

Owl Class Reception Overview 2026 - 2027

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Topic Title	Magical Me!	Amazing Imagination!	What makes a story special?	Where does food come from?	How does your garden grow?	What lives under the sea?
Visit/Visitor	<i>Visit from a baby</i>	<i>Pantomime Visit or visit to The Egg</i>		<i>Court Farm</i>		<i>Outdoor Zoo visit</i>
Maths	Baseline Assessment (2 Weeks) Autumn Block 1 Match, Sort, Compare (2 weeks) Autumn Block 2 Talk about measure and pattern (2 weeks) Autumn Block 3 It's me 1, 2, 3 (2 weeks)	Autumn Block 4 Circles & Triangles (1 week) Autumn Block 5 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (2 weeks) Autumn Block 6 Shapes with 4 sides (1 week)	Spring Block 1 Alive in 5 (2 weeks) Spring Block 2 Mass & Capacity (1 week) Spring Block 3 Growing 6 7 8 (2 weeks) Spring Block 4 Length, Height & Time (1 week)	Spring Block 5 Building 9 &10 (3 weeks) Spring Block 6 Explore 3D Shapes (2 weeks)	Summer Block 7 To 20 & beyond (2 weeks) Summer Block 8 How many now? (1 week) Summer Block 9 Manipulate, compose & decompose (2 weeks)	Summer Block 10 Sharing and Grouping (2 weeks) Summer Block 11 Visualise, Build & Mape (3 weeks) Summer Block 12 Make Connections (1 week)

Literacy to include daily phonics	<u>C & L Focus</u> Listening and participating during whole class book sessions Commenting on stories Joining in with repeated refrains Sequencing stories Giving personal responses to texts Unlocking Letters and Sounds Phase 2	<u>C & L Focus</u> Sequencing stories Rhyming, repeated refrains Traditional Tales Unlocking Letters and Sounds Phase 2 & 3	<u>C & L Focus</u> Sequencing stories Rhyming, repeated refrains Beginning sentences Story mapping Poetry List writing Speech bubbles Labelling Unlocking Letters and Sounds Phase 3 Mastery	<u>C & L Focus</u> Non-fiction Sequencing stories Speech bubbles Thought bubbles Descriptive sentences Traditional Tales Character descriptions Unlocking Letters and Sounds Phase 3 Mastery	<u>C & L Focus</u> Non-fiction Descriptive sentences Instructions Creating fact books Unlocking Letters and Sounds Phase 4	<u>C & L Focus</u> Non-fiction Creating our own stories - beginning, middle, end Postcards Poetry Unlocking Letters and Sounds Phase 4 revision & mastery
Book links/texts	Owl Babies Goldilocks & the Three Bears Funnybones Starting School - Ahlbergs	Cinderella Rapunzel Snow White Gingerbread Man Jolly Christmas Postman - Ahlbergs non-fiction - Animals in Winter	Stickman Room on the Broom Gruffalo Gruffalo's Child The Jolly Postman	Farmer Duck The Duck in the Truck The Little Red Hen The Enormous Turnip	The Tiny Seed The Very Hungry Caterpillar The Very Greedy Bee Non fiction books about plants and minibeasts I will not never eat a tomato	The Rainbow Fish Winnie At The Seaside Fidgety Fish/Clumsy Crab Ruth Galloway Gilbert The Hero stories Barry The Fish with Fingers Non-fiction Picture Books on sea creatures

Traditional Rhymes	Five Little Speckled Frogs Five Little Ducks 1 2 3 4 5 Once I caught a Fish Alive 1 2 Buckle My Shoe 10 in the bed Incy Wincy Spider When I was 1 Wind the bobbin up Five Little Monkeys Twinkle twinkle little star		Humpty dumpty Yellow Bird The Grand Old Duke of York Hey Diddle Diddle Hickory Dickory dock Here we go round the Mulberry Bush Heads shoulders knees and toes If you're happy and you know it Old Macdonald Mary had a little lamb		Revise previous rhymes	
Fine Motor Skills/Handwriting ULS Handwriting Scheme	Pre- writing pattern & strengthening activities - pen disco, dough disco • dots • straight lines & crosses • circles • waves Scissor Skills Pencil Grip assessment	Name writing (cont) Scissor skills (cont) Pegs 2 Paper Monitor pencil grip Pre-writing patterns & strengthening activities - pen disco • angled patterns • eights • spirals	Name writing (cont) Scissor skills (cont) Pegs 2 Paper Monitor pencil grip Letter formation - l i t u y j r n m p h b Pen Disco ULS Handwriting Unit 4 Lower case Letter formations	Name writing (cont) Scissor skills (cont) Pegs 2 Paper Monitor pencil grip Letter formation - k c o a d g q e s f Pen Disco ULS Handwriting Unit 4 Lower case Letter formations	Name writing (cont) Scissor skills (cont) Pegs 2 Paper Monitor pencil grip Letter formation - v w x z Pen Disco ULS Handwriting Unit 4 Lower case Letter formations	Name writing (cont) Scissor skills (cont) Pegs 2 Paper Monitor pencil grip Letter formation - Pen Disco ULS Handwriting Unit 6 Name Writing (ongoing) &

	Teach correct use of pencil grip Name writing ULS Handwriting Unit 1 developing gross & fine motor skills, Unit 2 establishing correct pencil grip & Unit 3 Pre Writing Skills Mastery Teach 'point, pinch, flip' strategy	left to right orientation ULS Handwriting Unit 3 Pre Writing Skills Mastery cont & Unit 4 Lower case Letter formations		Unit 5 Forming Letter Families	Unit 5 Forming Letter Families	Unit 7 Number formation
Additional Writing (topic link)	Name writing and fine motor activities Goldilocks & the Three Bears Owl Babies Writing assessment Funnybones Writing assessment	Write an invitation to a ball Write repeating refrain in Snow White, Rapunzel & Gingerbread Man Label Gingerbread Man story map	Write a speech bubble for SM & write a sentence to match picture from SM Write own repeating sentence from ROTB Write list of characters from ROTB Write own magic spell Draw/write Gruffalo story map	Write a sentence to match a given picture Write a thought cloud - Farmer Duck Write a letter to say sorry - Farmer to the duck Draw/write story map for The Little Red Hen and The Enormous Turnip	Label parts of a plant Write a minibeast fact Write frog facts Create a minibeast factfile Poetry writing - at the pond I saw	The Rainbow Fish - recount Under the sea picture stimulus - sentences to match Write our own descriptive poem about the sea Write a postcard Write a factfile - sharks

		List ingredients to decorate Gingerbread Man	Write Gruffalo menu & design own favourite menu Write list of characters from The Gruffalo	Character Description - The Little Red Hen Label farm design		Write a factfile - jellyfish
Understanding the World (topic related)	Parts of the Body Healthy eating - know that you need at least 5 pieces of fruit and vegetables a day Hand Hygiene Looking after our teeth Me - now and then The Five Senses parents, grandparents	Making magical mud Bubbling Magic potions	Floating and sinking Making sandcastles using dry and wet sand Making magic potions Making Sparkling Snow	What is a farm? Types of Farm Farm animals & their young Farm animals & food produce Jobs on the Farm Design my own farm	What is a garden? Plants in school grounds & lifecycle of a plant Do plants need light to grow? (experiment) What is a minibeast? Minibeast hunt - where do minibeasts live? Learn about habitats Pond dipping & identifying minibeasts in school pond Lifecycle of a frog	What is under the sea? How do sea creatures get their food? How do sea creatures move? Investigate how much a model boat can carry What colours are sea creatures? Holidays in other countries - what is the same? Different? Find countries on world map Investigating how materials change - Rainbow Fish writing

Understanding the World (personal knowledge/cultural capital)	Seasons of the Year - Autumn, Harvest Festival Exploring Autumn Leaves Hedgehogs & hibernation Describing places in our local area Our school and our route to school Weather - map of UK, capital cities of UK, learning symbols	Weather - map of UK, capital cities of UK, learning symbols Bonfire Night Guy Fawkes Remembrance Day Diwali Advent Christmas	Seasons of the Year - Winter Chinese New Year St Valentine's Day Shrove Tuesday Weather - map of UK, capital cities of UK, learning symbols	Seasons of the Year - Spring St David's Day Mothering Sunday St Patrick's Day Easter Exploring Spring in the environment Weather - map of UK, capital cities of UK, learning symbols	St George's Day May Day Weather - map of UK, capital cities of UK, learning symbols	Seasons of the Year - Summer Father's Day Weather - map of UK, capital cities of UK, learning symbols
Expressive Arts & Design	Paint self portrait Colour Collage - naming and recognising Paper plate Owls Funnybones pictures Favourite food collage	Making Magic Mirror Paper plate golden carriage Make Christmas cards	Paint SM Make own snowflake Make a broom and a magic wand Design own truly magnificent broom	Paint farm animals Make a paper plate farm animal LRH puppet Make MD cards & Easter cards Painting/mixed media: Paint my world (Forest Friday) KAPOW Artist Study - Megan Coyle	Make a frog & hanging birds Make a snowflake flower – label diff parts Observational drawings of seeds in fruit Make a home for a minibeast	Make an under the sea collage Make items for souvenir shop e.g., rock, ice cream Make hanging octopus or jellyfish Observational drawings of shells Make a clay fish tile

	Drawing: Marvellous marks KAPOW				Observational sketches of pond/making ponds Make a pond plate <i>Artist study - MONET 'waterlillies'</i> Sculpture and 3D: Creation station KAPOW	
DT including food	Hedgehog Rolls Making owl toast Clay name tile	Make/Decorate a Gingerbread Man	Cheese Straw Wands Textiles: Bookmarks Structures: Junk modelling KAPOW	Pitta bread Pizza Jacket Potatoes Easter Nests	Butterfly Biscuits	Tuna Turnovers Structures: Boats KAPOW
Music Get Set 4 Music	Journeys	Whatever the Weather & Nativity Songs	Minibeasts	Circus	Deep Blue Sea	Space
Technology	Children to have access to technology in all learning areas through the use of Chromebooks, I pads, cameras, beebots					
RE	Why is the word of God so important to Christians? (Creation)	Why is Christmas special for Christians? (Incarnation)	Being special: Where do we belong?	Why is Easter special to Christians? (Salvation)	Which places are special and why?	Which stories are special and why?

PE inc health and self care	An Introduction to PE (unit 1) Introduction to Forest Friday know how to wash and dry hands know and observe the effects of activity on their bodies e.g., sweating, increased heart rate	Gymnastics (unit 1) Outdoor Adventurous Activity (Forest Friday) understand good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene contribute to good health	Dance (unit 1) Outdoor Adventurous Activity (Forest Friday) know that you need daily exercise to keep fit and healthy	Ball Skills (unit 1) Outdoor Adventurous Activity (Forest Friday) know that you need daily exercise to keep fit and healthy	Fundamentals (unit 1) Outdoor Adventurous Activity (Forest Friday) understand good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene contribute to good health	Games (unit 1) Outdoor Adventurous Activity (Forest Friday) know the importance of good health and physical exercise and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe
PSED Jigsaw	Being Me in my World Golden Rules	Celebrating Difference	Dreams & Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
Role Play indoor	Home Sweet Home Party Time	Castle Party Time/Car Wash	The Jolly Post Office Writing Den	Farm Shop Old Macdonald Farm House	Garden Centre Minibeast Lab	Ice Cream Shop Seaside Café/Beach hut
Tuff Spot indoor	Numicon Autumn leaves Sand writing Threading and Weaving Scissor Control Capacity & measuring	Fidget toys, pegs & one minute sandtimer Wand writing in fairy dust Building a castle using junk modelling and wooden blocks	Junk modelling & joining Making different stick bundles Making spells - Room on the Broom link Balance Scales - can you make the scales balance	Farm	Lego Maze	Under the sea Making sandcastles using selection of objects, wet and dry sand

	Making Patterns	Wooden Nativity scene and farm animals				
Tuff Spot & outdoor EYFS Continuous provision	Hut - It's a Party!/Partytime, Builders Tuff spot - mark making with sand & objects, rainbow colour sorting & counting, water play e.g., whisks, pipettes, different colour objects Bench - builders pod/bricks/wood planks, dinosaurs,	Hut - Builders Yard Tuff spot - cars and roads (use tape), pirates, plastic car maze Bench - magnetic letters and magnets (find your name)	Hut - Builders Yard Tuff spot - pegs & peg patterns Bench - insects/peg legs, whiteboards	Hut - Builders Yard/Old Macdonalds Farm House Tuff spot - Lego challenge including marble run, Sand cakes Bench - jungle animals/dinosaurs Pipes - how fast do they travel?	Hut/Construction - builders yard & minibeast lab Tuff spot -Sand cakes/moon sand, pirates Bench - minibeast world Gardening Pod making ponds, coloured water play	Hut - Beach hut/builders yard Construction Tuff spot - diggers, stones & jenga water & whisks, water pouring Bench - summer picnic, unicorns, musical instruments water painting /Car Wash (buckets & sponges)
Forest Friday	Introduction to Forest Friday & safety rules Woodland treasure hunt. Scavenger hunt Tree Appreciation - Meet a tree Game Bark rubbings Colour hunt and artwork Natural Mandalas Mud Magic Painting with mud	Make a Bird House Rudolph Wooden Bauble	Tidy up and weed beds & wellies Toilet roll bird feeder PVA Leaves onto wooden discs Hot Chocolate	Make Dream Catchers Having a fire - safety, toasting marshmallows Using Saws	Natural Bunting Caterpillar Leaf Prints Planting, weeding and tidying	Collecting natural things for bug hotel Planting, weeding and tidying Water play with drain pipes