Cycle B Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Areas of Exploration	Traditional Tales	Sparkle and Shine	Snow and Ice	Everyday Heroes	Deep Dive	Watch Me Grow!
Overview	Children will begin their Foundation Stage adventure by exploring traditional tales through stories, play and role play, while celebrating their families, friendships, feelings and what makes them special.	We'll enjoy stories, music, dancing and lots of creative fun as we discover how families and friends celebrate special times in different ways.	We'll discover animals that live in cold and snowy places and become little scientists as we explore ice, freezing and melting.	We'll meet the amazing people who help us every day and discover how being kind, brave, caring and helpful can make us heroes too.	We'll meet amazing sea creatures, discover how they live beneath the waves and learn how we can help keep our oceans clean and protect our planet.	We'll become little gardeners as we plant seeds, discover how plants and animals grow and change, and celebrate how much we have grown before our next big adventure!
Read, Write Inc (Phonics)	Read single-letter Set 1 sounds (m, a, s, d, t, etc.) and begin oral blending.	Read all Set 1 single-letter sounds, blend sounds into words orally, and start reading simple words.	Blend sounds to read words and read short Ditty stories using Set 1 Special Friends (sh, th, ch, qu, ng, nk).	Read Red Storybooks and build fluency with Set 1 words	Read Green Storybooks and start learning the first few Set 2 sounds (ay, ee, igh, etc.).	Read Green or Purple Storybooks and read words containing initial Set 2 sounds speedily.
Mathematics (NCETM)	Number Focus: Focuses on numbers 1, 2, and 3. Core Concepts: subitising Understanding that all numbers are made of ones Matching and sorting objects based on specific attributes. Introducing simple AB repeating patterns.	Number Focus: Extends to numbers 4 and 5. Core Concepts: Moving into conceptual subitising up to 5 Mastering 1:1 correspondence and cardinality. Comparison by matching objects to see which group has "more than" or "fewer than". Exploring basic 2D shapes.	Number Focus: Deep dive into numbers up to 5. Core Concepts: Exploring part-whole relationships Understanding ordinality. Complex repeating patterns (ABB / ABC) Comparing length and height.	Number Focus: Numbers 6, 7, and 8. Core Concepts: Learning to view numbers structurally using "5-and-a-bit." Introducing doubles within 5 Exploring 3D shapes and early spatial reasoning (position and direction).	Number Focus: Numbers 9 and 10. Core Concepts: Fully exploring the composition of 10. Knowing when it is efficient to subitise versus when it is necessary to count a group of objects. Comparing weight and capacity, alongside creating or extending patterns using shapes.	Number Focus: Consolidating 0 to 10 and counting beyond 20. Core Concepts: Deep structural comparisons. Developing verbal counting sequences up to 20 and beyond, starting from numbers other than 1. Practical measure problems. Spatial reasoning. Map / route.