

The Nethersole C of E Academy

Donaldson (3- and 4-year-olds)-Long term curriculum plan 2023/2024

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	7 weeks 3 days (inc baseline)	7 weeks	5 weeks	5 weeks	7 weeks	7 weeks
	The below outlines are idea	as/starting points. However, in l	line with our Early Years ethos we accordingly throu		ideas and interests and theref	ore our LTP will be adapted
cy themes	This is Me!	Let's Celebrate	Winter	Down on the Farm	Amazing Animals	Let's Go on an Adventure! Journeys/Holidays
Key texts/Literacy themes	Season Focus: Autumn	Season Focus: Autumn/Winter	Season Focus: Winter	Season Focus: Winter/Spring	Season Focus: Spring/Summer	Season Focus: Summer
Key	Key text: Owl Babies	Key text: Stickman	Key text: Lost and Found	Key text: Farmer Duck	Key text: Lots of Dots	Key text: Runaway Train
	OWL BABIES San Wana —— have bear	STICK MAN.	LOST and FOUND	TARMERASUESE Burin Raddil-Rel-c Treathur	LOTS DOTS PITA Scool and a Anne Prices	RUNAWAY TRAIN



Supporting texts	Lulu's First Day I Don't Want to be Small The Worrysaurus The Lion Inside	The Tree That's Meant to Be Jesus' Christmas Party Mince Spies	I Definitely Don't Like Winter I Love Chinese New Year Lanterns and Firecrackers One Snowy Night	Farmyard Hullabaloo What the Ladybird Heard The Odd Egg Pip and Egg	Rumble in the Jungle Monkey Puzzle Handa's Surprise There's a Tiger in the	The Train Ride The Way Back Home Billy's Bucket Harry and the Dinosaurs
	THE LIGHTHISIDE	Autumn Themed Books:	One showy Night	A Squash and a Squeeze	Garden Giraffe's Can't Dance	go on Holiday
	Autumn Themed Books: Leaf Man Hello Autumn	Leaf Man Hello Autumn				
Key	 Children will learn about the changing seasons throughout the year. Children will have opportunities to learn about the local area throughout the year, supporting by lots of visits into the community e.g. the park, Polesworth Library, Polesworth Abbey and local shops. 					



	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities	Activities
	This is me	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Amazing Animals	Journeys
	Self-portrait (Revisited throughout the	Tuff tray: Autumn leaves, pine cones,	Tuff tray: Animals that hibernate in winter, nests	Tuff tray: flowers, planting, compost,	Zoo and me Zoo animals crafts	How can I travel?
	year)	acorns, animals. Autumn collage	Tuff tray: ice, animals	seeds, animals	Masks for role-play Focus on pattern	Boats- making and testing boats
	Self-registration – This is me	Leaf printing	Ice cube paints Bird feeders	Growing and changing Observational drawing	Jungle and me	Trains
ents	Nature face using natural resources – This is me	Bonfire Night Firework pictures	Winter scene	of flowers Planting and growing flowers/vegetables	Jungle animal crafts Masks for role-play Focus on pattern	Aeroplane
ncem	Design and build my	Making rockets	Chinese New Year (10 th February)	Observational drawing of a cocoon	rocus on pattern	Where can we visit on holiday?
Enha	home- junk modelling	Remembrance Day	Food tasting	Create a butterfly (mixing colours)	Father's Day (Sunday 16 th June)	Packing suitcases
and	Family portrait	World Nursery Rhyme	Making lanterns Dragons	Tasting vegetables-	,	Comparing locations- collage
Enrichments and Enhancements	Harvest Festival	Week (13 ^{th-} 17 th November)	S	vegetable rainbow kebabs	Father's Day Cards Father's Day	Where have I been?
rrichn		Christmas	Shrove Tuesday (13 th February)	Celebrations	performance	Postcards
ŭ		Nativity scene	Making pancakes	Mother's Day (Sunday		Sports Day activities
		Advent calendar Christmas card		10 th March)		Sports Day medals
		Christmas calendar Christmas wish list		Portrait of someone special		Transition Graduation Day
		Christmas crafts Christmas carols Christmas Party		Mother's day craft mornings		celebrations Graduation Certificate Graduation performance
		Ssundo i dity		Easter Cards Chocolate Easter nests		C.adda.c porformation



	Visits/Visitors	Visits/Visitors	Visits/Visitors	Visits/Visitors	Visits/Visitors	Visits/Visitors
Visits and visitors	Forest School visits Oral Health Visitor Visit Church (Harvest)	Forest School visits Diwali celebrations Visit to Church Watch School Nativity Winter workshop Warwickshire Family Learning	Forest School visits	Forest School visits World Book Day visitors Easter Bonnet Parade Parent Consultations Visit to Ash End House Farm	Forest School visits Animal workshop Visit from a Vet	Forest School visits Invite parents to join us for Sports Day Invite parents to join us for Graduation Celebrations and Garden Party



	Who am I?	What do celebrations	What happens in winter?	What is it like to live on a	Pets at Home	How many different ways
	Who am I?	mean to me?		farm?		can I travel?
	What do I look like?	How do I celebrate my	What does my school look like	What animals live on a	What animals do people	
	What colour are my eyes?	birthday?	in winter?	farm?	keep as pets?	How do I travel to school?
	What colour is my hair?	How do other children	What happens to the trees in	What things grow on a	How do we care for our	How do I travel to go on
	What do I like to do?	celebrate special times?	winter?	farm?	pets?	holiday?
	Who are my friends?	How do people celebrate	How do plants look in winter?	Who looks after a farm?		How do vehicles move?
	Who is in my family?	Diwali?	What is the weather like?	What jobs need to be	Animals at a Zoo	Which vehicles travel by
	What does my home look	Why are people wearing	What do I wear indoors and	done on a farm?	What animals would I see	sea/land/air?
	like?	poppies?	outdoors why?	What farms are local to	at a zoo?	
	What does it mean to be	How do I celebrate	What might I see on the	Polesworth?	What do the animals look	Holidays
	brave?	Christmas at home?	ground?		like?	
		How do we celebrate	What will I hear in winter and	How do plants grow?	How do they move?	Where have I been on
		Christmas at school?	why?	What do plants need to	What do they eat?	holiday?
ι ν	What happens in Autumn?	Why do I celebrate	What will I see in winter and	grow?	What do their babies look	What places would I like to
Key Enquiry questions		Christmas?	why?	What food can we grow?	like?	visit?
eti e		How are Diwali and	What will I smell in winter and	Why do some plants not	What is their natural	How could I travel to my
ě	What happens to the world	Christmas the	why?	grow?	habitat?	holiday destination?
<u></u>	around me in Autumn?	same/different?	What might I taste and why?	What plants grow in	How many legs do they	
<u>.</u>	What do the trees look	Why do we give and	What will I touch in winter and	different countries?	have?	What happens during
B	like?	receive gifts?	why?	Which vegetables do I		Summer?
Ë	How have they changed?	How did I celebrate		like?	Animals in the wild	
<u></u>	What clothes do we wear	Christmas last year?		Which fruit do I like?		What happens to the
₹	in Autumn?			Why is it important that	What animals live in the	world around me in
	What is the weather like in	What happens in		we eat healthy foods?	wild?	Summer?
	Autumn?	Autumn?		What foods are	What do they look like?	What do the trees look
		What happens to the		unhealthy?	How do they move?	like?
		world around me in				How have they changed?
		Autumn?		What happens in Spring?		What clothes do we wear
		What do the trees look		What happens to the		in Summer?
		like?		world around me in		What is the weather like in
		How have they changed?		Spring?		Summer?
		What clothes do we wear		What do the trees look		How do I keep safe in the
		in Autumn?		like?		sun?
		What is the weather like in		How have they changed?		
		Autumn?		What clothes do we wear		
				in Spring?		
				What is the weather like in		
				Spring?		



	Unique, family, home,	Celebration, tradition,	Arctic, polar regions, icy,	Tractor, combine	Pets, zoo, jungle, habitat,	Transport, travel, vehicle,
	appearance, body parts- different, special, feelings,	Christmas, Diwali- Rama/Sita/diva/rangoli,	different, same, North Pole, South Pole, adaptations,	harvester, harvest, farmer, hay, orchard, vegetables,	appearance, fur, feathers, skin, scales, size, diet, food	train, bicycle, planes, lorries, motorbikes, boats,
	happy, sad, angry, upset,	presents, gift, God, Jesus,	camouflage	fruit, scarecrow, field,	3Kiii, 3caic3, 3i2c, aicc, 100a	scooters, journey
	worried	Mary, Joseph, Stable,	scales, feathers, fur, skin,	crops, stable, animals		, ,
		Nativity, journey,	habitat, diet hibernation			
	House, flat, bungalow,	remember-Remembrance				Holiday, break, journey,
	home, village, town	Day		Flowers, petals, stem,		beach, sea, ocean, land, pier, promenade, rock
				roots, seeds, soil, life-		pools, jetty, crab, suitcase,
				cycle, warmth, light,		luggage, passport, flight,
				healthy, unhealthy,		atlas, globe, map,
				growth, wild, garden,		destination, travel, abroad
				trunk, branches, leaves, vegetables, fruit, blossom,		Seaside, sea, ocean, pier,
ĽΔ				water		rock pools, shells, crabs,
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	Prime Areas of Learning Focus for 3 to 4 Provision The statements are taken from Birth to Five Matters and are used as a guide to support learning and development. We know that children do not all learn in the same way. The statements reflect what children aged 3-4 could be doing and how the adults and learning environments can support this.							
	Through positive relationsh	Through positive relationships and enabling environments we will support each unique child to/when:						
Phonics	Little Wandle Letters and Sounds We follow the systematic synthetic phonics program of "Little Wandle Letters and Sounds". Phonics teaching will commence in Autumn 2 when the children have settled. Letters and Sounds - A complete Phonics resource to support children (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)							
Communication and Language Development	Listening and Attention Listens to others in one-to-one or small groups, when conversation interests me. Listens to familiar stories with increasing attention and recall. Understanding Understand the use of objects e.g. which one do we cut with? Understand prepositions such as under, on top, behind, by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture. Speaking Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (using and, because). Able to use language in recalling past experiences. Retell a simple past event in the correct order e.g. went down slide, hurt finger.	Listening and Attention Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Focus attention – still listen or do, but can change my own focus of attention. Understanding Respond to instructions with more elements e.g. give the big ball to me; collect up all the blocks and put them in the box. Speaking Use talk to explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next. Question why things happen and give explanations (asking who, what, when, how, questions). Beginning to use a range of tenses (play, playing, will play, played). May make some errors in language e.g. runned, and will absorb and use language I hear around me in my community and culture.	Listening and Attention Able to follow directions (if not intently focused). Understanding Beginning to understand why and how questions. Speaking Use intonation, rhythm, and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others. Talk more extensively about things that are of particular importance to me. Building up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of my experiences. Use talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play e.g. this box is my castle.					



Making relationships

Seek out companionship with adults and other children, sharing experiences and play ideas.
Use my experiences of adult behaviours to guide my social relationships and interactions.

Sense of Self

Becoming more aware of the similarities and differences between myself and others in more detailed ways.

Can identify myself in relation to social groups and to my peers.

Sensitive to others' messages of appreciation or criticism.

Understanding Emotions

Express a wide range of feelings in my interactions with others and through my behaviour and play, including excitement and anxiety, guilt and self-doubt. May exhibit increased fearfulness of things like the dark or monsters etc. and possibly have nightmares.

Health and Self-Care

Tell adults when I am hungry, full up, or tired or when I want to rest, sleep or play.

Observe and describe in words or actions the effects of physical activity on my body.

Name and identify different parts of my body.

Take practical action to reduce risk, showing my understanding that equipment and tools can be used safely.

Can wash and dry my hands effectively.

Making relationships

Show increasing consideration of other people's needs and gradually more impulse control in favourable conditions e.g. giving up a toy to another who wants it.

Sense of Self

Enjoy a sense of belonging through being involved in daily tasks.

Aware of being evaluated by others and am beginning to develop ideas about myself according to the messages I hear from others.

Understanding Emotions

Talk about how others might be feeling and respond according to their understanding of the other person's needs and wants.

Health and Self-Care

Take practical action to reduce risk, showing my understanding that equipment and tools can be used safely.

Can wash and dry my hands effectively and understand why this is important.

Willing to try a range of different textures and tastes and express preferences.

Able to name and identify different parts of my body.

Making relationships

Practicing skills of assertion, negotiation, and compromise.

Look to a supportive adult for help in resolving conflict with peers.

Enjoy playing alone, alongside, and with others'. Invite others to play and attempting to join others' play.

Sense of Self

Able to show confidence and self-esteem through being outgoing towards people, taking risks, and trying new things or new social situations. Able to express my needs and ask adults for help.

Understanding Emotions

More able to recognise the impact of my choices and behaviours/actions on others,

Know that some actions can hurt others' feelings. Understand that expectations vary depending on different events, social situations and changes in routine.

Become more able to adapt my behaviour in favourable conditions.

Health and Self-Care

Able to observe and control breath.

Able to take deep breaths, scrunching and releasing the breath.

Able to mirror the playful actions or movements of another adult or child.

Working towards a consistent, daily pattern in relation to eating, toileting, and sleeping routines, understanding why this is important.

Gaining more bowel and bladder control.

Able to attend to toileting needs most of the time myself.



	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
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	Access to outside is available everyday where there are numerous opportunities to develop various gross motor skills.						
ŧ		nd Wanderers' opportunities to visit, explore and lead vironment, supporting their lifelong learning in the na					
Physical Development Gross Motor	Climb stairs, steps and move across climbing equipment using alternate feet. Maintain balance using hands and body to stabilise. Walk down steps or slopes whilst carrying a small object, maintaining balance and stability.	Run with spatial awareness and negotiate space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles. Balance on one foot or in a squat momentarily, shifting body weight to improve stability.	Grasp and release with two hands to throw and catch a large ball, beanbag or an object. Create lines and circles pivoting from the shoulder and elbow. Manipulate a range of tools and equipment in one hand, tools include paintbrushes, scissors, hairbrushes, toothbrush, scarves or ribbons. Dress with help e.g., put arms into open-fronted coat or shirt when held up, pull up my own trousers, pull up zipper once it is fastened at the bottom.				
Fine Motor Literacy and Writing	Give meanings to their drawings and paintings. Ascribe meanings to signs, symbols, and words that I see in different places, including those I make myself.	Make up stories, play scenarios, and drawings in response to experiences, such as outings. Include mark making and early writing in my play. imitate adults' writing by making continuous lines of shapes and symbols (early writing) from left to right.	Attempt to write my own name, or other names and words using combinations of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type shapes. Show interest in letters on a keyboard. Identify the initial letter of my own name and other familiar words. Begin to make letter-type shapes to represent the initial sound of my name and other familiar words.				



	Specific Areas of Learning
	Reading
	Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, when reading one-to-one and in small groups. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured, and to tell my own stories.
	Able to talk about events and principal characters in stories and suggest how the story might end. Able to show interest in illustrations and words in print and digital books and words in the environment. Recognise familiar words and signs such as my own name, advertising logos and screen icons. Able to look at and enjoy print and digital books independently.
S	Understands that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom. Knows that information can be relayed through signs and symbols in various forms e.g. printed materials, digital screens and environmental print.
Literacy	Handles books and touch screen technology carefully. Holds books the correct way up with growing competence.
	Beginning to navigate apps and websites on digital media using drop down menu to select websites and icons to select apps. Beginning to develop phonological and phonemic awareness:
	Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration. Recognises rhythm in spoken words, songs, poems, and rhymes. Claps or taps the syllables in words during sound play. Hears and says the initial sound in words.
	Writing
	Statements included in the Fine Motor, Literacy and Writing section above.



Ñ		Mastering the Curriculum We follow the White Rose Scheme via Master the Curriculum.						
Mathematics	Colours Matching Sorting	Number 1: Subitising, counting and numeral Number 2: Subitising Number 2: Counting, numeral Pattern	Number 3: Subitising 1:1 counting Numerals Triangles Number 4: Composition Number 5: 1:1 counting Number 5: Composition	Number 6 Introduce 10 frame Height and Length Mass Capacity	More than/fewer than One more, one less 2D shape Pattern 3D shape	Number composition 1 to 5 Night and day Order events Positional language		



Comparison

Able to compare two small groups of objects.

Counting

May enjoy counting verbally as far as I can go. Points or touches (tags) each item, saying one number for each item, using the stable order of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Cardinality

Subitises one, two and three objects (without counting).

Composition

Through play and exploration, beginning to learn that numbers are made up (composed) of smaller numbers.

Beginning to use understanding of number to solve practical problems in play and meaningful activities.

Spatial Awareness

Responds to language of position and direction.

Shape

Chooses items based on their shape which are appropriate for purpose.

Responds to both informal language and common shape names.

Pattern

Creates their own spatial patterns.

Measures

In meaningful contexts, finds the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter, and more/less full of two items.

Comparison

Able to compare two small groups of up to five objects.

Counting

Points or touches (tags) each item, saying one number for each item, using the stable order of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Cardinality

Subitises one, two and three objects (without counting). Counts up to five items, recognising that the last number said represents the total counted so far (cardinal principle).

Composition

Through play and exploration, beginning to learn that numbers are made up (composed) of smaller numbers.

Beginning to use understanding of number to solve practical problems in play and meaningful activities.

Beginning to recognise that each counting number is one more than the one before.

Spatial Awareness

Responds to and uses language of position and direction.

Shape

Shows awareness of shape similarities and differences between objects.

Enjoys partitioning and combining shapes to make new shapes with 2D and 3D shapes.

Pattern

Creates their own spatial patterns, showing some organisation or regularity.

Explores and adds to simple linear pattern of two or three repeating items e.g., stick, leaf (AB), or, stick, leaf, stone (ABC).

Measures

In meaningful contexts, finds the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter, and more/less full of two items.

Comparison

Able to compare two small groups of up to five objects, saying when there are the same number of objects in each group e.g. you've got two, I've got two, same.

Counting

Points or touches (tags) each item, saying one number for each item, using the stable order of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Uses number names and number language within play, and may show fascination with large numbers.

Beginning to recognise numerals 0 to 10.

Cardinality

Subitises one, two and three objects (without counting).

Counts up to five items, recognising that the last number said represents the total counted so far (cardinal principle).

Links numerals with amounts up to 5 and maybe beyond.

Explores using a range of their own marks and signs to which they ascribe mathematical meanings.

Composition

Through play and exploration, beginning to learn that numbers are made up (composed) of smaller numbers.

Beginning to use understanding of number to solve practical problems in play and meaningful activities. Beginning to recognise that each counting number is one more than the one before.

Separates a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same.

Spatial Awareness

Responds to and uses language of position and direction.



	Recalls a sequence of events in everyday life and stories.	Predicts, moves, and rotates objects to fit the space or create the shapes I would like.
		Shape Shows awareness of shape similarities and differences between objects. Enjoys partitioning and combining shapes to make new shapes with 2D and 3D shapes. Attempts to create arches and enclosures when building, using trial and improvement to select blocks.
		Pattern Creates their own spatial patterns, showing some organisation or regularity. Explores and adds to simple linear pattern of two or three repeating items e.g., stick, leaf (AB), or, stick, leaf, stone (ABC). Joins in with simple patterns in sounds, objects, games and stories, dance and movement, predicting what comes next.
		Measures In meaningful contexts, finds the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter, and more/less full of two items. Recalls a sequence of events in everyday life and stories.



	People and Communities Shows interest in the lives of people who are familiar	People and Communities Remembers and talks about significant events in my	People and Communities Recognises and describes special times or events for
	to me.	own experience.	family or friends.
Understanding the World	Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines. Remembers and talks about significant events in my own experience. The World Comments and ask questions about aspects of my familiar world such as the place where I live or the natural world.	Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends. Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life indoors and outdoors. The World Talks about why things happen and how things work. Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. Shows care and concern for living things and the environment.	Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life indoors and outdoors. Knows some of the things that make me unique, and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family. The World Talks about why things happen and how things work. Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. Shows care and concern for living things and the environment. Beginning to understand the effect my behaviour can have on the environment.
Understanding the World Technology	activities. It involves exploring objects that work in di effect and imaginative play resources can all aid childr plug in phones, typewriters, vintage coffee grinders, w whiteboard/cd player, headphones, voice recorder	a of learning and as part of many different play-based hanical toys that encourage exploration of cause and cations e.g. old laptops, keyboards, old mobile phones, h gears, levers, pulls, knobs or handles, an interactive ots, torches, alarm clocks, role play pretend items, um, television Play with a range of materials to learn cause and effect, for example, make a string puppet using dowels and string to suspend the puppet.	



Creating with Materials								
Confident Artists: Self-portrait Skill: What is an artist?	Explores and learns how sounds and music can be changed. Moving in a range of ways. Enjoys joining in with moving, dancing, and ring games. Exploring tools and techniques using modelling materials: Diva lamps Christmas focus: Collage (Peter Blake)	DT focus: Cooking and Nutrition Sensory experience (Gingerbread Man/Porridge) Sing familiar songs e.g. pop songs, songs from TV programmes, rhymes, songs from home. Tap out simple repeated rhythms. Developing an understanding of how to create and use sounds intentionally.	Continue to explore colour and how colour can be changed. Develop an understanding of using lines to enclose a space. Uses various construction materials e.g. joining pieces, stacking vertically and horizontally, balancing, making enclosures and creating spaces. Beginning to use drawing to represent actions and objects. Observational drawings to explore change. Mother's Day Gifts Easter Gifts	Uses various construction materials e.g. joining pieces, stacking vertically and horizontally, balancing, making enclosures and creating spaces. Beginning to use drawing to represent actions and objects based on imagination, observation and experience. Use tools for a purpose. Animal patterns.	Use tools for a purpose. Sand sculptures/pictures. Threading/sewing: Sea creatures			
Being Imaginative and Expressive Uses movement and sounds to express experience, expertise, ideas and feelings. Experiments and creates movement in response to music, stories, and ideas.		Being Imaginative and Expressive Creates sounds, movements, drawings to accompany stories. Notices what other children and adults do, mirroring what is observed, adding variations and then doing it spontaneously.		Being Imaginative and Expressive Engaging in imaginative play based on my own ideas or first-hand experiences. Using available resources to create props or create imaginary ones to support play. Plays alongside other children who are engaged in the same theme.				

