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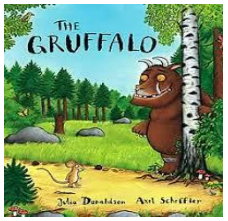
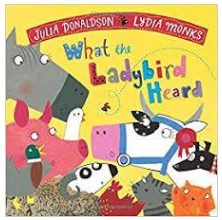
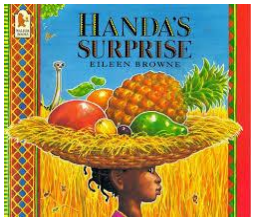
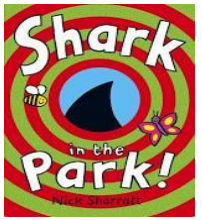
Initial Theme		**The Gingerbread Man**	**Whatever Next**	**The Gruffalo** 	**What the Ladybird Heard** 	**Handa's Surprise** 	**Shark in the Park** 
Trips/Experiences		Reception Baseline Assessments Gingerbread Man Competition	Snow Tubing Trip Christmas Workshop	Trip to The Pavillion Gruffalo Day	Easter Workshop Duck Eggs in School	Roots and Shoots Workshop Fruit Tasting	Adventure Valley Trip Transition Days
Workshops		Welcome to Reception	Christmas, Computing and Crafts Café	Literacy Café	Science Café	Maths Café	Sports Cafe
Role Play		Home Corner/Bakers Home Corner (O)	Space Station/Toy Shop Whatever Next House (O)	The Gruffalo Campsite Gruffalo Wood (O)	Police Station Farm (O)	Handa's Hut Allotment (O)	Pirate Ship Sail Away (O)
3 Prime	**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**	Jigsaw-Being Me in My World	Jigsaw-Celebrating Difference	Jigsaw-Dreams and Goals	Jigsaw-Healthy Me	Jigsaw-Relationships	Jigsaw-Changing Me

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	Physical Development	Core Real PE Unit 1- Personal Commando Joe's- Humpty Dumpty Letterjoin Pre Writing Patterns.	Core Real PE Unit 2- Social Commando Joe's- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Letterjoin Pre Writing Patterns/Printed Easy Letters	Core Real PE Unit 3- Cognitive Real Gym Unit 1 Commando Joe's- Three Blind Mice Letterjoin Printed Easy Letters	Core Real PE Unit 4- Creative Real Dance Unit 1 Commando Joe's- Incy Wincy Spider Letterjoin Printed Harder Letters	Core Real PE Unit 5- Applying Physical Commando Joe's-Jack and Jill/If You're Happy and You Know It Letterjoin Printed Harder Letters	Core Real PE Unit 6- Health and Fitness Real Gym Unit 2 Commando Joe's-Row, Row, Row Your Boat Letterjoin Letter Families
	Communication and Language	LFL-Auditory and Gross Motor	LFL-Speech and Receptive Language	LFL-Phonological Awareness	LFL-Expressive Language and Vocabulary	LFL-Visual and Symbolic	LFL-Pragmatic and Fine Motor
4 Specific Areas of Learning and Development	**Literacy**	Recognising own name. The Gingerbread Man Children's choice of Traditional Tales Nursery Rhyme Bag- Favourite nursery rhymes Non-Fiction- Gingerbread Man Trap Individual Readers- How to share a story and hold a book.	Copy own name. Whatever Next The Christmas Story Rhymes-Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Non-Fiction-Letters- Writing to Santa. Individual Readers- Telling stories through pictures. Books with known sounds and words.	Write first name independently. The Gruffalo Forest Stroll Adaptation Rhyme- Learning to continue a rhyming string. Non Fiction-Gruffalo Hunt Individual Readers- Books with known sounds and words.	Write full name. What the Ladybird Heard What the … Heard Rhymes-Farmyard Hullabuloo. Non-Fiction-Animal Facts. Individual Readers- Books with known sounds and words.	Write 'My name is..' and full name. Handa's Surprise …. Surprise Rhymes-Traditional African Rhymes. Non-Fiction-Kenya Individual Readers- Developing fluency and pace.	Write a simple story. Shark in the Park … in the … Rhymes-Pirate Rhymes. Non-Fiction-Recount Handwriting Focus Individual Readers- Developing fluency and pace.

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	Phonics	Pre Phonics Skills and Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 2 and Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 4
	Mathematics	Baseline Assessments Mastering Number Weeks 1 -5. Longer/Shorter, Heavier/Lighter. Repeating Patterns. Positional Language.	Mastering Number Weeks 6-10. Circles, Triangles and Four-sided Shapes. Sequence Events and Use Language Linked to Time.	Mastering Number Weeks 11-15. Heavier/Lighter, Longer/Shorter, More/Less Full. Sequence Events and Use Language Linked to Time.	Mastering Number Weeks 16-20. Shape Names. 2D/3D Shapes. Repeating Patterns.	Mastering Number Weeks 21-25. Predict, Move and Rotate Shapes.	Mastering Number Week 26 and Review and Assess. Predicting and Visualising Shapes. Continue, Copy and Create Patterns. Spatial Language.
	Understanding the World **R.E- Following Sunderland's Agreed Syllabus and Understanding Christianity Units**	Ourselves. Houses and Homes. Places I like. My Family. Being Special: Where Do We Belong?	Space. Light and Dark. The Moon Landing. Why is Christmas Special to Christians?	Growing and Changing. Minibeasts/ Caterpillars. Making a Map. Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?	Farm Animals. Ducklings Diary. Routes. Why Is Easter Special To Christians?	Fruit and Vegetables. Healthy Eating. The World-Focus on Africa. What places are special and why?	Comparison of Play Equipment. Plants-Cress heads Playparks/Journeys. What times/stories are special and why?

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	Expressive Arts and Design	Design own Gingerbread Man. Drawing our family and making our homes.	Painting-Colour Mixing. Investigating materials.	Sculpture-Making Gruffalo models and structures.	Observational drawings-Ducklings	Making African Jewellery.	Pirate Ship Investigation
	Sparkyard Music Unit	Hear My Voice What's the Music Saying? Instruments Everywhere	Playing With Songs Learn Christmas play songs.	What's the Pattern? Playing Musical Patterns and Accompaniments	Exploring Descriptive Sounds Let's Perform! Learn Easter Assembly Songs	Pitch Play and Changing Sounds Sounds From Nature-Patterns and Sequence	Meet the Characters Perform The Story!