Early Years Spring Term Long Term Overview 22 to 36 months - Cycle A Our World

Communication and Language	Personal, Social, Emotional Development	Physical Development	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	
Listening and attention Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories. Recognises and responds to many familiar sounds, e.g. turning to a knock on the door, looking at or going to the door. Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes. Single channelled attention. Can shift to a different task if attention fully obtained - using child's name helps focus. Understanding Identifies action words by pointing to the right picture, e.g., "Who's jumping?" Understands more complex sentences, e.g. "Put your toys away and then we'll read a book.' Understands 'who', 'what', 'where' in simple questions (e.g., Who's that/can? What's that? Where is.?). Developing understanding of simple concepts (e.g., big/little). Speaking Uses language as a powerful means of widening contacts, sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts. Holds a conversation, jumping from topic to topic. Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating. Uses gestures, sometimes with limited talk, e.g. reaches toward toy, saying 'I have it'.' Uses a variety of questions (e.g., what, where, who). Uses simple sentences (e.g.' Mummy going to work.') Beginning to use word endings (e.g., going, cats).	Making relationships Interested in others' play and starting to join in. Seeks out others to share experiences. Shows affection and concern for people who are special to them. May form a special friendship with another child. Self-confidence and self-awareness Separates from main carer with support and encouragement from a familiar adult. Expresses own preferences and interests. Managing Feelings Seeks comfort from familiar adults when needed. Can express their own feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared, worried. Responds to the feelings and wishes of others. Aware that some actions can hurt or harm others. Tries to help or give comfort when others are distressed. Shows understanding and cooperates with some boundaries and routines. Can inhibit own actions/behaviours, e.g. stop themselves from doing something they shouldn't do. Growing ability to distract self when upset, e.g. by engaging in a new play activity.	Moving and handling Runs safely on whole foot. Squats with steadiness to rest or play with object on the ground, and rises to feet without using hands. Climbs confidently and is beginning to pull themselves up on nursery play climbing equipment. Can kick a large ball. Turns pages in a book, sometimes several at once. Shows control in holding and using jugs to pour, hammers, books and mark-making tools. Beginning to use three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools Imitates drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines. Walks upstairs or downstairs holding onto a rail two feet to a step. May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. Health and self-care Feeds self competently with spoon. Drinks well without spilling. Clearly communicates their need for potty or toilet. Beginning to recognise danger and seeks support of significant adults for help. Helps with clothing, e.g. puts on hat, unzips zipper on jacket, takes off unbuttoned shirt. Beginning to be independent in self-care, but still often needs adult support.	People and communities Has a sense of own immediate family and relations. In pretend play, imitates everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background, e.g. making and drinking tea. Beginning to have their own friends. Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from, others. The world Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a farm, a garage, or a train track. Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. Technology Seeks to acquire basic skills in turning on and operating some ICT equipment. Operates mechanical toys, e.g. turns the knob on a wind-up toy or pulls back on a friction car.	Exploring & using media & materials • Joins in singing favourite songs. • Creates sounds by banging, shaking, tapping or blowing. • Shows an interest in the way musical instruments sound. • Experiments with blocks, colours and marks. Being imaginative • Beginning to use representation to communicate, e.g. drawing a line and saying 'That's me.' • Beginning to make-believe by pretending.	Spring Term Coverage Continuous Provision Seal / Continuous Provision Outdoor Area Continuous Provision / PE Role Play Literacy, Mathematics and R.E see separate planning