

Nursery Autumn 2: Wonderful ME!

Curriculum connections

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English

Listen to a range of stories and poems.

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Join in with familiar rhymes and songs to develop rhythm, rhyme awareness and phonological skills.

Retell simple stories and join in with repeated phrases and refrains.

Learn a selection of nursery rhymes by heart, including *Miss Polly Had a Dolly* and *The Wheels on the Bus*.

Talk about picture books and take part in back-and-forth conversations.

Follow simple instructions from an adult.

Listen to a story and respond to questions verbally or by pointing.

Join in with familiar vocabulary, language and repeated refrains from stories.

Join in with singing activities, developing confidence and accuracy over time.

Ask a range of questions to develop communication and understanding.

Talks in basic sentences.



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Maths

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- Explore and investigate a range of shapes and objects, including triangles, circles, squares and rectangles.
- Build and create using different shapes and objects.
- Talk about and compare shapes, noticing similarities and differences.
- Explore and create simple repeating patterns.
- Copy and continue simple patterns using objects, colours, sounds and movements.
- Notice and talk about patterns that repeat.
- Listen to and begin to say number names in sequence 0-5
- Join in with counting songs and rhymes and count objects, actions and sounds.

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Understanding the World

Explore what makes you special and learn about the people who are important to you.

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Recognise and celebrate similarities and differences between yourself and others.

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Talk about your family, home and experiences.

Explore materials and objects using your senses and describe their different properties.

Investigate natural materials indoors and outdoors.

Talk about things you notice, including plants, animals and objects around you.

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Expressive Art and Design

Develop mark-making skills and use drawings to represent ideas and experiences.

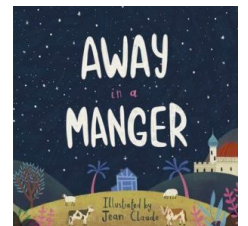
Explore a variety of colours and experiment with mixing them. Create pictures and artwork using different colours and materials.

Build and balance using a range of construction materials.

Sing familiar nursery rhymes and songs.

Develop pretend play by using objects to represent familiar people, places and things.

Use imagination to create simple stories and scenarios through role play.



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0 Personal, Social and Emotional Development

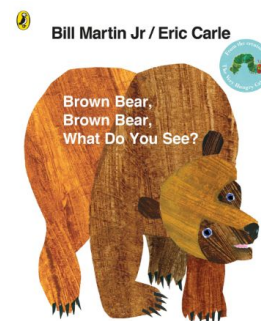
- 0 Develop greater independence in everyday routines, including managing belongings, dressing and personal hygiene. Follow familiar class rules and routines independently and understand why they are important.
- Recognise and talk about a wider range of emotions, beginning to explain why they feel a certain way.
- Use simple strategies to manage strong emotions and seek help when needed.
- Play cooperatively with others, developing shared ideas and extending imaginative play.
- Take turns, share resources and listen to others during play and group activities.
- Resolve simple conflicts by expressing ideas, listening to others and finding solutions together, with adult support.

0 Physical Development

- 0 Use a range of tools with increasing control, accuracy and coordination.
- 0 Develop a secure and comfortable pencil grip, refining control when drawing and writing.
- 0 Use a preferred hand consistently during mark-making and everyday activities.
- Manage dressing and undressing independently, including coats, zips, buttons and fastenings.
- Refine running, jumping, hopping, skipping, climbing and balancing skills.
- Develop ball skills by throwing, catching, kicking and aiming with increasing accuracy.
- Climb steps and stairs confidently using alternate feet and maintaining balance.
- Work collaboratively to move and carry larger objects, developing strength, coordination and spatial awareness.

0 Communication and Language

- 0 Retell familiar stories and use repeated phrases, key vocabulary and actions.
- 0 Talk about stories in greater detail, describing characters, events and possible outcomes.
- 0 Use a wider range of vocabulary and increasingly complex sentences to express ideas and experiences.
- Engage in sustained back-and-forth conversations, maintaining attention and taking turns.
- Ask and answer a range of questions, giving explanations and sharing ideas.
- Listen carefully to others and respond appropriately to what they have said.



0 Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

- 0 WC 2 Nov: Diwali – Sunday 8 November 2026
- 0 WC 2 Nov: Bonfire Night – Thursday 5 November 2026
- 0 WC 9 Nov: Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11 November 2026
- 0 WC 16 Nov: Anti-Bullying Week – 16–20 November 2026
- 0 Fri 13 Nov: Children in Need
- 0 WC 16 Nov: Road Safety Week – 15–21 November 2026