

"Practitioners must stimulate children's interests, responding to each child's emerging needs and guiding their development through warm, positive interactions coupled with secure routines for play and learning."

Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (1.14)

# Memorable Experiences



#### Enrichment



Making connections through real life experiences



Local Links

## **Overarching Principles**

- Unique Child
- Positive Relationships
- Enabling Environments
- Learning & Development

#### **Educational Programmes**

- Communication & Language
- Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts & Design



## Characteristics of Effective Learning

- Playing and Exploring
- Active Learning
- Creating and Thinking Critically

	Autumn 1	
Projects	Me and My Community & Exploring Autumn	Let's Explore & Build it Up
Overview	The main project supports our children with settling into the new rules and routines of our school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches them about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches our children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.  The mini project teaches our children about the natural changes that happen during the season of Autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.	The main project teaches our children about the environments that they share with others, including their homes, school and places in the local community. We look at local landmarks and how they have changed over time, such as the Bandstand in Vale Park and New Brighton Promenade.  The mini project teaches our children about structures and materials and gives them the opportunity to work in groups to create collaborative structures.

	Autumn 2	
Projects	Once Upon a Time & Sparkle and Shine	Marvellous Machines & Puppets and Pop Ups
Overview	The main project supports our children to develop a love of stories and reading. It encourages children to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales including Cinderella, Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.	The interest-led main project teaches children about the technology that is part of their daily lives and how machines help us. The project gives children the opportunity to build and create marvellous machines.
	The mini project teaches children about the celebrations that take place during the Autumn and Winter seasons, and focuses on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year.	The creative mini project explores puppets and pop up books and gives children the opportunity to make puppets and use them to tell exciting stories.

	Spring 1	
Projects	Starry Night & Winter Wonderland	Long Ago & Stories and Rhymes
Overview	The main project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches our children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals.	The main project teaches our children about how they have grown and changed since they were babies and how life in the past was different from today. A visit to Birkenhead Transport Museum further highlights changes over time.
	The mini project teaches our children about the changes that happen during Winter, including the types of weather associated with Winter. It also explores places that have snow all year round and the types of animals that live there.	The mini project teaches our children about traditional stories and rhymes and gives them the opportunity to play with words and learn new vocabulary.

	Spring 2	
Projects	Dangerous Dinosaurs & Puddles and Rainbows	Ready Steady Grow & Signs of Spring
Overview	The exciting main project teaches our children about the different animals that roamed Earth millions of years ago and how they are related to animals that live on Earth today.	The main project teaches our children about food and farming and explores a variety of themes, including where food comes from, what plants and animals need to grow and survive and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.
	The mini project teaches our children about the weather that happens during Spring and allows them to explore natural phenomena, including rainbows. It supports them to explore colour in the natural world.	The mini project teaches our children about the changes that happen during the Spring, including weather, and the festivals that are celebrated at this time of year, including Holi.

	Summer 1	
Projects	Sunshine and Sunflowers & Shadows and Reflections	Animal Safari & Creep, Crawl, Wriggle
Overview	The seasonal main project provides opportunities for outdoor learning and teaches our children how to care for the plants and animals in their local environment and how to stay safe in the sun.	The main project teaches our children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments.
	The mini project teaches our children about natural phenomena, including shadows, reflections and echoes. They explore how shadows are formed and how they can change.	The mini project teaches our children about invertebrates that live in their gardens and local environment and gives them the opportunity to care for caterpillars and observe their life cycle.

	Summer 2	
Projects	Big Wide World & Splash!	On the Beach, Move It & Moving On
Overview	The main project teaches our children about the global community to which they belong and explores how living things, communities and climates differ around the world.	The main project teaches our children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the sun.
	The mini project teaches our children about water, including floating and sinking, freezing and melting, and why it is important for living things to stay hydrated.	The first mini project teaches our children about the importance of exercise, sleep and a balanced diet, (linking closely with our PSHE lessons) and explores outdoor, summer games and activities (linking closely with our Sports Day).
		The second mini project celebrates our children's successes throughout their Reception year. It explores how they have grown and changed and supports them with the changes to come as they move into Year 1.