Autumn Term Overview – The Nest

Topic: Let's Celebrate!

Exploration	Realisation		Anticipation		Persistence		Initiation
• Start to explore the environment	To develop an awareness of the	•	Anticipate what's next using	•	Persist with new routine and	•	Initiate engagement
 Start to explore different textures 	environment and school rules and		symbols		transitions	•	Initiate participation in activities
 Respond to exploration sensory trays and/or equipment 	routines	•	Build anticipation through Attention Autism	•	Persist with new adults and peers	•	Initiate sounds in Intensive
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 Respond to new activities 			Responding to First and Next			L	

Literacy	Expressive Arts and Design	Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional
 Sit and respond to a short sensory story Develop curiosity in mark making Develop curiosity in books To develop fine motor skills through explicit activities Respond to rhythm and rhyme Pupil responds to familiar stories or rhymes (shows enjoyment, claps) Use hand and finger movements to explore objects 	 Respond to different materials and musical instruments Recognise their sensory needs related to Arts and Design Respond or learn simple songs and/or rhymes Using equipment safely 	 Understand how to listen and look Using words, pictures and symbols Communicating needs through preferred use of communication Learning basic Makaton signs Showing readiness for learning Increasing eye contact Responding to their name Requesting items, for example snacks Responding to visual supports Developing an awareness of First and Next Intensive Interaction to build and develop communication skills SAL sessions 3x a week focusing on specific targets 	 Show tolerance to transition and changes Show participation in life skills Start to communicate when they need the toilet using symbols or VOCA Life skills – food exploration, food skills, toileting, handwashing, transition, getting dressed Developing understanding of routines and school rules Zones of Regulation to understand emotions Building friendships through group games and playtime Engage in social times – breakfast
Maths	Physical Development	Understanding of the World/Science/History/Geography	Personal Learning Journey
 Listen and respond to number songs Engages in counting like behaviour such as making sounds, pointing to or saying some numbers in sequence For some, to count and recognise numbers 	 Start to respond to activities Start to show a preference Daily sensory circuits Fortnightly PE lessons Using equipment safely 	 Special events – Harvest, Christmas, World Culture Day, Diwali Opportunities to go out in the community Attend assemblies if appropriate Attend trips linked to learning Tasting a range of foods Listening to music from a range of cultures 	Children are working towards their individual targets based on their IEPs and EHCPs.

Spring Term Overview – The Nest

Topic: People Who Help Us and Growing and Changing

Exploration	Realisation	Anticipation	Persistence	Initiation
 Sensory exploration using a range of materials 	Start to make changes in preferred activities, for example breakfast	 Build anticipation through Attention Autism 	 Supported through PE activities and life skills 	Initiate sounds in Intensive Interaction
 Exploring musical instruments in Music Therapy Mark making using different tools and textures 	time	 Responding to First and Next 	● Time allocated for 1:1 work	 Initiate play with their peers Act spontaneously during a familiar activity Become more independent in
Start to increase motivation in activities				preferred activities

	Literacy Expressive Arts and Design		Communication and Language Personal, Social and Emotional	
•	Mark making using different tools and textures Develop fine motor skills using sensory materials Opportunities to visit the library and explore books Sensory stories For some, start to form letters For some, start to write words Hold a book correctly Respond to rhythm and rhyme Show a preference when selecting a book Show greater control in the use of fine motor objects	 Art exploration through using different tools, materials and colours Respond to musical instruments Respond or learn simple songs and/or rhymes 	As above and: Show a range of facial expressions Initiate sounds in Intensive Interaction Respond to familiar adults consistently Start to respond to unfamiliar adults Tolerate peers and adults in their space	
	Maths	Physical Development	Understanding of the Personal Learning Journey World/Science/History/Geography	
•	Exploring shape through props Using shapes safely Sorting shapes For some, match shapes to a name	As above and: Weekly cricket lessons delivered by external professionals Become aware of body movement	 Special events – Mother's Day, Easter Other cultures – African drumming, Ramadan Food exploration Recognise people who help us Children are working towards their individual targets based on their IEPs and EHCPs.	

Become aware of personal space when using	•	Meet people who help us in the community	
equipment	•	Act safely with equipment used by people in	
		the community	

Summer Term Overview - The Nest

Topic: All About Me and Under the Sea

Exploration	Realisation	Anticipation	Persistence	Initiation
 Sensory exploration using a range of materials Exploring musical instruments in Music Therapy Mark making using different tools and textures Start to increase motivation in activities Start to show curiosity in new activities Respond to familiar activities 	 Start to make changes in preferred activities, for example breakfast time Show emotions when engaged in activities Using new skills in a different context and environment 	 Consistently respond to First and Next and expand this where appropriate Anticipate resources in different activities – songs, PE, mark making Start to understand when an activity has finished or stopped Begin to anticipate for more 	 Be determined to interact in an activity Sustain attention for 5 minutes during an activity 	 Understand how to create an impact on their environment Initiate play with adults and peers Initiate learning through selecting resources

	Literacy	Expressive Arts and Design	Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional
•	For some, engage in Phonics Recognise symbols Respond to rhythm and rhyme For some, write initial sounds or CVC words For some, write the first letter of their name	 Match colours Create different crafts related to the topic Copying actions 	As above and: Recognise their photo Distinguish between two symbols Greet adults and peers using their preferred use of communication	 As above and: Getting ready for change – transition (phase and year group) Tolerate a new learning space
	Maths	Physical Development	Understanding of the World/Science/History/Geography	Personal Learning Journey
•	Explore weights Explore measurement by filling and emptying containers Uses weighing scales Is able to order two or three items by length or height	As above and: Copy body movements Use co-ordination skills on different equipment Select a preference in OT sessions	 Summer safety Local trips in the community Visit different religious places of worship The natural world 	Children are working towards their individual targets based on their IEPs and EHCPs.

Orders two or three items by weight or capacity	Exploring all through play, sensory activities, art activities and experiences within the
Recap number – counting and number recognition	classroom