

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

EYFS - Reception Long Term Overview 202-2026

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Who am I?	The Night sky /Christmas	Growing	Amazing animals	Our World Local History/ Geography	Oceans and seas
Intent	To develop an understanding of our feelings and how we see ourselves.	To develop an understand of nocturnal animals and night and day. To develop an understanding of Christmas and the Catholic meaning of it.	To develop an understanding of how humans, animals and plants grow.	To develop an understanding of all the different types of animals and their habitats.	To develop an understanding of our local area historically and geographically. To know about our environment and the world we live in.	To develop an understanding of the sea and sea creatures.
Key vocabulary	Feelings Sad, angry, calm, happy, worried Myself Harvest Autumn	Christmas Winter Cards/letters Space Rockets Nocturnal Night	Stem, seed Root, leaf, flower Babies Adults Life cycle	Safari Rainforest Farm Animals Habitat World Countries	Local area School Building Community Children World Land Seas	Oceans Sea Sea creatures Seaside Coral Shells Fish

	Season			Wild	Waltham Cross	Pirates
Experiences linked to this topic	Autumn walk Leaf/veg printing Worry monster painting Soup making	Pretend snow Rocket making Christmas wreathes Santa visit experience Walk to post box Pantomime	Growing Sunflowers, Nurse visit Butterfly release Easter Story Mass Easter Egg Hunt	Cedars Park trip	Walk around school Visit from an elderly member of the parish	Seaside trip Beach party
Parental involvement	Harvest mass Autumn walk Buddy assembly	Sing a long Christmas panto Christmas craft day	An elderly person to visit	Parent helpers on trip	End of Reception Picnic	Mass Parent helpers on trip Parents invited to Beach Party

British Values						
Impact of this topic	Greater understanding of ourselves, seasons, autumn and our environment.	Greater understanding of nocturnal animals, nightlife, space and Catholic Religion	Greater understanding of plants, how they grow etc Animal life cycles. Greater understanding of our Catholic Faith/Easter story.	Greater understanding of living animals and their habitats.	Greater understanding of their school, local area and the world around us.	Greater understanding of sea creatures and that we have the sea and sand so close to us.

Key texts	<p>The colour monster The Smegs and the Smoos <i>Family book</i></p> <p>Elmer Pumpkin soup Oliver's Vegetables</p>	<p>The Nativity story Twas the night before Christmas Snowman</p> <p>Owl Babies Whatever Next Funny Bones</p>	<p>Katie's sunflowers A seed in need When I grow up</p> <p>Jack and the Beanstalk The Hungry Caterpillar</p>	<p>What the ladybird heard Rumble in the Jungle</p> <p>The Tiger who came to tea Dear Zoo</p>	<p>Rosie's walk Handa's Hen Katie goes to London</p> <p>The Gruffalo The train ride The Bear Hunt</p>	<p>Under the sea Sharing a Shell. Non-Fiction books</p> <p>Commotion in the ocean Tiddler Rainbow fish</p>
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