



**Understanding the World
Early Years**

Long-Term Plan

St Paul's Catholic Primary

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
Pre school 2- 3 years	<p>I can explore natural materials both inside and outside.</p> <p>I can explore different natural phenomena in the setting, e.g. splashing in puddles, seeing the flowers in spring, looking for insects in the garden.</p> <p>I repeat newly taught language which directly links to my experiences.</p>	<p>I can carefully handle nature, e.g. holding insects, walking past the flowers.</p> <p>I can notice differences between myself and other people.</p>	<p>I can notice differences between myself and other people I meet and see in stories.</p> <p>I can use specific language to talk about our natural spaces in the nursery.</p>
Key Vocabulary	me, you, trees, leaves, splash, insects, inside, outside	carefully, handle, touch, nature, natural, hold, insect, flower, grass etc, myself, differences, people.	differences, myself, other people (friends, parents etc), stories, nature, tree, grass, flower etc.
Pre school 3-4 years	<p>I use my senses to explore a variety of natural materials.</p> <p>I can explore collections of different materials.</p> <p>I explore the garden and talk about what I have found.</p>	<p>I can talk about the similarities and difference between natural items, e.g this bark is rough, this one is smooth.</p> <p>I can recall and talk about events from my own life.</p> <p>I can plant seeds with adult support and talk about how they change as they grow.</p> <p>I can talk about how materials change overtime, e.g. how ingredients melt together during a cooking activity.</p>	<p>I know about different jobs people can do and talk about what I would like to do one day.</p> <p>I can talk about what makes different places around the world special.</p> <p>I explore how things work and am interested to explore new objects and items.</p> <p>I can recall how natural objects have changed overtime, e.g. the leaves fell off the tree.</p> <p>I can talk about different forces I can feel, e.g. the water pushing back when I try to push a boat underneath it.</p>

<p>Key Vocabulary</p>	<p>As LL plus: I, us, nature, weather, season, senses, autumn, harvest, materials, outdoors, indoors, environment, natural</p>	<p>As LL plus: past, when I was small..., similarities, differences, temperature, texture, ingredients, scales, measure, cook, liquid, solid, thick, thin, events, life, my own, plant, seeds, grow, change, water, light, soil, materials, melt, heat, freeze, cold, ingredients.</p>	<p>As LL plus: unique, special, different, occupation, job, career, parents, forces, push, pull, water, boat, underneath, natural, change, overtime, explore, world, different jobs e.g. teacher, plumber etc.</p>
<p>Reception 4-5 years</p>	<p>I can talk about my family and why they're important to me.</p> <p>I can comment and talk about images I see from the past and artefacts that I am taught about.</p> <p>I can talk about people of significance from the past and in the present who have influenced the world today.</p> <p>I can talk about and describe key features within our local community.</p> <p>I can read and draw a simple map.</p> <p>I can predict which items will float and which will sink and give a reason why.</p>	<p>I can talk about characters from stories which are based in the present and the past and make comparisons.</p> <p>I understand that some places are special within our community and talk about why.</p> <p>I can talk about the season and identify natural changes that show a new season has arrived.</p> <p>I can use all of my senses to engage with nature.</p> <p>I can compare different buildings and the materials that are used.</p>	<p>I can compare the local community with another place from around the world.</p> <p>I can talk about the environments that different animals live in and what they need to survive.</p> <p>I can talk about the life cycles of different animals.</p> <p>I can make predictions about how different materials will change state in different temperatures.</p> <p>I can talk about and recall events from my time in Reception.</p>
<p>Key Vocabulary</p>	<p>As LL and Nursery plus: family, friends, relatives, relations, family names, different, describe, appearance, senses, height, nature, hair colour, eye colour, likes, dislikes, birthdays, home, house, photography, church, groups, clubs, local business, natural world, environment, map, harvest, present, past, artefact, world, community, predict, float, sink, compare, same, similar, different, beliefs, believe, special times, seasons</p>	<p>As LL and Nursery plus: present, past, comparison, community, seasons, season names, buildings and building materials language</p>	<p>As LL and Nursery plus: recall, predictions, predict, materials, change, state, temperatures, life cycle, animals, survive, live, environments, local community, place.</p>

ELG:

Past and Present

- Talk about the lives of the people around them 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.

People, Culture and Communities

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
- 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.
- 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.

The Natural World

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.