## Curriculum Overview 2025-26

Year: Nursery

'We create a nurturing environment which both inspires and challenges our whole school family, equipping our children to have

high aspirations to: 'Dream big, love God and live well.'

## **Nursery - Progression Document and Curriculum Overview**

Area of Learning	Autumn 1 -	Autumn 2 -	Spring 1	Spring 2 -	Summer 1 -	Summer 2 -				
	It's good to be me	Celebrations	Winter and Superheroes	The world around us	Traditional Tales	Minibeasts				
Church School Value	Koinonia	Generosity	Норе	Friendship	Respect	Thankfulness				
British Value	Democracy	Individual Liberty	The Rule of Law	Tolerance of those of	Mutual Respect	All British Values				
				different faiths and beliefs						
Characteristics of			Characteristics o	f Effective Learning						
Effective Learning	Playing and exploring: - Children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'. Children who actively participate in their own play develop a larger store of information and experiences to draw on									
	which positively supports their learning  Active learning: - Children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties. They are proud of their own achievements. For children to develop into self-regulating, lifelong learners they are required to take ownership, accept challenges and learn persistence.  Creating and thinking critically: - Children develop their own ideas and make links between these ideas. They think flexibly and rationally, drawing on previous experiences which help them to solve									
	problems and reach conclusions.									
Overarching principles	Unique Child: Every child is unique and has the potential to be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.  Positive Relationships: Children flourish with warm, strong & positive partnerships between all staff and parents/carers. This promotes independence across the EYFS curriculum. Children and practitioners are NOT alone – embrace each community.									
	Enabling environments: Children learn and develop well in safe and secure environments where routines are established and where adults respond to their individual needs and passions and help them to									
	Laamina and Davalan	build upon their learning over time.  Learning and Development: Children develop and learn at different rates (not in different ways as it stated 2017). We must be aware of children who need greater support than others.								
Other Possible Themes	New rules and routines of	Explores the differences in	•	Growing plants	Good and bad - Character	Celebration				
Office rossible melles	school. Encourages them to	the world at night	Helping new friends	Exploring plants	Love of books.	Success				
	make friends and feel	compared to the day.	Reminders of rules	World Book Day -	Books for pleasure	Transition to Year 1				
	confident in their class.	Importance of a good	Christmas memories	books from around	Innovate story's and rhymes.	Gross motor focus - Sports				
	Being helpful, kind, and	night's sleep		the world	Traditional Tales	Day				
	thoughtful at home and at	Nocturnal animals								
	school.	Autumn								
	Being unique and special.	Fireworks								
		Celebrations World Hollo Day								
	At Bishop King, with our	World Hello Day high EAL group, language develop	ment is a main priority. The devel	lopment of children's spoke	In language underpins all seven areas of	earning and development.				
	At Bishop King, with our high EAL group, language development is a main priority. 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									
CAL Intent	echoing back what they say with new vo	-								
	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 of									

				=	telling and role play, where children shar table using a rich range of vocabulary an				
Communication and Language is developed throughout the year through high quality interactions, daily group discussions, circle times, stories, singing, speech and language interventions wuch as WELLCOMM.  Specific vocabulary is taught through the progressive programme, Word Aware.  We also use Elklan and ECAT strategies and principles to support our daily interactions.	Listening, Attention and Understanding  Children will be supported and encouraged to listen for increasing periods of time.  Children will begin to listen to simple stories and begin to demonstrate some understanding with help of pictures.  Speaking  Children will develop their understanding of conversation with adults,	Listening, Attention and Understanding  Children will begin to pay attention to more than one thing at a time.  Children will begin to understand a simple question or instruction.  Speaking  Children will have opportunities to develop conversations with both adults and peers.  Children will have regular opportunities to listen to modelled language from all adults.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will sing and engage in a large repertoire of songs.  Speaking Children will have regular opportunities to hear modelled language correctly pronunciated and using the correct tense.	Listening, Attention and Understanding Children will have opportunities to engage in regular book talk sessions.  Speaking Children will develop turn taking in speech. Children will begin to communicate more effectively.	Listening, Attention and Understanding  To begin to ask and understand "why" questions"  Children will be encouraged and supported to develop their own storytelling skills.  Speaking  Children will begin to use longer sentences to communicate thoughts, ideas and feelings.	Listening, Attention and Understanding  Children will have opportunities to further develop their listening skills through foundations in phonics.  Children will have opportunities to listen to a range of texts every day.  Speaking  Children will begin to express themselves and share their point of view with peers.  Children will begin to use talk to organise themselves and in their play.			
	Listening, Attention and Understanding: Listen attentively to stories, responding appropriately. Understand simple questions and act on longer sentences. Maintain attention in whole class and small group context. Follow 1 step instructions.  Speaking: Use simple sentences, of 4 to 6 words, to communicate to others as well as help to organise themselves and own play. Have a large repertoire of songs and Nursery Rhymes. Begin to use past and present tense accurately and answer 'why?' questions.  BK end of Nursery expectations: Talk about and retell in simple terms the Nursery core texts.								
PSED Intent	At Bishop King, 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, nurturing 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 and 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 and Emotional Development Children develop their personal, social and emotional skills throughout the year through social understanding of language (SULP) sessions, circle times, social stories, diversity stories, Tapestry time and floor books and modelled play.	Self-Regulation Children will begin to understand and express their emotions and talk about why. Managing Self Children are able to express their preferences and decisions. Building Relationships Children will begin to develop friendships with their peers.		Self-Regulation Children will be familiar with rules and begin to understand why they are important.  Managing Self Children will select resources they need to achieve a goal set or chosen for them. Building Relationships Children will begin to engage in play with others.	Self-Regulation Children will talk about the roles and expectations. Managing Self Children will be more confident meeting unfamiliar people with the contexts of the setting. Building Relationships Children will begin to initiate play with others.	Self-Regulation Children will be able to talk about their feelings using words like 'Worried', 'sad', and 'angry'.  Managing Self Children will begin to celebrate and share achievements.  Building Relationships Children will engage in play with children extending and elaborating ideas.	Self-Regulation Children will begin to think about how others may be feeling. Managing Self Children will begin to celebrate and share achievements. Building Relationships Children will engage in play with children extending and elaborating ideas.			

Self-Regulation; Aware of own feelings and know that some actions can hurt others feelings/ Accept the needs of others and can take turns and share resources with support with others. Usually can tolerate delay when needs are not immediately met and understand that wish may now always be met. Has the ability to adapt behaviour to different events, social situations and changes on the bed.

Managing Self: Enjoys the responsibility of carrying out small tasks, selecting the appropriate activity and resources. Confident to talk to others when playing and more outgoing towards unfamiliar peope and in new situations.

Building Relationships: Initiate play offering cues for peers to join in, extend and elaborate on play and keep playing going by responding to what others are doing. Demonstrate friendly behaviour, initiating conversation and forming relationships with peers and adults. Be involved in pretend play with different roles. Negotiate solutions to conflict in their play.

BK end of Nursery expectations: Independently use the toilet. Independently put on coats and put things in their bags.

#### PD 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. By creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, Intent 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. In our setting, outdoor space is vital due to a lack of this at home for most children. 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 tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence. Gross Motor Physical Development Gross Motor Gross Motor Children be able to transition into different positions (sitting, all fours, Children will be able to show confidence in balancing on one foot. Children will be supported to skip, hop and hold a pose. Children will begin to pedal a tricycle. Children will develop ball skills and kick a ball. lying on tummy) Children will walk and run smoothly negotiating space. Children will use steps and climbing apparatus with alternate feet. Children will jump over low objects and land with both feet together. Children improve their gross and Children will begin to develop balance and control through obstacle courses Children will have opportunities to use large muscle movements in Children will be able to use a range of indoor and outdoor resources to create games fine motor skills daily by their shoulders to wave, paint, and mark make. and obstacles by themselves. engaging in different fingers Children will begin to imitate bilateral movements of limbs (arms up Fine Motor Childre will have opportunities to develop strength, agility, co-ordination and balance. activities (threading, cutting, Fine Motor together, marching) Children will begin to use one handed tools, like scissors to snip weaving, playdough), mark Fine Motor Children will be able to demonstrate a dominant hand. paper. making, construction, drawing, Children will begin to demonstrate a comfortable pencil grip. Children will use both hands at the same time to make the same movements Children will be supported to use a knife and fork. writing, Dough Disco and Children will be able to pick up small objects and collecting them into the Children will be encouraged to demonstrate a dominant hand. Children will show a degree of control when cutting (use hoop scissors) Squiggle while you wiggle. Health and Self Care Children will be able to comfortably use a range of tools including pencils, Children will be encouraged to handle their own care needs with a Children will be able to pick out 1 object from the other palm. paintbrushes, tweezers and construction. degree of independence. Children will be able to fill an inset puzzle Children will be taught the correct formation for the letters in their name. Children will be encouraged to talk about healthy choices. Children will have opportunities to to zip, pour, scoop, push and pull. Health and Self Care Children will be supported to gain independence when dressing and undressing. Health and Self Care Children will be supported when toileted. Children will have an awareness of oral hygiene. Children will be supported in washing hands. Gross motor: Develop movements such as climbing onto frames, ride a balance bike and walk across a beam. Make up own body movements. Negotiate space with support. Fine Motor: Use scissors confidently and safely. Use equipment appropriately and confortably eq. Pencils, paintbrushes and tweezers. Can form some of the letters in name. Can turn pages of a book one at a time. BK end of Nursery expectations: Know how to carry scissors correctly around the classroom. Literacy Reading is a key driver for our curriculum. 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 Intent 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). We use Read, Write Inc to teach phonics, reading and writing. Comprehension Literacy Comprehension Comprehension Children will be taught explicitly how to handle books. Children will learn about authors, reading left to right and the Children will be encouraged to express their likes and dislikes about the text. Children will participate in Children will have lots of opportunities to share books with adults, peers difference between writing and illustrations. Children will learn and become familiar with a selection of high-quality texts. phrase 1 phonics activities. Children will engage in book talk sessions. Word Reading and independently. We will use oral segmenting Word Reading Children will be exposed to a wide range of print, making them aware that Children will take part in phonological awareness activities that involves all aspects Children will take part in phonological awareness activities that as one of our interaction print carries meaning, of foundations in phonics. Children will begin to identify rhymes and suggest words that rhyme. Word Reading involves rhyming elements. strategies to support their Children will take part in phonological awareness activities Children will begin to show an awareness of syllables. Children will begin to identify alliteration and identify words with the same initial oral blending skills. Children will begin to create a bank of rhymes and songs they remember sound. We will develop story telling and recite independently. Children will engage in a wide range of pre writings skills to promote Children will explore and recognise that initial sounds in words. Writing the development of large muscle and small Writing skills through Talk for

muscle co-ordination.

familiar with.

Children will be supported and encouraged to write letters they are

Children will be encouraged to talk about the marks they make.

Children will opportunities to explore mark making through a range of

Children will begin to show a preference of a dominant writing hand.

Writing and repetitive story

telling.

Children will be encouraged and supported to write some or all of their name.

### Core texts:

The very Hungry Caterpillar
Owl Babies
Little Red Riding Hood
Three Little Pigs
Peace at Last
The Gingerbread Man
Noah's Ark
Whatever Next













Comprehension: Listen to a variety of books and discuss new vocabulary learnt. Tell own simple stories. Can engage in a conversation about a story and suggest how it ends. Join in with many songs, rhymes and poems.

Word Reading: Sing song copying tunes, rhythms, sounds and tempo. Recognise own name Beginning to recognise sounds. Has some understanding of alteration

Writing: Pretend to write in a range of context, giving meaning to the marks made. Use a consistent pencil grip. Write some sounds in name.

BK end of Nursery expectations: Is beginning to oral blend. Know the 5 simple actions for talk for writing.

#### **Mathematics Intent**

Within our setting we believe developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop 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 ten 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 and provision give opportunity to consolidate mathematical concepts. 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.

#### Mathematics

Children will be introduced to numerical concepts through a process of play, adult led activities and planned provision.

Children will explore concrete apparatus to develop their understanding.

Children will follow the White
Rose Maths scheme as well
as be introduced to elements
of the Mastering Maths
programme and Numicon firm
foundations.

Children will be taught number

Children will have opportunities to sort and compare.

Children will compare size and length.

Children will have opportunities to explore patterns.

Children will that a final number in a set is the quantity.

Children will learn about circles,

compare amounts.

Children will be introduction to

Children will learn and explore

Children will be taught more and

Children will have opportunities to

representations up to 5.

subitising.

triangles and squares and related language.

Children will have apportunities to

Children will have opportunities to discuss day and night.

Children have opportunities to sing number songs and rhymes.

Children will be introduced to zero. Children will have opportunities to subitise up to 3.

Children will learn more, less and same.

Children will have opportunities to explore number composition.
Children will learn about heavy and light and full and empty.

Children will be taught Children careful counting. from Children will learn and children captors representations up Children captors c

to 6.
Children will have
opportunities to subitise up
to 6.

Children will learn language same and different. Children will be introduced

to 'How many altogether'
Children will be introduced length.
Children will have

Children will have opportunities to explore new language; now, before, later and soon through ordering.
Children will explore 2d and 3d shape and patterns.

Children will be taught how to count objects from a larger group.

Children will explore matching quantities. Children will have opportunities to explore 'how many altogether'

Children will be taught the language fair, same and equal in relation to sharing between two groups.

Children will be taught simple positional language.

Children will have op[opportunities to replicate simple models.

Children will have opportunities to sing new number rhymes and songs. Children will have opportunities to recite number names forwards and backwards.

Children will have opportunities to subitise up top 10.

Children will learn how to count objects up to 10.

Children will explore representations up to 10.

Children will have opportunities to explore map making and directions

Number: Count everyday objects. Have a deep understanding of quantities to 5, including composition. Know that the last number is the total. To rote count to 10. Represent numbers using marks, fingers and digits. Identify numerals in the environment and say when two quantities are the same.

Numerical Patterns: Notice and copy repeated patterns. Can talk about daily routine using words like 'today' and 'after' Talk about and explore 2 D shapes.

#### BK end of Nursery expectations:

Subitising to at least 3. Have some understanding of number composition.

## KUW Intent

As a church school we endeavour to provide children with opportunities to explore their own spirituality through our core values and celebrate our multicultural community. Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and the diverse community that surrounds Bishop King School. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them –this includes 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.

# Knowledge and understanding of the world.

History: Past and Present
Children will have the opportunity
to talk about the lives of people
around them,

History: Past and Present

Children will talk about the different lives of people in their community.
Children will begin to talk about

History: Past and Present

Children will explore pictures and books showing how life was different in the past

History: Past and Present Children will talk about significant events,

Geography: People, Culture

History: Past and Present
Children will explore similarities and differences over time.

Geography: People, Culture and

History: Past and Present Geography: People, Culture and Communities

Children will talk about the

Children will participate in
TastEd activities where they
use their senses to explore
fruit, vegetables, herbs and
spices.
The respond to planned

The respond to planned questions about the 'book of the week' which supports their scientific thinking.
Activities are planned that focus on the world beyond our school and comparisons are made with other countries.

We observe and respond to the changing seasons. Recording this on a timeline.

Planned Scientific adult led activities and provocations linked to stories using the Play BC website. Geography: People, Culture and Communities

Children will have the opportunity to talk about their immediate environment.

Science: The Natural World
Children explore the world around
them

RE: People, Culture and Communities

Technology: Understanding the

Children will have opportunities to explore operate technological toys.

significant events.

Geography: People, Culture and

Communities
Children will describe their

immediate environment

Science: The Natural World

Children will make observations

about the immediate environment

about the immediate env around them. Book: Tree

Adult led activities and provocations: Tree top walk activity and bark rubbing provocations

RE: People, Culture and
Communities

Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities.

Technology: Understanding the World

Children will part in simple fieldwork activities, such as helping to take photographs or recording simple data.

Geography: People, Culture and

Children will have opportunities to talk about changes that have occurred.

Science: The Natural World
Book: Topsy and Tim go to the
Doctors

Adult led activities and provocations: repeated pill patterns provocations. Making medicines adult led

RE: People, Culture and Communities

Technology: Understanding the World

Children will explore technology at home and school.

and Communities Con

Science: The Natural World difference Children explore what is the seasons)

same and different in the local area.

Book: Little Bears Spring Adult led activities and provocations: Making ice lollies adult led. Painting with ice provocation

RE: People, Culture and Communities

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.

Technology: Understanding the World

Communities

Children will explore similarities and differences of different places. (weather,

Science: The Natural World

To explore changes and process that occur in natural world.

Book: Who Sank the boat?

Adult led activities and provocations: Raft

building adult led. Senosry sinking and floating bottles.

oating bottles.

RE: People, Culture and Communities
Technology: Understanding the World
Children will explore aga appropriate
software to take images and record sounds.

differences and similarities of people in their community.

Science: The Natural World

Children will sort and group materials and resources and talk about how they are similar or different.

Book: Too many Bubbles

Adult led activities and provocations:

Bubble wand provocations. Table

RE: People, Culture and Communities
Technology: Understanding the

World

bubbles adult led.

Past and Present: Can sequence simple routine events. Can sequence family members by age.

People, Culture and Communities: Interest in the lives of people who are special to them. Talk about special events in their lives. Know that there are other countries other than where they live. Notice differences between people.

The Natural World: Explore the changing weather and seasons. Can observe changes such as ice melting and suggest why. To show care for the environment, Talk about growth and life cycles of plants and animals.

BK end of Nursery expectations: Know the names for basic farm, pet and jungle animals. Know what plants need to grow.

EAD

Intent

At Bishop King, 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. We encourage children to listen attentively and move to music. Our continuous provision provides children with opportunities to develop their confidence to be able to create individual pieces of work; choosing their own resources, techniques and ideas.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will begin to use elements of the Charanga music scheme. They will learn about some Artists and composers of the moment along with the rest of the school.

We ensure that our interactions during child-initiated play foster independence and individual imagination.

Music: Being Imaginative

Children will have the opportunity to listen to environmental and percussions sounds.
Children will have opportunities to express themselves through music and perform their own music.

Art & Design: Creating with Materials

Children will be able to give meaning to marks they make.

Music/ Imaginative play: Being Imaginative

Children will experiment with different instruments and their sounds.

Children will be able to play share and perform familiar nursery rhymes and songs for different cultures and times

Children will have opportunities for simple role play.

Art & Design: Creating with Materials

Children will begin to create shapes with continuous lines.

with continuous lines.
Children will explore and experiment with colours.

Music/Imaginative play: Being Imaginative

Children will be able to distinguish the different familiar sounds they hear.

Children will be supported to use different objects and materials to represent something else.

Art & Design: Creating with Materials

Children will begin to draw with increasing complexity and detail from both their imagination and observation.

Children will be able to talk about colour and the differences they notice.

Music: Being Imaginative

Children will explore playing different instruments with increasing control.

Art & Design: Creating with Materials

Children will begin to use these shapes to represent objects and people.

Children will explore and experiment with colours.

Music/Imaginative play: Being Imaginative Children will have opportunities to sing their own songs or change the words of songs they know.

Children will be supported to develop more complex stories using small world resources.

Art & Design: Creating with Materials
Children will begin to use drawings to
represent ideas like movement.
Children will be able to talk about how
colours have changed.

Music/Imaginative play: Being Imaginative

Children will be able to respond to what they have heard making connections, expressing their thoughts and feelings.
Children will be supported and

Children will be supported and encouraged to use constructions kits to create small world settings.

Art & Design: Creating with Materials

Children will begin to show emotions and expressions through drawings Children will have the opportunity explore an artist.

Creating with Materials: Share creations, talking about and evaluating work. Use shapes to create representation. Construct with a range of materials using tools to join materials together. Show an interest in the texture of objects/materials. Explore how colours change.

Being Imaginative: Extend and develop storylines, Engaging in role play. Independently sing, dance and create artwork showing a passion for one of these.

BK end of Nursery expectations: Know basic colours. Know how to use paint effectively (water, sponge, colour paint)