

John Hampden Primary School Curriculum Map 2025-2026

Nursery Long Term Overview

In the EYFS our planning is based on the children's interests and experiences, as well as celebrations and special events. Because of this we are not able to plan topics beyond the next term. Knowledge Organisers will be sent home before the beginning of each topic to share what children will be learning at school. In addition to planning from the children's needs and interests we cover a termly PHSE theme as laid out in the grid below. The text in the grid below refers to everyday skills that will be practised and taught in addition to the themes for each term. These are taken from Development Matters and are designed to support the children to reach their full potential at the end of the Nursery year. Throughout each term the children will take part in child and adult initiated activities, as well as adult led tasks. Due to the nature of the way we work in Early Years, the grid below should be seen as a guide and is subject to change depending on the needs and interest of the cohort each term.

Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
BEING ME IN MY WORLD	CELEBRATING DIVERSITY	DREAMS & GOALS	HEALTHY MIND & BODY	RELATIONSHIPS	CHANGING ME
Belonging	Inclusion	Self-belief	Balance	Tolerance	Independence
Responsibility	Respect	Aspiration	Keeping Safe	Choice	Resilience
Rights	Acceptance	Challenge	Self-Esteem	Conflict Resolution	Looking forward
Autumn 1 FROM THAME AND BEYOND	Autumn 2 FROM THAME AND BEYOND	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Core Text:	Core Text: * my world, your world * * * * *	Core Text:	Core Text: BEAUTIFUL BARNET SATTERS	Core Text: ALDO	Core Text: THE VERY CATERVILLAR by Kine Carls OO
PSHE Outcomes:	PSHE Outcomes:	PSHE Outcomes:	PSHE Outcomes:	PSHE Outcomes:	PSHE Outcomes:
• Who Me?!	What Am I Good At?	Challenge	• Everybody's Body	My Family and Me	My Body
How Am I Feeling Today?	• I'm Special, I'm Me	Never Giving Up	We Like to Move it Move it	Make Friends, Make Friends,	 Respecting My Body
Being at Nursery/School	• Families	Setting a Goal	 Food Glorious Food 	Never Never Break Friends	 Growing Up
Gentle Hands	 Houses and Homes 	Obstacles and Support	Sweet Dreams	Falling Out and Bullying	 Growth and Change/Fun
Our Rights	 Making Friends 	Flight to the Future	Keeping Clean	Being the Best Friend We Can	and Fears
Our Responsibilities	 Standing Up For Yourself 	Footprint Awards	Stranger Danger	Be	 Fun and Fears
Topic Overview		Topic Overview			Celebration

In this topic we will get to know one another a little better and learn a little bit about where we all live. We will find out about Thame, learning more about the town we live in. We will learn more about the wider world and where our friends come from. We will learn about some global celebrations.

The subject of our topics over this time will be planned from what the children are interested in and what is happening in the world around them. Information will be shared with families before starting a new topic.

Communication and Language:

The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. Children's **back-and-forth interactions** from an early age form the foundations for language and cognitive development. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a **language-rich environment** is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing, and echoing back what they say with **new vocabulary added**, practitioners will build children's language effectively. **Reading frequently to children**, and **engaging them actively in stories**, non-fiction, rhymes and poems, and then providing them with extensive opportunities to use and **embed new words in a range of contexts**, will give children the opportunity to thrive. Through **conversation, story-telling and role play**, where children **share their ideas** with support and **modelling** from their teacher, and sensitive questioning that invites them to elaborate, children become comfortable using a **rich range of vocabulary** and **language structures**.

Communication & Language:

- Opportunities to communicate and work with other children and adults throughout the day.
- Practise listening and attention skills on the carpet
- Phase 1 Phonics
- Story times
- Nursery rhyme singing
- 'Bag of Me' sessions
- Whole class, small group and 1:1 story time
- Variety of role play opportunities
- Spirals groups
- Attention building activities

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Physical Development:

Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives. Gross and fine motor experiences develop incrementally throughout early childhood, starting with sensory explorations and the development of a child's strength, co-ordination and positional awareness through tummy time, crawling and play movement with both objects and adults. By creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, adults can support children to develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being. Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination, which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.

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- Develop gross motor skills using apparatus and equipment in the garden to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
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- Learn to use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors, use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
- Learning how to write our names
- Use a variety of tools and media during Arts Week sessions in the hall

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Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

Children's personal, social and emotional development (PSED) is **crucial for children** to lead healthy and happy lives, and is fundamental to their cognitive development. Underpinning their personal development are **the important attachments** that shape their social world. **Strong, warm and supportive relationships with adults** enable children to learn how to **understand their own feelings and those of others**. Children should be supported to **manage emotions**, **develop a positive sense of self, set themselves simple goals**, **have confidence in their own abilities**, **to persist and wait for what they want and direct attention as necessary**. Through adult modelling and guidance, they will learn how to **look after their bodies**, including healthy eating, and manage personal needs independently. Through supported interaction with other children, they learn how to **make good friendships**, **co-operate and resolve conflicts peaceably**. These attributes will provide a secure platform from which children can achieve at school and in later life.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

- Weekly Jigsaw sessions
- Learn the names of the staff and friends in our class
- Begin to follow and understand the rules of the classroom
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- Take part in Arts Week sessions in the Jackson Hall

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- Transition activities with new school classes and teachers.
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Literacy:

It is crucial for children to develop a **life-long love of reading**. Reading consists of two dimensions: **language comprehension** and **word reading**. Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when **adults talk with children** about the world around them and the books (**stories and non-fiction**) they **read with them**, and **enjoy rhymes**, **poems and songs** together. **Skilled word reading**, taught later, involves both the speedy working out of the **pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words** (decoding) and the speedy recognition of **familiar printed words**. Writing involves **transcription** (spelling and handwriting) and **composition** (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech, before writing).

Literacy:

- Phase 1 Phonics: Focussing on listening skills. We will work through the following aspects:
 - environmental sounds
- Learn to recognise own name
- Listen to a range of fiction/non-fiction books linked to our topic
- WOW writing linked to our topic – Self portrait with name
- Growing understanding of the five key concepts about print: print has meaning, print can have different purposes, we read English from left to right and from top to bottom, the names of the different parts of a book.

Literacy:

- Phase 1 Phonics: Focussing on listening skills. We will work through the following aspects:
 - instrumental sounds
 - body percussion
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- Listen to a range of fiction/non-fiction books linked to our topic
- WOW writing linked to topic
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Literacy:

- Phase 1 Phonics: Focussing on listening skills. We will work through the following aspects:
 - rhythm and rhyme
- Begin to form letters in own name
- Listen to a range of fiction/non-fiction books linked to our topic
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Literacy:

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 - alliteration
- Practice forming letters in own name using correct formation
- Listen to a range of fiction/non-fiction books linked to our topic
- WOW writing linked to topic
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Literacy:

- Phase 1 Phonics: Focussing on listening skills. We will work through the following aspects:
 - voice sounds
- Listen to a range of fiction/non-fiction books linked to our topic
- Practice writing letters in own name using correct formation
- Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; writing 'm' for mummy.
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Literacy:

- Phase 1 Phonics: Focussing on listening skills. We will work through the following aspects:
 oral blending and segmenting
- Practice writing letters in own name using correct formation
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Maths

Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically. Children should be able to count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10, the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers. By providing frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply this understanding - such as using manipulatives, including small pebbles and tens frames for organising counting - children will develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary from which mastery of mathematics is built. In addition, it is important that the curriculum includes rich opportunities for children to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures. It is important that children develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, 'have a go', talk to adults and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes.

Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Colours	Number	Subitising	_Height and Length	Consolidation	Number composition
Explores colours and colour	Develop fast recognition of up	Develop fast recognition of up	Tall and short, long and short.	More than/fewer than/one	1-5 revisit
matching.	to 3 objects, without having to	to 3,4,5,6 objects, without		more, one less	
	count them individually	having to count them			Before and after
Matching	('subitising').	individually ('subitising').	Mass	2D shapes	
Make comparisons between	Say one number for each item	Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.	Relate to books e.g. Three Little	ТВС	
objects and size	in order: 1,2,3,4,5.	Number	Pigs, Goldilocks	3D shapes	
Talk about an explore 2D shapes	Know that the last number	Know that the last number		TBC	
using informal and	reached when counting a small	reached when counting a small			
mathematical language	set of objects tells you how	set of objects tells you how	Capacity	Revisit Pattern	
Sorting	many there are in total	many there are in total up to 6	TBC		
Make comparisons between	Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.	Show 'finger numbers' up to 6.		Sequencing and Positional	
objects and size	Link numerals and amounts: for	Link numerals and amounts: for		Language	
Talk about an explore 2D shapes	example, showing the right	example, showing the right			
using informal and	number of objects to match the	number of objects to match the			
mathematical language	numeral, up to 5	numeral, up to 6.			
	Patterns				
	Extend and create ABAB				
	patterns – stick, leaf, stick, leaf.				

Understanding the World

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

Understanding the World:

- Talk about family and people who are important to us
- ICT: Use the continuous provision resources of role play phones, walkie talkies, keyboards, metal detectors, toy kettles etc.
- Geography: look at where we live on a simple map.
- History: Children to bring in a baby photo of themselves and discuss how they've changed linking to their own life story.
- Science: explore different materials used to build a house.

Understanding the World:

- Find out more about Firework night
- Learn about different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.
- RE: Learn about Diwali
- RE: Discover the origins of the Christmas story and the birth of Jesus
- Science: Autumn-exploring the season talking about the changes they have noticed
- Continuous provision includes opportunities to investigate

Understanding the World

- ICT: Use the continuous provision resources of role play phones, walkie talkies, keyboards, metal detectors, toy kettles etc.
- Use senses to discover the world through sensory builder's tray activities and adult led activities.
- Science: Winter-exploring the season talking about the changes they have noticed
- RE: How do people celebrate?
 Learn about Chinese New
 Year
- Continuous provision includes

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- Science: Spring-exploring the season talking about the changes they have noticed
- RE: Easter story and traditions.
- Continuous provision includes opportunities to investigate

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- ICT: Use the continuous provision resources of role play phones, walkie talkies, keyboards, metal detectors, toy kettles etc.
- RE: What can we learn from stories?
- Science: Summer- exploring the season talking about the changes they have noticed
- Continuous provision includes opportunities to investigate the world around them through play using all their senses. Children can explore collections of materials with

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- ICT: Use the continuous provision resources of role play phones, walkie talkies, keyboards, metal detectors, toy kettles etc.
- Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.
 Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- Learn about life cycles of different animals

- RE: What makes people special?
- Talk about family and people who are important to us with a growing understanding of their family's history.
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Expressive Arts & Design:

The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity. It is important that children have **regular opportunities to engage with the arts**, enabling them to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials. **The quality and variety of what children see, hear and participate in is crucial** for developing their understanding, self-expression, vocabulary and ability to communicate through the arts. The **frequency, repetition and depth** of their experiences are fundamental to their progress in interpreting and appreciating what they hear, respond to and observe.

Expressive Arts & Design:

- Art Self-portrait drawing with increasing complexity and detail
- Music When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears, Ladybird, Ladybird Fly Away Home, There was an Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe, Little Boxes on a Hillside, This Ole House (Shakin Stevens)
- Continuous provision includes junk modelling, painting and drawing, music making, role play, small world, construction

Expressive Arts & Design:

- Art Rangoli patterns with chalk in the garden
- Christmas card design
- Learn some Indian dance moves and perform in small groups
- Practise for the Christmas Show – remember and sing entire songs, and sing the melodic shape.
- Continuous provision includes junk modelling, painting and drawing, music making, role

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- DT join different materials and explore different textures, developing their own ideas about how to use them and what to make
- Continuous provision includes junk modelling, painting and drawing, music making, role play, small world, construction toys

Expressive Arts & Design:

- Easter card design
- Mothers Day card design
- Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas
- Continuous provision includes junk modelling, painting and drawing, music making, role play, small world, construction toys

Expressive Arts & Design:

- Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear etc.
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Expressive Arts & Design:

- Practise for the Summer Show– remember and sing entire songs, and sing the melodic shape.
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Experiential Learning:		Some of the experiential learning that may take place as part of our topics this year:				
Possible visitors from the local area		Visits to different places around the school				
Family members with links to other countries around the world		Visitors from local area				
St. Mary's Church leader – Christmas story		Visits from families and friends				
, ,		• In school work shops themed to topics				
		Dressing up days				
		Cooking food				
		Growing plants				
		• Arts Week sessions in the hall				
			Sports Week			
Emotional Literacy:	Emotional Literacy:	Emotional Literacy:	Emotional Literacy: WELL-	Emotional Literacy: Healthy	Emotional Literacy: MANAGING	
SELF CONFIDENCE & SELF	EMPATHY	RESILIANCE	BEING	RELATIONSHIPS	CHANGE	
AWARENESS	I understand people have	I understand why it is	I know how to keep my body	I can listen to my friends to help	I know human bodies change	
I understand how it feels to	similarities and differences in	sometimes good to be	healthy through food choices	resolve problems and be a good	over time and how this will	
belong and that we are similar	their houses, homes, families,	challenged and how	and exercise. I know ways to	friend. I can use a range of	affect me. I can recognise times	
and different. I am beginning to	skills.	perseverance can help me reach	keep myself safe.	strategies to manage my	of change in the past and the	
name and express my feelings.		my goal.		feelings and think things	future of my life.	
Consider Frances	Constitute Frances	Constitute Frances	Consider Frances	through.	Constitute Frances	
Speaking Frames:	Speaking Frames:	Speaking Frames:	Speaking Frames:	Speaking Frames:	Speaking Frames:	
"I like/dislike, you like/dislike"	"We are the same because"	"I am going to try to"	"My healthy choice was"	"Why don't we try"	"I enjoyedat school this year"	
"I am feeling"	"We are different because"	"I need to practiseto get better at"	"It helps my body because"	"I feel because"	"I feelabout moving to the next class"	