

### Understanding the world

- Eid al-Adha
- Mapping games and camera voice clips
- Using tablets to take photographs
- Interactive White Board games
- Beebots
- Eco week – taking care of our garden and world
- Planting and growing – seeds, grass heads
- Observing minibeasts, birds, and pond life
- Life cycles
- Shadows
- Local walks to create maps
- Directional language
- Landmarks in Walthamstow and London
- Water play – floating and sinking
- Cooking – following pictorial recipe cards
- Scientific experiments
- Testing materials for making planes and kites

### Communication and language

- Tales Toolkit
- Phones – making using cups and string
- Listening and looking walks
- Talking tables
- Circle time
- Sharing ‘news’ during story time.
- High-quality story time

### Literacy

- Tales Toolkit
- Using names in the environment
- Bookmaking
- Making resources for role play – tickets, appointments, prescriptions, car reports etc
- Acting out stories using repeated refrains
- Making posters – e.g. how to take care of the world
- Phase 1 and 2 phonics – focus on oral blending and segmenting and hearing initial sounds



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### Expressive art and design

- Role play: train station, hospital, garage
- Large scale printing
- Taking rubbings
- Mask making to aid story re-enactment
- Butterfly printing
- Junk modelling
- Transient Art
- Paint and colour mixing using pictorial recipe cards
- Investigating different artists and closely observing their art – following our Art Calendar
- Papier mâché
- Fabric painting

### Physical Development

- Mini sports day – relay races
- Dance and movement using music of different genres
- Moving in different ways – like insects, vehicles etc
- Parachute and circle games
- Sewing
- Action games
- Den building

### Mathematics – an identified focus area

- Using pictorial recipe cards to create new things for example in cooking, messy play, science experiments
- Measuring – including ourselves
- Sorting
- Surveys and tally charts – favourite ways to travel
- Capacity with water and sand
- Building models and naming 2D and 3D shapes
- Creating and continuing patterns
- Tessellation
- Recognising and writing significant numbers

### Personal, social and emotional development

- Tales Toolkit to develop problem solving and conflict resolution
- Turn taking activities
- People who help us
- Sharing and forgiving
- Care of self, others, and animals/insects in our world
- Feelings of self – what makes us the same and what makes us different