







Acorn Class  Cornerstones		Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Driver project	 Me and My Community	 Once Upon a Time	 Starry Night	 Dangerous Dinosaurs	 Sunshine and Sunflowers	 Big Wide World	
Reception story	<i>Five Minutes' Peace</i> by Jill Murphy	<i>There is No Dragon in This Story</i> by Lou Carter	<i>The Way Back Home</i> by Oliver Jeffers	<i>The Girl and the Dinosaur</i> by Hollie Hughes	<i>The Little Gardener</i> by Emily Hughes	<i>Baby Goes to Market</i> by Atinuke	
Mini project	Exploring Autumn	Sparkle and Shine	Winter Wonderland	Puddles and Rainbows	Shadows and Reflections	Splash!	
Reception story	<i>Pumpkin Soup</i> by Helen Cooper	<i>Little Glow</i> by Katie Sahota	<i>The Big Freeze</i> by Pippa Curnick	<i>Puddling!</i> by Emma Perry	<i>Little Echo</i> by Al Rodin	<i>The Duck Who Didn't Like Water</i> by Steve Small	
General Themes (may be adapted at various points to allow for children's interests to flow through the provision)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Starting school ❖ My new class / rules / being kind ❖ People who help us / careers ❖ Staying healthy/Food ❖ Human Body ❖ How have I changed? ❖ My family/What makes me, me ❖ What I am good at ❖ Staying safe (in school, outside of school) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Retell / act out familiar and traditional stories ❖ Learning about stories from the past and the setting of the story ❖ Royal family ❖ Keeping safe (bonfire night / stranger danger / darker evenings) ❖ What's real and what isn't (link to book characters e.g. trolls) ❖ Look at objects from the past and discuss how they are similar / different ❖ Identifying similarities and differences helps us to make comparisons between our life and life in the past ❖ Celebrations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Explore the differences between night and day ❖ Learn about nocturnal and diurnal creatures ❖ Learning about the importance of sleep (refer to previous learning about keeping healthy) ❖ Changes that happen during winter, including the types of weather associated with winter ❖ Learn about places that have snow all year around and the animals that live there 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Explore different animals that roamed Earth millions of years ago. How are they different to today's animals? ❖ What are fossils? ❖ What are carnivores / herbivores / omnivores? ❖ What does extinct mean? ❖ What happens when there is sunshine and showers? ❖ Let's check the weather forecast. What do the symbols mean? ❖ Is it waterproof? Let's predict then test it and see! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Explore the outdoors and see what is there. How has it changed from when we started Reception? ❖ What do plants need to grow? ❖ What are parts of a plant called? ❖ Look at my sunflower! ❖ Let's explore the plants in my local area ❖ Which minibeasts can we identify? ❖ Life cycle of a butterfly ❖ How can I keep myself safe in the sun? ❖ What is a reflection? ❖ Finding out why shadows are formed ❖ Why does my voice sound like that? (echo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Where in the world do I live? ❖ How is where I live different from someone in another country? Are there any similarities? ❖ What is a habitat? ❖ What can I learn from a map? ❖ What happens when water gets very cold? ❖ Let's investigate what floats and sinks. Why? ❖ Things I've been proud of this year ❖ What I hope to achieve next year ❖ Look at how I've grown ❖ Clocks, time 	

<p>Other Possible texts</p>	<p><i>My Mum</i> <i>Superhero Dad</i> <i>The Baby's Catalogue</i> <i>People who help us</i> <i>Lost and Found</i> <i>Once there were Giants</i> <i>I am too Absolutely Small for School</i> <i>All are welcome</i> <i>Rainbow Fish</i> <i>The Great Big Book of Families</i> <i>Families, Families, Families</i> <i>What makes me a me?</i> <i>Pumpkin Soup</i> <i>The Gruffalo</i> <i>Stick Man</i> <i>Acorn(non-fiction text)</i> <i>The Little Red Hen (for Harvest)</i></p>	<p><i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> <i>Cinderella</i> <i>The Foggy Foggy Forest</i> <i>Diwali</i> <i>Hanukkah</i> <i>The Nativity</i> <i>Topsy and Tim: Have a Birthday Party</i> <i>Big picture book Long Ago</i></p>	<p><i>Peace at Last</i> <i>Owl Babies</i> <i>How to Catch a Star</i> <i>Whatever Next</i> <i>Can't you sleep little bear</i> <i>Look inside Space</i> <i>Gruffalo's Child</i> <i>The Snowman</i> <i>Winter (Seasons)</i></p>	<p><i>Cave Babies</i> <i>Dear Dinosaur</i> <i>Dinosaur Roar!</i> <i>Tyrannosaurus Drip</i> <i>Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs</i> <i>Dinosaurs love underpants</i> <i>We're going on a Bear Hunt</i> <i>Dinosaurs (non-fiction)</i> <i>Prehistoric Mammals</i> <i>The Colour Monster</i> <i>Errol's Garden</i> <i>Sun (weather book)</i> <i>Wind (weather book)</i> <i>Rain (weather book)</i> <i>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?</i> <i>Elmer</i> <i>The Duck who didn't like water</i></p>	<p><i>Shark in the Park</i> <i>Garden Bugs</i> <i>Errol's Garden</i> <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> <i>The Life cycle of a butterfly</i> <i>Summer (Seasons)</i> <i>I can grow a sunflower</i> <i>The Tiny Seed</i> <i>My butterfly bouquet</i> <i>My first book of garden bugs</i> <i>See inside your Body</i> <i>Little Beaver and the Echo</i> <i>Through the Magic Mirror</i> <i>Shadows</i></p>	<p><i>Our World: A first book of Geography</i> <i>Tanka Tanka Skunk!</i> <i>Walk the World</i> <i>My Granny went to Market</i> <i>One Gorilla</i> <i>Catch That Goat!</i> <i>Handa's Surprise</i> <i>Little Turtle and the Sea</i> <i>All are welcome</i> <i>Under the Same Sky</i> <i>There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom</i> <i>Clean up!</i> <i>Commotion in the Ocean</i> <i>Mrs Armitage on Wheels</i> <i>Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave</i> <i>Five Minutes Peace</i> <i>What makes me a me?</i> <i>Say Goodbye...say Hello</i> <i>One Year with Kipper</i> <i>Ruby's Worry</i></p>
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<p>'WOW' moments / enrichment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Autumn Trail walk around the village ❖ Parent visit to discuss jobs / job role ❖ Harvest Time ❖ Birthdays ❖ Favourite songs ❖ Road Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stevenage Museum visit ❖ Guy Fawkes / Bonfire Night ❖ Christmas Time / Nativity ❖ Diwali ❖ Hannukah ❖ Black History Month – Dance workshop ❖ Remembrance Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Science Museum visit, London (covering topics from Spring 1 and 2) ❖ Chinese New Year ❖ Shrove Tuesday ❖ Ash Wednesday (start of Lent) ❖ Storytelling week ❖ Random acts of Kindness Week ❖ Valentine's Day ❖ Internet safety day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Spring walk around the village to observe seasonal changes ❖ Fossil hunting ❖ Easter time ❖ Weather experiments ❖ Weather forecast videos ❖ Mother's Day ❖ Ramadan begins (10th March-8th April) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Visit the bluebells in the local woods (observing seasonal changes, growth of flowers and other wildlife), picnic ❖ Planting seeds ❖ Bug hunts ❖ Shadow monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Visit Fairlands Splash park ❖ Father's Day ❖ Healthy eating week ❖ World environment day ❖ Anniversary of the NHS ❖ Transition to my new class
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