

Reception Topic Weekly Breakdown
Topic – Let's Explore - Our local area/Let's Explore – Our Senses
Topic Question – How can I find out about the world around me?
Autumn 2018

Week	Theme	Notes	Drivers
1/2	Settling In Let's Explore – Our Classroom Where do I like to play in my classroom?	Taking photographs of friends and classroom, self-portraits, getting to know our classroom and teachers Use of areas – basic skills, tidying up, rules, knife and fork skills, eating lunch	Belonging Confidence Initiative Possibilities
3	Let's Explore – Festivals Harvest (Sun 23rd Sept) Where does my food come from?	Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Harvest Harvest – cutting, tasting, chopping vegetables, making vegetable soup, baking bread Focus story – Oliver's Vegetables Visit Church to perform Harvest songs (*week may change due to school Harvest Festival date) Visit - Morrisons for shopping for vegetables	Belonging Confidence Initiative Possibilities
4	Let's Explore - Seasons Autumn (Sun 23 rd Sept) What changes can I see in the nursery garden?	Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Autumn Autumn – colours, leaves, trees, clothing, weather, changes in the Nursery garden Visit – Autumn walk in school grounds/nursery garden	Belonging Confidence
5	Let's Explore - Our Feelings How do I feel today?	Inside Out film – emotions, feelings Healthy body/healthy mind Mindfulness – breathing activities, mindfulness colouring, Go Noodle movement Fresh air and exercise – Move a mile	Belonging Confidence
6	Let's Explore - Our School Grounds What can I see around me? Who is Dr Seuss?	Walk around school and gardens, map making, likes and dislikes in school, what would we like to change Visit – walk around school Dr Seuss Celebration Day – Green Eggs and Ham – make and eat Green Eggs and Ham, Dr Seuss facts, website - Seussville	Belonging Confidence Initiative Possibilities
7	Let's Explore – Our local area How can I find out about where I live?	Walk around local area, map making, likes and dislikes in local area, how can we improve our local area, Google maps Visit – walk around Brougham	Belonging Confidence Possibilities Initiative
8	Let's Explore – Our Senses Sound What sounds do I like?	Senses – Hear - exploring instruments, making sounds, changing sounds, identifying sounds, making own instruments, sound walk Visitor - musician Bonfire Safety	Belonging Confidence Initiative Possibilities
9	Let's Explore – Festivals Bonfire Night (Mon 5 th Nov) Diwali (Wed 7 th Nov) Remembrance Day (Sun 11 th Nov) How do people celebrate different festivals?	Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs - Bonfire Night Bonfire Night – video of fireworks, move like fireworks, chalk pictures, firework words Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Remembrance Day Remembrance Day – make and lay a wreath at the Cenotaph Visit - Cenotaph Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Diwali	Belonging Confidence Initiative

		The Story of Rama and Sita, make diva lamps, Rangoli patterns	
10	Let's Explore – Our Senses Sight How can I make my favourite colours?	Senses – Sight - colour, colour mixing, favourite colour, colours of the rainbow, shades of colours, painting puddles, painting rainbows Focus story – Elmer Visitor – Optician	Confidence Possibilities Initiative
11	Let's Explore – Our Senses Smell How do I smell?	Senses – Smell – smell and describe different fragrances, make fragrant play dough and fragrant pictures with candle wax, making perfumed bath bombs Visitor – Lush cosmetics	Confidence Possibilities Initiative
12	Let's Explore – Our Senses – Touch Let's Explore – Festivals St Andrew's Day/Scotland Fri (30 th Nov) What do I use my hands for?	Senses – Touch – touch and describe different natural and man-made materials, sorting materials, changing the texture of play dough Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs St Andrew's Day – Scotland Flag, map of Britain, national symbols, drawing unicorns, tartan patterns, thistle drawings, make and taste shortbread	Confidence Initiative Belonging
13	Let's Explore – Our Senses Taste What flavours do I like?	Senses – Taste - tasting food with different tastes – sweet, sour, salty, savoury, bitter	Confidence Initiative
14/15	Christmas How do I celebrate Christmas?	Festivals, Cultures and Beliefs – Christmas Exploring Christmas using all our senses Christmas – visit to Church to listen to The Christmas Story, retell Nativity, make Christmas Cards and presents, Christmas lists and letters to Santa Visitor – Santa Secret Santa Visit – shopping for Secret Santa presents Take part in a Christmas Performance	Belonging Confidence Initiative

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Key Topic Questions