

Junior Engagement – Curriculum Overview – Year 1 – 25/26

Year 1						
Term	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Theme	Into the unknown Space, stars, planets Exploring light and dark Dinosaurs Magical creatures – unicorns, fairies, trolls Shadow puppets	Winter is coming Weather and seasons Opposites Appropriate clothing Ice & snow Polar regions	Stories we love Fairy/ Traditional tales Cultural stories Sensory stories Rhymes Instruments	Let's get moving Music and Movement Dance Songs and rhymes Parks/trips Transport	Town and Country On the farm – animals/food Buildings Transitions Construction	Holidays Seaside Water safety Sun safety Hot and Cold
PSHEE link	Self-Awareness	The World I live in	Managing Feelings	Healthy Lifestyles	Changing & Growing	Self-care, Support & Safety
Implementation	(See provision map and areas of learning/delivery)					
Impact	Engage in sensory exploration and regulation through immersive, calming experiences using light, sound, and texture. Develop early cognitive skills and understanding of cause and effect through playful, hands-on discovery. Build communication and language through exposure to new vocabulary. Potentially expand world knowledge by exploring themes in multisensory ways. Foster independence through regular transitions.	Experience and explore winter weather through sensory-rich, outdoor activities. Exposure to seasonal vocabulary related to weather, clothing, and nature. Practise expressing likes and dislikes linked to outdoor experiences. Build awareness of interoception (e.g. recognising cold, wet, or tired feelings) Engage in real-world routines (e.g. putting on boots) Strengthen emotional literacy through communication about comfort/discomfort in winter.	Develop language skills through rhymes, repetition. Encourage creative expression using role-play, props, puppets, and themed environments. Strengthen cognitive skills including sequencing and problem solving through familiar narratives. Support sensory regulation with multi-sensory storytelling and musical interaction. Develop emotional understanding by expressing preferences Celebrate diversity through stories.	Develop gross and fine motor skills through music, dance, and movement-based play Support sensory regulation using rhythm, predictable routines, and calming or energising input. Promote language and communication through songs, rhymes, symbols, and action-based interactions Real life experiences of navigating transitions, trips, and transport Boost emotional wellbeing by encouraging participation in movement based activities	Explore animals, and foods through multisensory and real-life experiences. Build vocabulary using themed symbols, objects, and stories. Strengthen transition and community awareness through visits to local areas. Develop motor skills and independence through outdoor play experiences. Contribute to society by learning about jobs, routines, and caring for the environment and others	Explore seaside-themed sensory experiences. Build vocabulary around holidays, transport, and hot/cold. Develop awareness of safety routines; sun, water and personal care. Support interoception and emotional regulation by recognising body responses to hot, cold. Strengthen independence through role-play and routines e.g. packing, applying sun cream) Encourage social interaction through shared preferences.
Festivals and Celebrations	Harvest Festival Halloween Black History Month Diwali The International Day of Sign Languages National Teaching Assistants' Day World Space Week World Smile Day	Christmas Remembrance Guy Fawkes Night Anti Bullying Week World Kindness Day Road Safety Week World Hello Day National Tree Week IHanukkah Children in Need	Chinese New Year Valentines Day Pancake Day National Hug Day Winter Olympics 2026 National Hedgehog Day Children's Mental Health Week Random Acts of Kindness Day	Ramadan World Book Day Easter World Book Day British Science Week Mother's Day (UK) Global Recycling Day World Sleep Day World Theatre Day	Earth Day Mental Health Awareness Week National Pet Day St. George's Day International Dance Day World Laughter Day Star Wars Day World Bee Day National Biscuit Day	D-Day Summer Solstice World Bicycle Day World Ocean Day International Day of Play Father's Day Make Music Day World Chocolate Day
Associated Books	Hug by Jez Alborough Dinosaur that pooped... by Tome Fletcher and Dougie Poynter	The snowflake Guess how much I love you in Winter	Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees	Traditional fairy tales and stories	Old MacDonald had a Farm Farmer duck by Martin Waddell Rosie's walk by Pat Hutchins	What the Ladybird heard at the seaside

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Year 2						
Term	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Theme/Topic Ideas	All about me How I look My family Me and my senses Toys/ things I love/preferences Hobbies Fun environments for me	World around me Local Communities Cultures and music from around the world Body changes Seasons	Plants and Animals Habitats Mini-beasts Planting flowers, herbs, foods	What makes me happy? Environments Transitions Clothes	Let's Explore Exploring local spaces/ areas Transport – Ferries, cars, aeroplanes Road Safety	Staying Healthy People who help me Healthy Eating Emergency Services Health appointments
Curriculum Intent (PSHEE link)	Self-Awareness	Changing & Growing	The World I live in	Managing Feelings	Self-care, Support & Safety	Healthy Lifestyles
Implementation	(See provision map and areas of learning/delivery)					
Impact	Expanding green scale activities and graded exposure to new environments	Developing awareness of changes to other living things and self.	Recognising other people and differences. Awareness and tolerance of others. Shared attention.	Increase levels of tolerance and enjoyment in an increasing range of environments and activities.	Support transitions and new experiences outdoors	Developing tolerance for check-ups and facilities that support health
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Associated Books	Once they were Giants by Martin Waddell Owl Babies by Martin Waddell	Once they were Giants by Martin Waddell The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle Little Brown Nut by Mary Auld	The Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson Sharing a shell by Julia Donaldson		The Train Ride by June Crebbin We catch the bus by Katie Abey	Olivers Vegetables by Vivian French and Alison Bartlett Ruby's worry by Tom Percival

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