

Rural Church Schools Academy Trust

EYFS - Understanding the World

Progression of Knowledge and Skills



	Reception Autumn	Reception Spring	Reception Summer	ELG Checkpoint
	Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them. Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.			Talk about the lives of the people around them
Past and Present (History)	During dedicated talk time, listen to what children say about their family. Encourage children to share pictures of their family and listen to what they say about the pictures. Talk about people that the children may have come across within their community, such as delivery and shop staff, hairdressers, etc. Present children with pictures, stories, artefacts and accounts from the past. Show images of familiar situations in the past, such as homes and schools	Share information about your own family, giving children time to ask questions or make comments. Listen to what children say about their own experiences with people who are familiar to them. Present children with pictures, stories, artefacts and accounts from the past, explaining similarities and differences. Show images of familiar situations in the past, such as homes, schools, transport and clothing. Offer opportunities for children to begin to organise events using basic chronology. Using examples from real life and from books, show children how there are many different families.	Interpretations of History: Offer hands-on experiences that deepen children's understanding, such as visiting a local area that has historical importance. Include a focus on the lives of both women and men. Is this building from the past or present? Communication: Look for opportunities to observe children talking about experiences that are familiar to them and how these may have differed in the past. Chronological Understanding: Offer opportunities for children to begin to organise events using basic chronology, recognising that things happened before they were born. Historical Enquiry: Understand and use the term 'past' and 'present'	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.
	Recognise some Recog			
People and Places (Geography)	Draw children's attention to the immediate environment, introducing and modelling new vocabulary where appropriate. Use images, video clips, shared texts and other resources to bring the wider world into the classroom. Listen to what children say about what they see. Share non-fiction texts that offer an insight into contrasting environments.	Look at aerial views of the school setting, encouraging children to comment on what they notice, recognising buildings, open space, roads and other simple features. Teach children about places in the world that contrast with locations they know well. Teach children about a range of contrasting environments within both their local and national region. Children communicate their understanding of their own environment and contrasting environments through conversation and in play.	Locational & Place Knowledge: Familiarise children with the name of the road, and or village/ town/city the school is located in. Use relevant, specific vocabulary to describe contrasting locations. Avoid stereotyping and explain how children's lives in other countries may be similar or different in terms of how they travel to school, what they eat, where they live, and so on. Human & Physical Geography: Model the vocabulary needed to name specific features of the world, both natural and made by people. Geographical Skills & Fieldwork: Offer opportunities for children to choose to draw simple maps of their immediate environment, or maps from imaginary story settings they are familiar with.	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps; 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

Culture and Communities (RE)	Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.			
	Celebrate Diwali and Christmas with children, explaining why these times are special to different religions.	Name and explain the purpose of places of worship and places of local importance to the community to children, drawing on their own experiences where possible. Help children to begin to build a rich bank of vocabulary with which to describe their own lives and the lives of others.	Take children to places of worship and places of local importance to the community. Invite visitors from different religious and cultural communities into the classroom to share their experiences with children Encourage children to use vocabulary learnt to describe their own lives and lives of others.	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;
	Explore the natural world around them.			
Natural World (Science)				
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	Provide children with have frequent	Create opportunities to discuss how we care for the	Identify & Classify: After close observation, draw	Explore the natural world around them, making
	opportunities for outdoor play and	natural world around us.	pictures of the natural world, including animals and	observations and drawing pictures of animals and
	exploration. Encourage interactions with the	Offer opportunities to sing songs and join in with rhymes and poems about the natural world.	plants and name them. Observe, Measure & Pattern Spot: Observe and	plants; Know some similarities and differences between
cie	outdoors to foster curiosity and give	Observe and interact with natural processes, such as ice	interact with natural processes, such a sound causing a	the natural world around them and contrasting
29	children freedom to touch, smell and	melting, an object casting a shadow and a magnet	vibration, light travelling through transparent material	environments, drawing on their experiences and
o o	hear the natural world around them	attracting an object.	and a boat floating on water.	what has been read in class;
Ę	during hands-on experiences.		Question & Enquire: Ask simple questions.	Understand some important processes and
			Investigate: Observe and discuss simple tests. Record, Report and Draw Conclusions: Talk about the	changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of
			conclusions of simple tests and record as a group.	matter.