Bishop King CE Primary School: Learning Challenge Curriculum Nursery

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Question	Who lives in my house?	Where does the day go at night?	What makes a sound?	Who are the famous animals in my books?	Who goes to the Ugly Bug Ball?	What can I do with water?
wow	Show pictures or videos of the locality showing recognisable buildings	Read 'Owl Babies'. Watch time lapse video on the smart board showing night turning into day. Pantomime trip	Invite a musician to work with the children.	Read 'Handa's Surprise', and have a bowl of exotic fruits from all over the world to talk about and taste.	Read 'The Very hungry Caterpillar'. Act out the story.	Introduce the class goldfish to be cared for, for the duration of the challenge.
Role play	Home corner	Woodland/Blackout tent with torches	Disco/dance floor	Vet/animal hospital	Minibeast discovery - tent	seaside and beach huts
Context	Good introduction to nursery. It is important that children are given challenges that reflect who they are and what they are familiar with. Through this challenge, children will feel valued and will be more confident to talk about the people and places they know.	Good challenge to get children into habit of hearing lots of questions. Need to be exposed to 'I wonder' and 'what would happen if' questions, to be encouraged to ask own questions and make links. Good to initiate deeper discussion and listen to other's ideas.	Links well to Letters and Sounds Phase 1 where focus is listening. Listening to others is a developing skill in nursery and use of instruments enables children to develop listening skills, rhythm and distinguishing sounds.	Focusing on rhyme, rhythm and favourite songs and stories is an essential precursor to reading and looking at the animals in books adds another dimension.	Children start to use imagination and exploration skills. They can also look at healthy eating, change in environment and seasonal changes. Children can become scientists finding homes for creatures, and consider where insects go in different weather.	Allows children to explore water, looking at the language of mathematics, using variety of high quality texts and exploring planting and growing. They can explore soap flakes, bubbles ans other textures to improve strength and dexterity.
Celebrations		Bonfire night Diwali Chistmas	Chinese New Year	Easter BK day		Sports day
Book	'Do You Want to be My Friend' by Eric Carle	'The Mixed up Chameleon' by Eric Carle	'Cock-a-doodle- do! Farmyard Hullabaloo' by Giles Andreae	'Elmer' by David McKee	'There was an Old lady Who Swallowed a Fly' by Pam Adams	'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson
Traditional tale	Goldilocks	Gingerbread man	Three Little Pigs	Red Riding Hood Little Red Hen	Cinderella	Jack and the Beanstalk
PSHE/P4C	Forgiveness	Peace (Shalom)	Truth (Incarnation)	Justice (Holiness)	Respect (The Trinity)	Generosity (Grace)
Reflection	Walk around the locality finding shops, parks, houses.	Shadow theatre and fun in the blackout tent.	The Nursery Orchestra	Dress as animals and act out stories. Animal party.	Ugly Bug Ball!	Simple challenges for outdoor exploration.