Reception Curriculum Overview

Bassingbourn Community Primary School · Early Years Foundation Stage · 2026 to 2027

Each term has a theme and a Big Question that link children's learning together. This overview shows what children learn across the seven areas of learning. Much of this learning also happens through play in our indoor and outdoor provision, following children's interests.

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	All About Me *What makes me who I am?*		**Growing and Changing: The Story of Life** *How do things grow and change?*		**Belonging and Community** *Who helps make our community?*	
Literacy						
Phonics	Daily Read Write Inc. Phonics lessons, learning sounds and reading books matched to the sounds children know.					
Stories we share	Amazing by Steve Antony Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero by Anne Cottringer The Witchlings Wish by Lu Fraser Cinderella	Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival Only One You by Linda Kranz You Choose by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart Goldilocks and the Three Bears	The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen The Changing Seasons by Nusrat Ameen Jack and the Beanstalk	Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French From Seed to Sunflower by Camilla de la Bedoyere Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go by Patricia Hegarty The Ugly Duckling	The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister People Who Help Us by Allan Ahlberg The Together Tree by Aisha Saeed The Little Red Hen	When I Grow Up by Tim Minchin Busy People series by Lucy M. George Superworm by Julia Donaldson The Three Little Pigs
Writing	We're Going to Find the Monster by Malorie Blackman *Retell the story and write labels*	Festivals by Jane Bingham *Design and label a snowman*	Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek by Jonny Lambert *Create a story map*	Sunny and the Birds by Wendy Meddour *Retell and rewrite the story*	The Whale Who Wanted More by Rachel Bright *Write a friendship story*	Supertato by Sue Hendra *Write a wanted poster describing a character*

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Mathematics (Mathematics Mastery)						
Maths	Early mathematical experiences Pattern and early number	Numbers within 6 Addition and subtraction within 6 Measure Shape and sorting	Numbers within 10 Calendar and time Addition and subtraction within 10 Grouping and sharing	Number patterns within 15 Doubling and halving Shape and pattern Review and practise	Securing addition and subtraction facts Number patterns within 20 Number patterns Money	Measures Exploring patterns within number Review and practise
Communication and language						
Talk and listening	Developing listening, attention and speaking. We check every child's early language using WellComm by October half-term.		Answering questions using familiar language.		Speaking and listening with confidence, using a range of tenses clearly.	
Personal, social and emotional development						
PSED	Self-regulation: My feelings	Building relationships: My family and friends	Managing self: Taking on challenges	Self-regulation: Listening and following instructions	Building relationships: Special relationships	Managing self: My wellbeing
Physical development						
PE	Fundamentals	Ball skills	Climbing and gymnastics	Dance	Swimming and balance bikes	Swimming and games

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Understanding the world						
Significant people	Significant people in my family		Significant people linked to our theme		Significant people in our community	
Past and present	Peek into the past	Adventures through time	Seasonal changes		Exploring the history of our community	
People, places and communities	Significant people in my family		Outdoor adventures		Exploring maps	Around the world
The natural world	I am a scientist		Animal adventures	Our beautiful planet	Exploring our local area	
Religion and worldviews	What makes us special?	What are special times?	Exploring special stories		Why are some places special?	What makes the world special?
Expressive arts and design (our class artists are Hokusai and Monet)						
Art	Drawing: Marvellous marks	Christmas crafts	Craft and design: Let's get crafty	Easter crafts	Painting and mixed media: Paint my world	Sculpture and 3D: Creation station
Design and technology	Junk modelling	Making soup	Bookmarks	Boats	Seasonal design project	Invention challenge
Music	Exploring sound	Celebration music	Music and movement	Musical stories	Big band	Transport