Curriculum Overview 2025/2026

Area of Learning	Autumn 1 – Marvellous Me! (8 weeks) (Visitors) Home for home corner Exploring Sound (Music)	Autumn 2 – If you go down to the woods today… (7 weeks) (Forest school day) Fire Station for home corner Musical Stories (Music)	Spring 1 – Celebrations (6 weeks) (Church visit) Tesco for home corner Celebration (Music)	Spring- Amazing Animals (5 weeks) (Trip mobile zoo) Vets for home corner Music and Movement (Music)	Summer 1 – Come Outside (6 weeks) (Growing plants/veg possible walk to the park/local area) Florist/garden centre for home corner Transport (Music)	Summer 2- I do like to be beside the seaside! (7 weeks) (Brightlingsea Beach School) Beach café/ice cream parlour for home corner Big Band (Music)
General Themes	Starting school/my new class/New Beginnings Our family/relationships/feelings What am I good at? Pets Looking after ourselves People Who Help Us Harvest- Little Red Hen Senses Growing up	Autumn Firefighters Diwali Christmas (Around the world) Remembrance Day Bonfire The Nativity Christmas Owl babies	Chinese New Year Winter x2 World book day – Books! Birthdays Weddings? France?	Pancake Day Easter Farm animals Safari animals The Tiger who came to tea Arctic/Antarctic animals Zoos/Dear Zoo	Planting/gardening/growing/spring Lifecycles- Frog/butterfly/runner beans/plants/sunflowers	Holidays/seaside past and present Looking after the ocean Send me a postcard! Seaside art Under the sea Off on holiday/clothes Pirates
Enrichment Activities	Visit from a vet/nurse/police officer/soldier Otis Visit Parent and baby to visit? Make bread	Wonder Woods Trip – Mistley Pantomime trip Anti-bullying week – focus on friendship Taste Indian food Make Gingerbread Men Cardboard gingerbread houses Make Porridge Post office - UW	Church Visit Tasking Chinese food Making jelly – change of state Make cakes/decorate biscuits? Hot chocolate shop- UW Make party bags using paper	Make Pancakes Make Easter nest cakes – change of state Hasty's Farm trip Family fun day- Easter theme Make binoculars Make homes for animals	Caterpillars in class- life cycles Frogspawn in class – life cycles Make popcorn Growing cress/runner beans Make watering cans using milk bottles	Brightlingsea lobster hatchery and beach school trip Sports day Family picnic Making sandwiches Family fun day-Summer/beach theme Make under the sea creatures
Focus Texts **Write Stuff used as a stimulus across the year** **Texts may change due to children's interests**	The big book of families Colour monster Funny bones Only one you Faces Ruby's Worry NF- Autumn Two homes Whoever you are NF-Our bodies The Little Red Hen Elmer Family and me Super-duper you Enormous Turnip Literacy- introduce lenses	The Gruffalo NF-Nocturnal animals Nativity Story NF- Diwali Owl Babies The Gingerbread Man Stickman NF- Bonfire night Goldilocks and the Three Bears	World book week; Colour monster Oi Frog Smeds and Smoos Aliens love underpants Man in the moon How to catch a star We're going on a Bear hunt One Snowy Night Guess How much I love you NF- Festivals of light NF- Winter I love Chinese New Year Kipper's birthday	The tiger who came to tea The Ugly Five The Emperors egg The Three Little Pigs Dear Zoo What the Ladybird Heard NF Polar bears Get tadpoles Order caterpillars	Monkey puzzle The very Hungry Caterpillar Oi Frog! Tadpoles promise NF-Tadpole to frog NF- Caterpillar to butterfly Jack and the Beanstalk Oliver's Vegetables The tiny seed (Start home visits)	Sharing a shell Commotion in the ocean Rainbow fish Pirates love underpants Snail and the Whale NF-Surprising sharks NF-Seal surfer NF- when sharks disappear The lighthouse keepers' lunch Tiddler The Pirates Next Door