

Nursery Topic Weekly Breakdown
Topic – Let's Explore
Topic Question – What is around me?
Focus Books – That's Not My...
Autumn 2018

Planning Week	Theme	Notes	Drivers
1/2	Settling In Let's Explore – our Classroom	<p style="text-align: center;">How do I play in my classroom?</p> Taking photographs of friends and classroom, self-portraits, getting to know our classroom and teachers Use of areas – basic skills, tidying up, rules Display – Rules of setting and friendship pictures Literacy Focus: What I like about me & That's not my Teacher	Belonging Confidence Initiative
3	Let's Explore Our Classroom: Home Corner Harvest (Sun 23rd Sept)	<p style="text-align: center;">Why do people celebrate Harvest How do we play in the home corner?</p> Acting out Pumpkin Soup Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Harvest Harvest – cutting, tasting, chopping vegetables, making soup with vegetables (Rising Stars Food of the Season 13), baking bread Stories/books – Oliver's Vegetables, Pumpkin Soup and That's Not My Badger Visitor: Father Graham Literacy Focus: Pumpkin Soup	Belonging Confidence Initiative Possibilities
4	Let's Explore Our Nursery Garden Autumn (Sun 23 rd Sept)	<p style="text-align: center;">How do we play in the nursery garden? What changes can you see in our garden?</p> Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Autumn Signs of Autumn – Autumn hunt, changes in the nursery garden, What should Ted wear? (Whatever the Weather Rising Stars 16) Display: Autumn Literacy Focus: Autumn (non-fiction) and That's Not My Hedgehog	Belonging Initiative
5	Let's Explore Our Classroom: Creative Area	<p style="text-align: center;">What can I do in the creative area?</p> Autumn collage and cutting activities, leaf rubbing, cutting/punching, painting, collage Natural material transient art – Andy Goldsworthy Paint explorations using Autumn colours	Belonging Confidence Initiative

		Literacy Focus: Leaf Man and Mouse Paint Story Focus- That's Not My Fox	
6	Let's Explore – Our School	Who works in our school? Lost Teddy! – solving the mystery by following the clues of lost Little Ted in school, drawing lost posters, meeting staff from around the school, finding out about their job. Literacy Focus: That's Not My Teddy Display: Our School	Belonging Confidence Initiative Possibilities
7	Let's Explore – Colour	What is my favourite colour? Colour naming, mixing, collecting and sorting Literacy Focus: The Colour Thief by Gabriel Alborozo and The Colour Collector by Roger McGough	Confidence Initiative
8	Bonfire Night (Mon 5 th Nov)	What happens on Bonfire Night? Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs - Bonfire Night Bonfire Night – video of fireworks, move like fireworks, chalk pictures, firework words Literacy Focus: Firework safety DVD (nonfiction) Bonfire Safety	Belonging Confidence Initiative
9	Diwali (Wed 7 th Nov) Remembrance Day (Sun 11 th Nov)	What is Diwali? Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Diwali The Story of Rama and Sita, make diya lamps, rangoli patterns, Diwali sweets 2D shape hunts, 2D shape pictures, shapes all around me Display: Diwali Literacy Focus: Shape (Big Book) Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs - Remembrance Day paint and craft poppies	Belonging Confidence Initiative
10	Let's Explore - Movement	How do our bodies move? Investigating and documenting through art the ways in which our bodies move. Investigating the ways in which animals move and how their movement is different to ours. Moving like animals to classical music 'Pachelbel's Canon in D', marks and movement, contrasting movements Literacy Focus: The Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson	Confidence Initiative
11	Let's Explore - Instruments	What sounds can I hear? Sound Collectors (Rising Stars 8): Sound collector (easi-speak), water music, sound	Confidence Initiative

		collectors house, creating sound makers, instrument exploration Literacy Focus: The Sound Collector by Roger McGough	
12	St Andrew's Day/Scotland (30 th November)	What is St Andrew's day? Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs St Andrew's Day Scotland Flag, map of Britain, national symbols, thistle drawings, make and taste neeps & tatties	Belonging Confidence
13	Let's Explore Our Classroom: Dough Area	How do we play in the dough? Dough Babies (Rising Stars 9): Making dough, changing dough, dough babies, dough patterns. Display: Dough Babies Literacy Focus: Dough Recipe & That's Not My Baby	Belonging Confidence Initiative
14/15	Christmas	Is Christmas about presents? Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Christmas Father Graham to tell The Christmas Story, retell Nativity, make Christmas Cards and presents, Christmas lists and letters to Santa Christmas sing along preparation Visitor: Father Graham Literacy Focus: The Christmas Story, That's Not My Santa/Fairy/Snowman Take part in a Christmas Performance	Belonging Confidence Initiative Possibilities

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Key Topic Questions