



# Caterpillars - Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 2025-2026

	<b>Autumn 1</b> <b>Settling in, Colours, Harvest, Autumn</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b> <b>Bonfire Night, Diwali, Children In Need, World Nursery Rhyme Week, Christmas</b>
<b>PRIME AREAS OF LEARNING</b>		
<b>Communication and Language</b>	We will develop our confidence in talking to the adults and others within the class as we settle into our new class. We will listen to stories linked to the topic and answer questions about it. We will be developing our listening and attention skills through daily Circle Time activities. We will take part in Phonics activities and start to learn the actions and sounds for the initial sounds of our names. We will start to take part in Our Voice activities weekly.	We will continue to listen to stories linked to the topic. We will recall parts of the story and join in with repeated refrains. We will learn a selection of Nursery Rhymes, some we know and some new ones. We will learn new vocabulary through the experiences and opportunities provided. We will take part in weekly Phonic activities and will continue to practise recognising our names.
<b>Physical Development</b>	We will have weekly Studio time to engage in movement activities and practise moving in different ways. We will use a variety of construction toys to build and make structures. We will practise our cutting skills with support and continue to develop our fine motor activities through a range of activities. We will continue to promote independence including hand washing and toileting.	We will join in with PE related activities. We will move around the space in different ways and will use our bodies to move to music. We will continue to develop our self-care skills and improve our independence. We will use the topics to practice our mark making skills using different media to draw and paint with.
<b>PSHE/SEAL</b>	We will build our confidence in entering Nursery with support and start getting used to the routines and expectations of the day. We will find out about ourselves and others and think about our bodies and what makes us special and unique. We will talk about our families, naming family members and what we enjoy doing with them.	We will take part in lots of celebrations and events. We will understand the routines of the session and be able to follow the simple rules and expectations of Circle Time activities. We will talk about our feelings and practise our turn taking.
<b>SPECIFIC AREAS OF LEARNING</b>		
<b>Understanding of the World</b>		
<b>Science</b>	We will explore the different parts of our body, naming them and seeing what they can do. We will look at Harvest and what the farmers are doing at this time of year. We will look at the signs of Autumn	We will think about the change in weather and explore nocturnal animals. We will use our senses to explore a variety of Christmas related activities.

	and look at the change in the season.	
<b>History</b>	We will identify the people in our families. We will celebrate our birthdays.	We will learn an old traditional Nursery Rhyme as part of Nursery Rhyme Week. We will celebrate our birthdays.
<b>Geography</b>	We will explore our new surroundings becoming familiar with our classroom and the school environment. We will explore the Autumn leaves as they fall from the trees and talk about the changes in the weather as it gets colder.	We will sequence the journey of Stickman as he makes his way back to the family tree. We will look at Christmas around the World and find some of the countries on a map or globe.
<b>Computing</b>	We will use the light box to explore making faces and mixing colours.	
<b>RE</b>	We will celebrate any birthdays and special events in our families.	We will join in celebrations for Diwali and Christmas. We will look at a Christingle and find out a bit about Advent.
<b>Creative Development</b>		
<b>Music</b>	We will sing daily a selection of familiar songs and rhymes. We will learn some linked to our topic. We will listen to sounds in the environment and try to identify them.	We will continue singing daily some of our favourite songs and will learn some Christmas favourites too, adding our own percussion to them. We will take part in World Nursery Rhyme Week, learning a selection of rhymes. We will use instruments to accompany some of our songs.
<b>Art</b>	We will have an opportunity to explore colour at the easel and practice our mark making skills independently. We will complete adult led craft activities linked to our topic and weekly story. We will use different media to make marks. We will enjoy	We will complete lots of independent and adult led crafts linked to the celebrations and topics. We will make lots of Christmas decorations to hang on the tree and to decorate our room.

	gluing and sticking.	
<b>Drama</b>	We will develop our imaginative play. We will role play and pretend we are different people using our imagination to recreate roles and experiences, imitating actions that we see at home.	We will create Santa's workshop and use our imagination to recreate roles.