



Vocabulay progression

Nursery to Reception

Nursery		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key vocabulary (this is not a definitive list, as there will be further vocabulary taught depending on children's interests)	Communication and Language Literacy	Family, home, friends, poems, rhyme, Nursery rhymes.	Celebration, Diwali, Christmas, Autumn Winter,	Class, school, village, community, job,	Country, continent, planet, space, land, sea, air, What.	seeds, beans, fruit, vegetables, who	animal, life cycle, grow, Spring, Summer, weather, why
	Personal Social and Emotional	Emotions, self awareness, love, special, unique, family, mindfulness, health, rules, timetables, expectations, learning zones	Culture, differences, celebrations, healthy, kindness	Dreams, goals, kindness, sharing	Mindfulness, compassion, calm tidy, healthy	Problem solving, digital resilience, independence	Mindset, hope, optimism, choices, compromise
	Physical Development	Balance, safety, mark making	Ride, kick, snip	Throw, jump, land, snip, cutting	Strength, balance, throw	Skip, hop, stand, balance	Dance, teamwork
	Mathematics	Colours, matching, sorting, bigger, little, small	Patterns, after, line, next, spot, star, stripe, swirl, zigzag, amounts, big, bigger, large, little, small, smaller	Triangles, squares, circles, rectangles, 2D shapes, 3D shapes, sides, corners, straight, flat, round build, curved, curvy, different, flat, match, pointy, round, same, sharp, stack	Tall, short, long, heavy, light, full, empty, nearly full, nearly empty	First, then, now, next, on, under, in front, behind, in, out, more than, fewer than, sides, corners, straight, flat, round	After, before, shape patterns, more, fewer
	Understanding of the World	Family, home, friends, Hindu,	Diwali, Celebration, Festival, Christmas, Nativity, Fireworks, Christian, Bible, Jesus, Autumn Winter.	Class, school, village, community, job, Police, Firefighter, Doctor, Postman/Postwomen.	Country, continent, planet, space, land, sea, air, world, earth, map.	seeds, beans, fruit, vegetables. Church, Temple, Mosque, grow, root, stem, leaf, flower. Habitat, minibeasts, insects.	animal, life cycle, grow, Spring, Summer, weather, Farm,
	Expressive art and design	Drawing, painting, mixing	Easel, imagination, light dark	Models, junk	Explore, observe, artists	Explore, observe, artists	Splatter, bubbles, printing

Reception		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key vocabulary (this is not a definitive list, as there will be further vocabulary taught depending on children's interests)	Communication and Language Literacy	Similarities, differences, special, unique, sequence, order, rhyme, instructions	Diwali, festival, fireworks, bang, whizz, pop, seasons change, hibernation	Community, mind map, support, help, emergency services	Houses and homes, cities, countries, world, continents, space, Easter	Minibeast, insect, seed, plant, growth, lifecycle	Summer, seasons, seaside, animal welfare, safety
	Personal Social and Emotional	Emotions, self awareness, love, special, unique, family, mindfulness, health	Culture, differences, celebrations, feeling, valuable	Dreams, goals, feelings, safety, turn taking	Mindfulness, compassion, health, friendship	Problem solving, digital resilience, opinions	Mindset, hope, optimism, control
	Physical Development	Heartbeat, health, routines, warm up, cool down, signals, emotions, expression, stretch, body parts, muscles, knees, elbows, hands, etc. Mirror, stretch, muscles, heartbeat, speed, direction, balancing	Heartbeat, health, routines, warm up, cool down, over, under, through, mats, safety, instructions, across, along, skipping, hopping, jumping, across, along, mirror, stretch, muscles, heartbeat, speed, direction, benches, jumping, landing, posture, balancing	Wide, narrow, stretch, under, over, around, high, low, points, jumping, crawling, sliding, sequence, high, low, movements, alternate, balancing	Throw, catch, low, high, chest, bounce, basketball, score, Football, kick, stop, dribble, bat, hit, balance, control, run, race, obstacles, dribble	Speed, markers, tag, relay, ball, dribble, control, cones, race, jump, over, height, score, team, hockey sticks, push, stop, control, throw, push, distance, measure, team	Speed, markers, tag, relay, ball, dribble, control, cones, race, jump, over, height, score, team, hockey sticks, push, stop, control, throw, push, distance, measure, team
	Phonics	Tricky words is, I, the phoneme, grapheme, digraph,	Tricky words put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be	Tricky words was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure	Review	Tricky words Said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do, were, here, little, says, there, when, what, one, out, today	Review

		blend, segment, sound					
	Mathematics	Match, sort, compare, same, different, size, mass, big, small, heavy, light, pattern, repeat, number line	Circles, triangles, squares, sides, corners, straight, curved, on, under, next to, between, around, through 1 more, 1 less, how many, altogether, subtract, take away, subitise, numeral, quantity	Part, whole, day, night, morning, afternoon, evening	Number bonds, order, compare, 1 more, 1 less, 3D shapes, sphere, cube, cuboid, cone, cylinder, flat, faces, circular, odd, even, doubles	Estimate, patterns, tangram, rotate, add, more, how many, first, then, now	Equal, unequal, sharing, grouping, fair, unfair, first, next, finally
	Understanding of the World	Similarities, differences, special, unique, past, present, black history, Harvest, community, maps, festival, Hindu, Rosh Hashana, Jews, Jewish, God, identity, belonging	Fireworks, bang, whizz, pop, Diwali, seasons change, hibernation, diurnal, nocturnal, Christmas, Nativity, seasons, Christian, Jesus	Community, neighbour, mind map, support, help, emergency services, Lunar New Year, transport	Houses and homes, cities, countries, world, continents, space, Easter, Bible	Minibeast, insect, seed, plant, growth, lifecycle, habitat, wildlife, environment Islam, Prpphet, Muhammed, Qur'an, Mosque, Eid, Muslim	Summer, seasons, seaside, animal welfare, safety, Holi, Sikhism, Guru Nanak, Vaisakhi, Temple
	Expressive art and design	Experiment, mix, glue, draw, design line, thick, thin, wavy, straight, pencil, finger, stick, chalk, felt tip, crayon, colours tools, sponges, line, colours, shapes, size, smooth, shiny, rough, prickly, flat, patterned, jagged, bumpy, soft, hard, wet, dry, mix	plasticine, dough, model, cutter, junk model, glue, tape, rolling pin, texture, smooth, shiny, rough, prickly, flat, patterned, jagged, bumpy, build, construction, join	collages glue, sticking, paper, card, natural, decorate, texture, smooth, shiny, rough, prickly, flat, ,musical patterns	Observations, adapt, storytelling, pitch, tempo	Explore, observe, collaborate fabric, materials, threading, join, patterned, cut	Creation, process, adaptions, refine