

### Understanding the world

- Eco-schools and thinking about how we can look after our world
- Planting and looking after the garden
- Science experiments
- Looking for insects around the garden and pond dipping
- Looking after caterpillars/ladybirds and observing their changes – life cycles
- Eid
- Our Local Area – Graffiti Walk; Park Trip; Library Trip – using tablets to take photos
- Shadows
- Cooking using pictorial recipe cards
- Water play – floating and sinking

### Personal, social and emotional development

- Turn taking activities
- Care of self and others – insects, caterpillars, newts...
- What makes us the same and what makes us different – celebrating self
- Tales Toolkit to develop problem solving and conflict resolution

### Mathematics – an identified focus area

- Sorting objects by size and type (for example recycling)
- Comparing size and capacity
- Weighing using the large garden scales – heavier and lighter
- Creating patterns using common 2D shapes
- Using pictorial recipe cards to create new things for example in cooking and messy play

### Communication and language

- Tales Toolkit
- Cooking activities and talking about the changes that can be seen
- Sharing our 'news' during story times
- Listening and looking walks – what can we see and hear in our local area
- Stories with repeated refrains to encourage children to join in.
- Sharing 'news' during story times
- High-quality story time



## Low Hall Nursery School

### Medium Term Plans

### Summer Term 2026

### Topic: The World Around/Books with repeated refrains

### Literacy

- Re-telling and acting out familiar stories with repeated refrains
- Making our own books
- Making cards for Eid; Father's Day
- Writing own name on to paintings etc
- Practising oral blending and segmenting
- Learning to hear initial sounds in words
- Using names in the environment
- Tales Toolkit to create our own stories

### Physical Development

- Mini sports day – relay races
- Activities to develop gross and fine motor
- Moving in different ways
- Large scale printing and painting
- Throwing, sorting, and using different PE equipment correctly
- Parachute and circle games
- Yoga

### Expressive art and design

- Role play: train station, hospital, garage
- Transient Art
- Bark rubbings and exploring natural textures
- Observational drawings as things continue to grow in the garden
- Using different artists as inspirations – Art Calendar
- 3D junk modelling – learning joining techniques
- Large-scale printing
- Mask making
- Paint and colour mixing using pictorial recipe cards

### Core books

*We're going on a bear hunt*  
*We're going on a lion hunt*  
*Colour Monster*  
*Pablo's feelings*  
*Shark in the park*  
*Somebody Swallowed Stanley*  
*A New Green Day*  
*The Hueys in none the number*  
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*  
*Aargh Spider!*  
*The very busy spider*  
*Caterpillar cake*  
*Mr Gumpy's motor car*  
*When I grow up*

### Trips

William Morris Gallery  
Parliament Hill

### Important Dates

23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George's Day  
20<sup>th</sup> May – World Bee Day  
26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> May - Eid al-Adha  
5<sup>th</sup> June – World Environment Day  
8<sup>th</sup> June – World Ocean Day  
21<sup>st</sup> June – Father's Day  
29<sup>th</sup> June – International Mud Day