



St Stephen Churchtown Academy
Medium Term Overview 2023 - 2024



Term: Spring 1

Topic: People who help us

Class: Nursery Polzeath

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Focus	People who help us - Postman	Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon)	People who help us - Firefighters	People who help us - Police	People who help us – Doctor / Nurse / Vet
Characteristics of Effective Learning	Lenny Lion's Learning Zoo: Go For It Gorilla, Exploring Elephant, I Know Rhino, Proud Peacock, Concentrating Crocodile, Persevering Parrot, Choosing Chimp, Creative Chameleon, Slinky Linky Snake				
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p align="center">SCARF: Keeping Safe - People who help keep me safe</p> <p align="center">I know what to do if I feel unsafe.</p>	<p align="center">SCARF: Keeping Safe - Safety indoors and outdoors</p> <p align="center">I can recognise potential dangers and how to stay safe.</p>	<p align="center">SCARF: Keeping Safe – What is safe to go in my body?</p> <p align="center">I can learn the importance of keeping safe around medicines and unknown products</p>		
	<p>3-4: I can select and use activities and resources, with help when needed; I am developing my sense of responsibility and membership of a community; I am becoming more outgoing with unfamiliar people; I am showing more confidence in new social situations; I can play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas; I can find solutions to conflicts and rivalries; I can increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important; I can remember rules without needing an adult to remind me; I am developing appropriate ways of being assertive; I can talk with others to solve conflicts; I can talk about my feelings; I am understanding gradually how others might be feeling; I am becoming increasingly independent in meeting my own care needs; I can make healthy choices</p>				
Communication and Language	<p>Focus Rhyme: Miss Polly</p> <p>Topic Focus Story: The Jolly Postman</p>				
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<p>3-4: I enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens; I can pay attention to more than one thing at a time; I can use a wider range of vocabulary; I can understand a question or instruction that has two parts; I can understand 'why' questions; I can sing a large repertoire of songs; I know many rhymes, I can talk about familiar books, and I can tell a long story; I am developing my communication and pronunciation; I can use longer sentences of four to six words; I can express a point of view and debate when I disagree with an adult or a</p>					

	friend, using words as well as actions; I can start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns; I can use talk to organise myself and my play.				
Physical Development Gross Motor Skills	Practice basic physical skills such as, skipping, hopping, running and jumping Squiggle while you Wiggle	Cosmic Kids Yoga: Frozen Practice basic physical skills such as, skipping, hopping, running and jumping Squiggle while you Wiggle	Practice basic physical skills such as, skipping, hopping, running and jumping Squiggle while you Wiggle	Cosmic Kids Yoga: Frozen Practice basic physical skills such as, skipping, hopping, running and jumping Squiggle while you Wiggle	Practice basic physical skills such as, skipping, hopping, running and jumping Squiggle while you Wiggle
Physical Development Fine Motor Skills	Threading, cutting, weaving, playdough, Fine Motor activities. Manipulate objects with good fine motor skills Draw lines and circles using gross motor movements Hold pencil/paint brush beyond whole hand grasp Large scale construction to support muscles in hands e.g. duplo and mobilo Playdough Disco Daily name writing 3-4: I am continuing to develop my movement, balancing, riding and ball skills; I can go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet; I can skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game; I can use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks; I am starting to take part in some group activities which I make up for myself, or in teams; I am increasingly able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm; I can match my developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting; I can choose the right resources to carry out my own plan; I can collaborate with others to manage large items; I can use one-handed tools and equipment; I can use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils; I am showing a preference for a dominant hand; I am becoming increasingly independent as I get dressed and undressed.				
Literacy	Sensory name writing Daily phonics teaching High quality texts Half termly name writing assessment See Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised planning for Foundations for Phonics Daily Story Time Our focus story Book Vote Early Years Library visits 3-4: I can engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary; I can write some letters accurately.				
	Number Rhyme Focus: Here is the beehive (up to 5) Five little ducks (back from 5)				

Mathematics	<p>Numbers of the Week 1 and 2</p> <p>Shapes of the Week Circle and Rectangle</p> <p>Counting principle: Cardinality (Subitising numbers to 2)</p> <p>Pattern: ABC Patterns</p>	<p>Number of the Week 3</p> <p>Shape of the Week Triangle</p> <p>Counting principle: Cardinality (Subitising numbers to 3)</p>	<p>Number of the Week 3</p> <p>Shape of the Week Triangle</p> <p>Counting principle: Composition and Comparison</p>	<p>Number of the Week 4</p> <p>Shape of the Week Square</p> <p>Counting principle: Counting and Cardinality</p>	<p>Number of the Week 4</p> <p>Shape of the Week Square</p> <p>Counting principle: Composition</p>
	<p>3-4: I can talk about and identify the patterns around me, for example, stripes on clothes, designs on rugs and wallpaper; I can use informal language like 'pointy', 'spotty', 'blobs', etc; I can extend and create ABAB patterns (stick, leaf, stick, leaf); I can notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern; I am beginning to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then...'</p>				
Understanding the World	<p>People who help us in our community</p> <p>What celebrations to we celebrate with our families?</p> <p>Chinese New Year</p> <p>Observe daily weather.</p> <p>The Natural World (Winter weather photos)</p> <p>Science: Melting ice</p> <p>Computing: Interactive Whiteboard</p>	<p>People who help us in our community</p> <p>Observe daily weather.</p> <p>Exploring how things work.</p> <p>We will be looking at celebrations around the world. (National / Global)</p> <p>The Natural World (Winter clothing sorting)</p> <p>Science: Melting chocolate</p> <p>Computing: Interactive Whiteboard</p>	<p>People who help us in our community</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family history.</p> <p>We will be looking at maps to discuss where we live. (Local) Have we been to any other countries?</p> <p>The Natural World (Seasons)</p> <p>Computing: Interactive Whiteboard</p>		
	<p>3-4: I can use all my senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials; I can explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties; I can talk about what I see, using a wide vocabulary; I am beginning to make sense of my own life story and family history; I can show interest in different occupations; I can explore how things work; I can plant seeds and care for growing plants; I understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal; I am beginning to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things; I can explore and talk about different forces I can feel; I can talk about the differences between materials and changes I notice;</p>				

I am continuing to develop a positive attitude about the differences between people; I know that there are different countries in the world and I can talk about the differences I have experienced or seen in photos

Expressive Arts and Design

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3-4: I can play instruments with increasing control to express my feelings and ideas