



## Curriculum Map

**BUTTERFLY CURRICULUM MAP – SPRING TERM 2025** 

Atherstone Nursery School Curriculum Map

In our Nursery School we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

http://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/statutory/g00213120 eyfs-statutory-framework www.foundationyears.org.uk

This curriculum is play based, and involves children self-selecting activities, family group activities and small adult led activities by the teachers and support staff. Adults very carefully observe the children and plan progress for each of them by becoming involved in play and also planning targeted teaching to move learning forward.

Our long term curriculum mapping follows three strands:

- 1) Continuous provision planning. This ensures that the enabling environment is effective in providing stimulating and challenging opportunities for children to both reinforce and extend their learning both indoors and outdoors. Our continuous provision planning identifies effective resources to support play that are embedded in areas of learning. Practitioners in the Nursery school effectively support children's access to the continuous provision by modelling behaviour, being a play partner with the children and leading play opportunities. (See separate planning)
- 2) Child led learning. We recognise that children's learning is highly effective when children are actively involved and are interested and motivated to learn. This child led element to effective practice cannot be pre- determined, our practitioners are highly skilled in recognising and engaging in children's interests and enhancing the existing continuous provision to maximise the learning potential. (See annotated short term planning.)
- 3) Learning 'focus'. We also recognise the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum. Our practitioners plan exciting opportunities to engage and motivate children's learning. (See curriculum plan below.)

In all three strands, each child's learning and attainment is effectively supported and extended through the continuous provision and group teaching and learning. We follow the Ofsted recommendations of **Intent, Implementation and Impact,** linking them to the skills that children need to learn

AREA OF LEARNING	CORE TEXT	VOCABULARY	OPPORTUNITIES
MILESTONES FROM DATA			
SKILLS			
SEQUENTIAL LEARNING			
COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE	Spring – A wWalk in	Spring, new	Spring
42 MONTHS	Spring, Busy Spring	beginnings, renewal,	New growth/ spring flowers
Sing songs and rhymes	and Little Bears	growth, days, longer,	observe and draw/ Spring walk
1.listen, respond, engage	Spring.	warmer, flowers,	in the garden
-Child can identify a change in the lyrics of a song -Child joins in with songs that they know		birds, bees.	
Listens and responds to things said by others		,	Easter
3.listens, responds, interacts, converse, engage, elaborate, express feelings and	Easter – The Easter		Bible story/ customs/egg hunt
ideas	Story		,, ,,
-Children can take part in a two or three exchange back or fourth -Child maintains eye contact whilst engaging in a conversation	The Golden Egg, The		<b>Phonics</b> – Listening and
Child maintains eye contact whilst engaging in a conversation	Story of the Easter		Attention Skills – syllables,
48 MONTHS	Bunny and We're		hearing initial sounds,
Talks about things they are doing and things they	Going on an Egg		alliteration.
remember	hunt.		
1. listens, responds, interacts, converse, engage, elaborate, express feelings and			
ideas, storytelling -Child can retell a recently past event			
-Child can talk about feelings, thoughts and ideas			
DOED	Cuesa Herry Muses	Chinasa Naus Vaar	Valenting/s Day, shows
PSED 42 MONTHS	Guess How Much I	Chinese New Year,	Valentine's Day – shapes –
	Love You?	Zodiac, Emperor,	hearts/ love
Knows what they want to play with and where to find it 2. set simple goals, focus attention, persist.		Animal names and	
-Child becomes more resilient, seeking support when things go wrong but also		race.	Chinese New Year
moving forward	The Great Race.	Shrove Tuesday.	Food tasting/ using cotton buds
Plays with others			to paint/ Chinese numbers and
3.co-operate, listen, communicate feelings and emotions, form relationships,	The Runaway	Emotions, feel, sad,	letters in the sand and writing

persist, wait, self-regulateChild shares and takes turns with some support from adults -Child may develop a friendship with a particular child or group but may be a little reliant on that familiar child/group	Pancake and Mr Wolfes Pancakes.	happy, afraid, love, calm angry.	area.  Pancake Day Food tasting/ drawing/sting
	The Colour Monster		pancake pictures.
48 MONTHS			
Plays imaginatively with other children			
2.communicating feelings and emotions, forming relationships, listen, explain, focus attention, wait	My mum is fantastic.		Mother's Day –
-Child may know that their actions can affect how other people feel			all about Mum,
- Child can label their feelings and talk about them in relation to stories and			grandma/drawing pictures
scenarios	Vaga starios	Maditation broathing	
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	Yoga stories We're Going on a Bear	Meditation, breathing, calming and poses.	Cosmic Yoga – Balance, spatial
36 MONTHS	Hunt	anning and person	awareness
Moves around the environment with awareness and		Balance, pose, space, hold,	
control		high, low	
co-ordination, positional and confidence     -Runs with increasing spatial awareness and negotiates space successfully,			Forest School – Balance,
usually adjusts speed or direction to avoid obstacles			Climbing, Den Building,
- Sits on a push along wheeled toy, uses a scooter or ride a bike  42 MONTHS			Negotiating space, hide and seek, risk taking
Uses the toilet independently			Seek, fisk taking
1.managing own personal needs, core strength, co-ordination.			Lease Ports climbing
Being increasingly independent meeting their own care needs e.g. using the			Loose Parts – climbing,
toilet and washing and drying their hands			balancing, jumping,
Climbs, runs and jumps with confidence  2. core strength, co-ordination, agility, positional and special awareness.			collaboration, coordination,
-Accesses climbing equipment using alternate feet, maintains balance using			crawl, hop, run
hands and body to stabilise			
-Jumps off an object safely and lands appropriately using hands, arms and body			
to balance and stabilise			
48 MONTHS			
Gives new challenges a go and is aware of their own safety			
2.proficiency, control and confidence.			
-Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting e.g.			

they decide whether to crawl, walk or run across a plank depending on its length or width -Collaborate with others to manage large items, such as moving along plank safely			
<u>LITERACY</u>	The Gingerbread	Front cover, back	Making Gingerbread Men in the
<b>42 MONTHS</b> Makes many different marks including closed shapes	Man	cover, spine, blurb, author, title, letter	playdough.
2. co-ordination, position and special awareness.  -Child may begin to represent self or others with drawings and attach meaning -Child may begin to show some directionality or be able to match the size of the marks made to the size of the paper	The Three Little Pigs The Three Billy	sounds, initial sounds, character	Making stick puppets. Drawing pictures.
48 MONTHS	Goats Gruff.	Draw, write, mark,	Role play characters
Knows the difference between pictures and words		paint, imagine.	
3. decoding -Child may begin to understand that print is spoken words that is written down and that print carries meaning	Goldilocks		Initial sound writing.
Looks at books and has some favourites  1. listen, expression of ideas and feelings, co-ordination -Child may share their thoughts about a story, what they do and don't like -Child may be able to talk about how the characters are feeling in a story Child may be able to say why they think something has happened in a story			
MATHEMATICS 42 MONTHS	10 Little Penguins/5 Little Men in a flying	Number names from 0 – 10, more, less,	Number cards/ Numbers in the sand/Numbers in the
Recognises some numbers and shows an interest in	Saucer/ 5 Little	compare, subitise,	environment.
counting 2.counting, describing, comprehension of written language	Ducks	five frame, numeral,	
-Compares two small groups of up to five objects, saying when there are the same objects in each group -May enjoy counting verbally as far as they can go	Monkey Puzzle	whole, 1:1, order. Heavy, light, big, small, long, short.	Project – Where Do You Live? House numbers, addresses, mathematical language
-Uses some number names and number language within play and may show a fascination with large numbers	You Choose		Subitising to five Families – who lives in my

-Subitises one, two and three objects  48 MONTHS  Beginning to count object in their play 1.counting and comparing -Points or touches each item, saying one number for each item using stable order of 1,2, 3, 4, 5 -Begins to recognise numerals to 5 in the environment  UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD	Winter stories	Winter, snow, ice,	house?  Numeral recognition  Painting Winter pictures and
42 MONTHS  Plant seeds and care for growing plants 2.Observation, exploring, knowledge of why and where things happen, understanding of sustainability, fine motor skills -Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world  48 MONTHS	'You can do it Sam'. You can do it Sam'. 'Kipper's Snowy day'. The Snow Thief	cold, frozen, snowflakes and snowballs  spring, season, bulb, seed, grow, roots, beanstalk, sun, water,	making Snowmen in the playdough.  Planting seeds in Gardening Club  Weather – types/ how it affects us, Science of weather
Understand the key features of a life cycle of a plant or animal  2. Observation, exploring, knowledge of why and where things happen, understanding of sustainability, fine motor skills  -Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time and can begin to make observations about those changes  -Shows care and concern for living things and the environment with a growing awareness that they can effect the environment.	Jasper's Seed  The Very Hungry Caterpillar  The Tiny Seed	life cycle, egg, caterpillar, cocoon, butterfly	Experiment  Sand — wet/ dry/ building/ moulding/ filling sand pit/ exploring/ where it comes from  Birds — observe, describe, feathers, body parts, homes, sound.
EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN  42 MONTHS  Explore colour and colour mixing  2.exploration of colour, expression of ideas, fine-motor skills, -Notices and becomes interested in the transformative effect of their action on materials and resources -Enjoys and responds to playing with colour in a variety of ways, for example combining colours	Jaxon Pollock Piet Mondrian	Light, dark, shade, mixing, press, pull, push, pinch,	EAD - Easter — Parent Craft Session, Easter songs, Easter egg patterns, easter cakes, easter abstract painting, Colour experimentation, mixing, light and dark. Painting real life

48 MONTHS  Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials	objects – flowers, manipulating play dough and clay.
to use to express them  2.responding, core strength, listening, creating, expression of ideas and feelings -Continues to explore colour and how colours can be changed -Uses various construction materials, e.g. joining pieces, stacking vertically and horizontally, balancing, making enclosures and creating spaces -Uses tools for a purpose	Observational painting - flowers