Foundation One Cycle A Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Areas of Exploration	Traditional Tales 	What changes around us? 	Out of this World 	Into the Wild 	Off to the Farm 	Once Upon a Time... 
Overview	Children will begin their nursery journey by exploring traditional tales through stories, imaginative play and role play. They will also learn about themselves, their families and friends, exploring their feelings, building relationships and celebrating what makes each child special.	Children will explore the changing seasons as autumn turns to winter, noticing the weather, falling leaves, trees and wildlife in our local environment. Through outdoor play, hands-on activities, stories and songs, they will discover the world around them and enjoy a range of exciting seasonal experiences. We will also celebrate the magic of Christmas and take part in our special Nursery Nativity.	Children will explore the wonders of space through stories, songs, creative activities and imaginative play. They will discover the moon, stars and planets, learn about astronauts and enjoy fun space-themed adventures, using their curiosity and imagination to explore the world beyond our own.	Children will explore wild animals from the UK and Africa through stories, songs, creative activities and imaginative play. They will discover different animals, where they live and what they need to survive, developing curiosity and a love for the natural world.	Children will explore life on the farm, learning about farm animals and their young, the role of a farmer and where our food comes from. Through stories, songs, hands-on activities and imaginative play, they will discover the sights and sounds of the farm.	Children will explore traditional fairy tales through stories, role play and imaginative activities. They will discover castles, knights, kings and queens, bringing magical stories to life with dragons, creative play and a special medieval banquet to celebrate the end of the nursery year!

Letters and Sounds	<u>Enviromental Sounds</u> Children will develop listening and attention skills by exploring environmental sounds, familiar noises, stories and nursery rhymes.	<u>Instrumental Sounds</u> Children will explore musical instruments, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme through songs, sound games and seasonal activities.	<u>Rhythm and Rhyme</u> Children will explore rhythm and rhyme in speech. They will develop vocabulary through stories and conversation.	<u>Alliteration</u> Children will explore alliteration and animal sounds while developing listening skills and awareness of initial sounds.	<u>Voice Sounds</u> Children will experiment with voice sounds, distinguish between different noises and copy simple sound patterns through playful activities.	<u>Oral Blending and Segmenting</u> Children will begin to explore oral blending and segmentin.g through playful sound games, familiar words.
Master the Curriculum	Children will explore colours, matching and sorting objects by their similarities and differences..	Children will begin to explore numbers 1 and 2, recognise small quantities and create simple repeating patterns..	Children will explore numbers 3, 4 and 5, developing counting skills and beginning to understand how numbers can be made.	Children will consolidate numbers 1-5, explore number 6 and compare height, length, mass and capacity.	Children will explore positional language, sequencing, comparing quantities and recognising 2D and 3D shapes.	Children will develop their understanding of number, counting and number order while consolidating their early mathematical skills through practical play.