# **United Learning**

**EYFS Curriculum: Progress** 

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Development Matters N3/4  Development Matters Reception	<ul> <li>Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.</li> <li>Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.</li> <li>Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.</li> <li>Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.</li> <li>Show interest in different occupations.</li> <li>Explore how things work.</li> <li>Plant seeds and care for growing plants.</li> <li>Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.</li> <li>Talk about members of their immediate family and community.</li> <li>Name and describe people who are familiar to them.</li> <li>Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.</li> <li>Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.</li> <li>Draw information from a simple map.</li> <li>Understand that some places are special to members of their community.</li> <li>Explore the natural world around them.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.</li> <li>Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</li> <li>Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.</li> <li>Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.</li> <li>Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.</li> <li>Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.</li> <li>Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.</li> <li>Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.</li> <li>Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.</li> <li>Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.</li> </ul>
ELG	ELG: Past and Present Children at the expected level of development will: - Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society; - Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling. ELG: The Natural World Children at the expected level of development will: - Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	ELG: People, Culture and Communities  Children at the expected level of development will:  -Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps;  Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;  Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.



### **Understanding the World: Development Milestones**

Milestones for Continuous Provision/Medium Term Plans		
Past and Present- Family and Community	Past and Present-Change and Historical Importance	
Children in Nursery will:	Children in Nursery will:	
Say who lives in their house	Talk about how they have changed from being a baby.	
Name their immediate family	Say how children and adults are different.	
Mimic familiar adults engaged in everyday tasks	Recall special times, such as birthdays they remember in their life.	
Talk about roles of the adults they live with		
Name and talk about their extended family		
Talk freely about family and home life.		
Show an interest in occupations linked to transport and farms.		
Children in Reception will:  Talk about the occupations of people they live with.  Name and talk about their extended family  Discuss different occupations of family members and people who are known to them.  Ask questions to find out more about different occupations.  Talk confidently about the lives of their immediate and extended family, and people who are important to them in their community.	<ul> <li>Children in Reception will:</li> <li>Comment on historical characters they see in books.</li> <li>Distinguish between past and present when looking at photographs, objects and books.</li> <li>Compare characters in book, including those from past.</li> <li>Talk about similarities and difference between past and present when looking at photographs of their locality.</li> <li>Compare characters, places and objects from the past, sharing similarities and differences that they notice.</li> </ul>	



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Geography	RE and Culture	
Children in Nursery will:	Children in Nursery will:	
• Tell you something about where they live e.g the number of their house, the street where	Talk about recent experiences in their own lives.	
they live, something that is near their house.	Talk about how they celebrate special days such as their birthday.	
Talks about features of their immediate environment.	Know there are differences between different individuals and families.	
Talk about how different environments are different when looking at photographs and	Develop positive attitudes about differences between people.	
books.		
Show an interest in looking at maps and globes.		
Children in Reception will:	Children in Reception will:	
Talk about their own immediate environment and how environments in other parts of	Talk about what they celebrate.	
the world differ e.g are hotter or colder.	Comment on pictures of festivals celebrated by others.	
• Use geographical words e.g forest, beach, mountain when looking at physical features of	Talk about similarities and differences between their experiences and those of	
different landscapes.	others from different religious groups and cultures.	
Understand that a map is a drawing from above.	Develop positive attitudes to the similarities and differences between different	
Draw imaginary maps as part of their play.	religious and cultural communities in this country and join in shared celebrations.	
Find features of their environment on a simple map or oblique aerial photograph.		
Talk about and compare their immediate environment and different environments they		
have been taught about, using some accurate geographical vocabulary.		



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Milestones for C	ontinuous Provision/Medium Term Plans
Science-The Natural World	Science-Forces and Materials
Children in Nursery will:  Use their senses in hands on exploration.  Sort clothing to wear in different climates/ types of weather.  Dress appropriately to go outside in wet, cold and windy weather.  Match animals to their young.  Plant seeds and look after growing plants with support.  Identify that certain animals live in different environments.	<ul> <li>Children in Nursery will:</li> <li>Use their senses in hands on exploration.</li> <li>Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.</li> <li>Sort collections of materials with similar and/or different properties</li> <li>Begin to use vocabulary such as hard, soft, rough, smooth, heavy, light, springy, firm, shiny or dull to describe materials.</li> </ul>
Children in Reception will:  Identify some key signs of each season.  Can talk about what a plant needs to survive  Care for the natural world and living things.  Sequences and talk about the life cycles of living things.  Talk about changes they observe e.g. melting and freezing, cooking.  Describe some the effects of changing seasons on the natural world.  Begin to understand what they can do to help the environment.  Explore, make observations, and ask questions about the natural world, gaining a developing understanding of important processes and changes they observe.	Children in Reception will:  Describe what they see, hear and feel when exploring forces and materials.  Talk about changes they observe e.g. melting and freezing, cooking.  Use accurate vocabulary to describe the properties of materials and talk about forces they have experienced.

