, dentist Enhancement: dental hygiene kit
				EYFS Links: <i>Physical Development:</i> body awareness <i>Communication & Language:</i> naming body parts	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> food groups <i>Physical Development:</i> healthy choices <i>Maths:</i> sorting foods	EYFS Links: <i>Physical Development:</i> self-care routines <i>Understanding the World:</i> health & hygiene	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> visiting the dentist <i>Physical Development:</i> brushing skills <i>Communication & Language:</i> new vocabulary

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March	People Who Help Us	To introduce children to community helpers, their roles, and inspire curiosity about future careers.	<i>Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do</i> – Kathryn Heling <i>Whose Hands Are These?</i> – Miranda Paul	Jobs & Aspiration	Medical Helpers	School Helpers	Emergency Helpers
				Learning Focus: “What do you want to be?” Activities: dress-up career day, job matching cards Vocabulary: job, help, community Enhancement: career corner	Learning Focus: doctors, nurses, vets Activities: bandage play, animal check-up station Vocabulary: doctor, nurse, vet Enhancement: first-aid kit exploration	Learning Focus: teachers, librarians Activities: book sorting, pretend classroom Vocabulary: teacher, library, book Enhancement: visit to the Local Library/Bookmark	Learning Focus: police, fire, ambulance, drivers Activities: emergency vehicle craft, safety role-play Vocabulary: police, fire, ambulance Enhancement: siren sound exploration
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> occupations <i>Communication & Language:</i> role-play conversations	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> community roles <i>PSED:</i> empathy and care	EYFS Links: <i>Literacy:</i> library exploration <i>Communication & Language:</i> asking questions	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> emergency services <i>Physical Development:</i> gross motor role-play

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April	Exploring Spring	To help children explore seasonal changes, growth, and new life through nature and storytelling.	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> (Traditional Tale) <i>Planting a Rainbow</i> – Lois Ehlert	Planting & Growth	Jack and the Beanstalk	Spring animals / Easter	Seasonal Changes
				Learning Focus: seeds, soil, growth Activities: planting beans, watering schedule Vocabulary: seed, grow, soil Enhancement: Garden corner	Learning Focus: story sequencing Activities: retelling with puppets, beanstalk craft Vocabulary: tall, giant, magic Enhancement: Story tray	Learning Focus: baby animals, Easter Activities: chick craft, egg hunt Vocabulary: lamb, chick, bunny Enhancement: farm small world	Learning Focus: weather, nature changes Activities: spring walk, leaf collecting Vocabulary: spring, warm, rain Enhancement: weather chart
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World</i>: life cycles Maths: sequencing growth stages	EYFS Links: <i>Literacy</i>: story sequencing Expressive Arts & Design: story craft	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World</i>: baby animals Communication & Language: naming animals	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World</i>: weather & seasons Maths: comparing changes

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May	Mini Beasts	To develop children's knowledge of different types of mini beasts, their habitats, and life cycles.	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> – Eric Carle <i>Monkey Puzzle</i> – Julia Donaldson	Visit to the nature garden	Butterfly life cycle	Frog life cycle of frogs	Bees & Honey
				Learning Focus: observing insects Activities: bug hunt, magnifying glass exploration Vocabulary: insect, garden, habitat Enhancement: bug observation jars	Learning Focus: observing insects Vocabulary: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly Enhancement: butterfly habitat	Learning Focus: observing insects Activities: frog jumping game, pond sensory tray Vocabulary: tadpole, froglet, frog Enhancement: water tray with lily pads	Learning Focus: observing insects Activities: honey tasting, honeycomb art Vocabulary: bee, hive, honey Enhancement: bee role-play masks
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> habitats <i>Communication & Language:</i> describing observations	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> life cycles <i>Maths:</i> ordering stages	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> amphibians <i>Expressive Arts & Design:</i> frog crafts	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> pollination <i>Communication & Language:</i> new vocabulary (hive, honeycomb)

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June	Animals: (Land, Sea & Arctic)	To help children differentiate animals and their habitats and learn animal names and their babies.	<i>Rainbow Fish</i> – Marcus Pfister <i>Dear Zoo</i> – Rod Campbell	Sea animals	Arctic animals	Farm animals	Jungle animals
				Activities: ocean sensory bin, fish collage Vocabulary: fish, whale, ocean Enhancement: water play	Activities: ice exploration, polar bear craft Vocabulary: snow, ice, polar Enhancement: frozen small world	Activities: farmyard role-play, animal sounds Vocabulary: cow, sheep, pig Enhancement: farm small world	Activities: jungle dance, animal masks Vocabulary: lion, monkey, jungle Enhancement: jungle corner
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> ocean habitats <i>Expressive Arts & Design:</i> collage making	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> cold environments <i>Physical Development:</i> ice exploration	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> farm life <i>Communication & Language:</i> animal sounds	EYFS Links: <i>Expressive Arts & Design:</i> mask making <i>Physical Development:</i> jungle movement

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July	Exploring Summer	To explore seasonal changes, understand effects of heat on the body, and learn how to stay hydrated and safe.	<i>Sunshine & Snowballs</i> – Margaret Wise Brown <i>How Do You Know It's Summer?</i> – Allan Fowler	Summer Weather	Sun Safety	Holidays	Outdoor picnic
				Activities: sun collage, temperature chart Vocabulary: hot, sunny, warm Enhancement: weather station	Activities: sunscreen experiment, hat decorating Vocabulary: shade, protect, heat Enhancement: UV beads activity	Activities: suitcase packing role-play Vocabulary: travel, holiday, beach Enhancement: sand tray	Activities: picnic setup, fruit kebabs Vocabulary: picnic, outdoors Enhancement: outdoor games
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> seasonal change <i>Maths:</i> temperature comparison	EYFS Links: <i>Physical Development:</i> self-care <i>Understanding the World:</i> effects of heat	EYFS Links: <i>Communication & Language:</i> sharing experiences <i>Understanding the World:</i> travel	EYFS Links: <i>PSED:</i> social interaction <i>Physical Development:</i> outdoor play

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August	Transport	To explore different modes of transportation and understand how people and goods move from place to place.	<i>The Wheels on the Bus</i> – Paul O. Zelinsky <i>Amazing Airplanes</i> – Tony Mitton	Underground Transport	Sea Transport	land Transport	Air Transport
				Activities: train track building Vocabulary: train, tunnel Enhancement: transport map	Activities: boat floating experiment Vocabulary: boat, float Enhancement: water tray	Activities: car ramp races Vocabulary: car, bus, tram Enhancement: road mat	Activities: paper plane making Vocabulary: plane, fly Enhancement: sky sensory tray
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World</i> : transport systems <i>Maths</i> : mapping routes	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World</i> : floating/sinking <i>Physical Development</i> : water play	EYFS Links: <i>Maths</i> : speed comparison (fast/slow) <i>Understanding the World</i> : road safety	EYFS Links: <i>Expressive Arts & Design</i> : paper plane design <i>Understanding the World</i> : air travel

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September	Space & Solar Systems	To explore simple facts about space, develop vocabulary, and create models of the solar system.	<i>Look Inside Space</i> – Usborne <i>There's No Place Like Space</i> – Tish Rabe	The Sun	Planets	Rockets	Astronauts
				Activities: sun craft, light/dark exploration Vocabulary: star, bright Enhancement: flashlight play	Activities: planet painting, orbit demonstration Vocabulary: planet, space Enhancement: solar system model	Activities: rocket building Vocabulary: rocket, blast Enhancement: STEM corner	Activities: space suit role-play Vocabulary: astronaut, space Enhancement: moon sand tray
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> astronomy basics <i>Communication & Language:</i> describing light/dark	EYFS Links: <i>Maths:</i> size comparison <i>Understanding the World:</i> planet facts	EYFS Links: <i>Expressive Arts & Design:</i> model building <i>Physical Development:</i> launching movements	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> jobs in space <i>PSED:</i> bravery & exploration

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October	Black History Month	To explore historical events, inventions, achievements, and contributions of notable Black figures.	<i>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</i> – Vashti Harrison <i>Young, Gifted and Black</i> – Jamia Wilson	Political Figures: Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela	Inventors: Traffic light – Garrett Morgan	Sports Icons: Mohammed Ali, Usain Bolt, Serena Williams	Black Authors: Nathan Bryon, Matthew Cherry, Vashti Harrison, Adeola Dapo
				Activities: story time, poster making Vocabulary: leader, brave Enhancement: biography corner	Activities: traffic light craft Vocabulary: invent, create Enhancement: STEM table	Activities: mini sports day Vocabulary: fast, strong Enhancement: sports equipment	Activities: read-aloud sessions Vocabulary: author, story Enhancement: book display
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World</i> : significant people <i>Communication & Language</i> : discussion	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World</i> : inventions <i>Expressive Arts & Design</i> : creating models	EYFS Links: <i>Physical Development</i> : sports skills <i>PSED</i> : perseverance	EYFS Links: <i>Literacy</i> : story appreciation <i>Communication & Language</i> : retelling stories



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November	Exploring Autumn	To explore seasonal changes, plant decay, and growth in autumn flowers.	<i>Leaf Man</i> – Lois Ehlert <i>Fletcher and the Falling Leaves</i> – Julia Rawlinson	Leaves & Colour	Autumn animals	Autumn food	Growth & Decay
				Activities: leaf printing Vocabulary: autumn, colour Enhancement: nature tray	Activities: hedgehog craft Vocabulary: hibernate, forest Enhancement: woodland small world	Activities: pumpkin exploration Vocabulary: pumpkin, harvest Enhancement: sensory bin	Activities: rot experiment Vocabulary: decay, grow Enhancement: compost jar
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> seasonal change <i>Expressive Arts & Design:</i> leaf printing	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> hibernation <i>Communication & Language:</i> animal vocabulary	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> harvest <i>Maths:</i> sorting food types	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> decomposition <i>Science (within UW):</i> observing change

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December	Exploring Nature	To explore weather transitions, day/night changes, and introduce children to diverse religious celebrations.	<i>The Snowy Day</i> – Ezra Jack Keats <i>Celebrations Around the World</i> – Katy Halford	Winter Weather	Hibernation	Festivals	Christmas Holidays
				Activities: snowflake craft Vocabulary: cold, winter Enhancement: ice play	Activities: animal dens Vocabulary: sleep, winter Enhancement: cosy corner	Activities: festival crafts Vocabulary: celebrate, tradition Enhancement: multicultural display	Activities: Christmas cards, role-play post office Vocabulary: gift, holiday Enhancement: festive sensory tray
				EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> temperature <i>Expressive Arts & Design:</i> snowflake craft	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> animal behaviour <i>PSED:</i> calm spaces	EYFS Links: <i>Understanding the World:</i> cultural diversity <i>Communication & Language:</i> festival vocabulary	EYFS Links: <i>Literacy:</i> card writing <i>Expressive Arts & Design:</i> festive crafts