

Personal, Social and Emotional Development-

Growing in independence
Developing friendships with other children
Talking about our emotions
Learning to share resources
Using activities and resources together

Specific area: Understanding the world

Exploring different materials
Learning about nocturnal animals
Learning about Winter
Looking at changes in materials

Nursery Curriculum Map
Long Ago
Spring 1 2026

Expressive Arts and Design

Join in with traditional Nursery rhymes
Painting and printing with sponges, vegetables, corks, cotton reels
Mark making with a range of resources
Using a variety of musical instruments
Developing pretend play in role play area

Mathematics

Counting songs
Looking at sizes of objects
Comparing amounts
Making repeated patterns
Counting and number recognition
Using positional language

Physical development

Holding a pencil in a tripod grasp
Learning to hold and use scissors correctly
Learning to put our coat on unaided
Making shapes with our bodies
Moving safety is spaces

Communication and language

Stories: Alfie at Nursery school, The Tiger who came to tea, Peepo, Mog the forgetful cat, The Princess and the pea and Night Monkey, day monkey.
Listening to each other
Retelling and sequencing our stories
Follow simple instructions
Answering how what, why and when questions