


Early Years Overview 2025-2026

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Daycare	All About Me	Sensory Seasons	Once upon a time	Who can help me?	Let's go outside	Noisy Farm
Nursery	Me and my home	Amazing Autumn	Once Upon a Time	People who help us	In the Garden	Fabulous Farm animals
Reception	Me and my Manchester home	Tremendous Trees and Woodland Animals	Once Upon a Time	Home and Away	Down on the Farm	In the Garden

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Communication and Language	Basic listening and attention skills Developing early vocabulary	Enhancing attention and understanding	Developing focus, understanding and interaction	Enhancing interactive listening skills Expanding vocabulary	Developing more advanced listening and attention	Mastering listening, attention and understanding More complex language skills
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Separating from carer and settling in	Separating with confidence and forming new attachments	Expressing emotions and choosing to seek comfort	Building relationships and developing friendships	Developing independence	Developing identity and self esteem
Physical Development	Self-help skills	Walking up and down stairs Running with control and coordination	Developing fine motor skills	Pedalling confidently Throwing and catching	Mastering fine motor skills	Cutting, snipping and mark making
Word Reading	Learning essential stories and rhymes	Turning the pages, pointing and naming	Handling books carefully and talking about stories	Recognising logos Joining in with stories	Hearing and saying initial sounds	Joining in with repeated refrains.

					Learning that print moves left to right	Hearing rhyming words
Writing	Grasping tools, sensory mark making	Mark making on paper Developing hand/eye coordination	Refining grip – move towards tripod Developing more control	Mark making with different tools Strengthening grip	Starting to give meaning to marks	Using a pencil more confidently Talking about drawings
Mathematics	Number rhymes and early counting	Sorting and building Using 'more'	Number names in sequence Introduction to shape and space	Sorting and matching The language of size and quantity	Using number names accurately in play	Beginning to count objects Naming and sorting shapes
Understanding the World	Exploring the natural world Recognising and naming my family	Talking about changes Understanding order and routines	Talking about special events	Talking about people who help us	Planting seeds and talking about change Talking about special places	Changes in the environment Celebrating diversity
Expressive Art and Design	Responding to music Joining in with rhymes	Mark making Pretend play Singing rhymes	Playing instruments Using props in role play	Creating simple pictures Taking part in music activities	Moving rhythmically Exploring colour	Creating simple models Developing role play
Celebrations, festivals, events	Transition Black History month Family Stay and play	Diwali Remembrance Day Bonfire Night Christmas	Chinese New Year Shrove Tuesday Mother's Day	Ramadan Easter Holi World Book Day	Heaton Park Family Day	Eid-Al-Adha Father's Day International Day Sports Week Moving to Nursery Class
Enrichment		Visit from a musician		Visit from emergency services		Mobile Farm visit Daycare Forest School