Semi-Formal Pathway - Early Years and KS1 Long term Planning Document



Semi-Formal Curriculum Sequential Planning

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Overview of Nature based Provision Themes

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	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Owls	Hibernation	Bees
Year 1	Apples	Mud	Summer Flowers
	Spiders	Rain	Clouds
	Stars	Beetles	Fossils
	Robins	Rainbows	Beach
	Mushrooms	Snowflakes	Moon
Year 2	Hedgehogs	Rocks	Herbs
	Pumpkins	Baby Animals	Wind
	Decorations	Caterpillars and Butterflies	Streams
	Northern Lights	Beans	Meadows
	Mountains	Winter Trees and Leaves	Seeds
Year 3	Moss	Worms	Sunshine
	Fire	Tadpoles and Ponds	Shadows
	Darkness	Spring Flowers	Grasses
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Focus Area		Owls		Hibernation		Bees		
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs Owl babies RSPB My First Book of Garden Birds The Owl who was afraid of the dark	 Using feathers in expressive arts, mark making and printing. Bird spotting role play area. Collect twigs leaves to make a nest. Use a magnifying glass to closely explore a feather. Careers/Employability links: Skill - Creativity Visitor – Someone who works with Birds of Prey (could possibly do a flying demonstration with an Owl too).	You're snug with me. Hello animals, how soft toys to get cosy and enjoy a story. Hide some hibernating animals in blocks of ice, how will children set them free?		Books and Songs The Bee Book Why do we need bees? Bee: Nature's Tiny Miracle	 Set up a bee provocation using cardboard tubes to make a honeycomb. Explore hexagons. Create a bee themed playdough table using petals and honey playdough. Try honey on toast. Careers/ Employability links: Skill - Communication Skills Visitor - Someone who makes honey or who has bees		
Focus Area		Apples		Mud		Summer Flowers		
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs Orange Pear, Apple Pear Story of Adam and Eve Two Little Apples Lowly Worm	 Enjoy a warm apple juice on a nature walk. Printing with apples, explore making patterns. Bake apple crumble. RE: Story of Adam and Eve. Create Adam and Eve Story stones. Careers/ Employability links: Skill - Creativity Workplace - Nature Reserve or Park. 	Books and Songs Can I Play in The Mud? Dirt + Water = Mud The Amazing Mud Cake	 Set up a mud painting station. Add mud recipes to the mud kitchen. Explore who has the biggest muddy handprint. Create a mud digging pit with plastic dinosaurs and insects to find. Create a muddy outdoor construction area with diggers. Collect different shades of mud for mark making. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Communication Skills Visitor – Construction Worker	Books and Songs Feel the Wind Rosie's Hat Washing Line	 Go on a wild flower hunt and observe wild flowers planted earlier in the year. Make seed bombs using wildflower seeds. Press flowers and make a class flower crown. Use flowers to dye fabric and make petal patterns. RE: Hindu Creation Story: Flower separated into three parts to make heaven, earth and sky. Careers/ Employability links: Skill - Creativity Workplace - Nature Reserve or Park preferably with a wildflower meadow. 		
Focus Area		Spiders	Rain		Clouds			
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs The Very Busy Spider Spinderella Incy Wincy Spider	 Foam spider web tuff tray play. Counting spider legs and explore 8 sided shapes. Spider web wool crafts. At spiders to water channels outside. RE: Diwali – Create a Diva Lamp Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Number Skills Visitor – Someone who works bringing bugs, spiders etc into schools 	Books and Songs Rhythm of the Rain Once Upon A Raindrop It's Raining, It's Pouring. Noah's Ark Holi Festival – The Story of Prahlad	 Put on our wellies and splash in puddles. Look for rain clouds and make our own using shaving foam. Make a rain gauge to collect rainwater. What clothing do we need to wear in the rain? Add containers with holes to water tray for pupils to create their own rain. Make rain makers. RE: Noah's Ark Story – Rain for 40 days and nights which caused a flood/ Rainbow to show the end of the storm. Junk modelling boat (Ark) making to include sinking and floating with animal figures. Learn about Holi Festival playing with water balloons outside. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Presenting Information	Books and Songs Little Cloud The Rhythm of the Rain Kipper's Rainy Day	 Go for a walk to observe the clouds, what shapes ca they see? Add mirrors in outdoor areas to look up t the sky. Create a weather station in class. Cotton ball crafts. Make cloud dough and participate in cloud experiments. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Working with Others Visitor – Scientist or Weather Forecaster		
Focus Area		Stars		Visitor – Scientist or Weather Forecaster Beetles		Fossils		
Examples of Teaching Ideas	Books and Songs Twinkle Twinkle How to Catch a Star	 Starry night scenes projected on ceiling. Star shaped biscuits. Star crafts using shiny materials. Create a space themed tuff tray. 	Books and Songs A beetle is Shy First Big Book of Bugs	 Explore the different habitats of beetles. Set up a 10 frame using insects for counting. Use loose parts and clay to create our own beetles. Make bug wings for the dress up corner. 	Books and Songs Swirl by Swirl Nature Trails, Rocks and Fossils	 Make our own fossils with plastic animals, use paint brushes, magnifying glasses to look in more detail. Set up a palaeontologist role play area with explorer backpacks, compass, digging tools. 		

& Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Lighting a Lamp: A Diwali Story Story- The Christmas Star	Careers/ Emp Skill – Listeni Workplace –	8				Ants go Create a mini beast small world area. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Number Skills Visitor – Someone who works bringing bugs, spiders etc into schools			The Biggest Hole in the World Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Creativity Visitor – Archaeologist or Historian or Palaeontologist		
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs That's Not My Robin The North Wind Doth Blow Robin's Winter Song	• Creski • Cre • Ad • Pal • Set exp Careers/ Emp	eate a bird box or bird feeder. eate robins using 2D shapes and practice lls. eate a sun catcher using a silhouette of a d feathers to small world area. rticipate in bird watching. t up a red colour provocation for childrer plore. cloyability links:	Give Raing 2D shapes and practice cutting Rain tcher using a silhouette of a robin. The small world area. I car Noal lour provocation for children to		Rainbows What do the children know about rainbows and where can we find them? Rainbow themed experiments and artwork. Project a rainbow on the wall in class or paint one on the window. Explore coloured sand along with colour paddles and mirrors. Make a rainbow plate with different fruit and vegetables. RE: Holi Festival (A celebration of Colour) – Fresh start after the winter. Recall Information from rain topic and re-read Noah's ark: Significance of a Rainbow. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Presenting Information		Books and Songs Only one you The Proudest Blue Lucy and Tom at the Seaside.	Car Skil	Set up a discovery table with different types of shells, encourage pattern making. Add shells, pebbles to play dough area. Add sand to paint and create beach paintings. Project images of the sea and beach in class. RE: Miraculous catch of fish (miracles of Jesus) Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Communication Skills Workplace Visit – The Beach		
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Year 2								
Focus Area		Mushrooms		Northern Lights		Moon		
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs We Are Fungi Kylie Dixon: Inkcap and the Nethers Humongous Fungus Christian Creation Story Hindu Creation Story	 Grow mushrooms in class using a grow box. Grow a mould garden placing a slice of bread, an apple and a tomato in a jar, observe the results. Practice fine motor skills using scissors to cut templates of mushrooms. Create a fairy garden. RE: Hindu and Christian Creation Stories. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Presenting Information Visitor – Gardener 	Books and Songs The Story of Snow Snow in the Garden One Snowy Night	 What happens to snowflakes when they're inside. Create paper snowflakes. Snowflake themed loose parts on mirror frames. Make pompom snowballs for a snowball fight. Create snow using flour and other materials. Explore 6 sided shapes. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Creativity Visitor – Scientist or Weather Reporter	Books and Songs Whatever next The Solar System for Kids Zoom, Zoom, Zoom We're going to the Moon	 Create moon dough. Project a moon on the wall in class. Bake and decorate moon biscuits. Write a letter from baby bear and pack a suitcase for what the children would need to take to the moon. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Communication Skills Visitor – Scientist or Astronomer Workplace Visit - Planetarium 		
Focus Area		Hedgehogs		Rocks		Herbs		
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs The Very helpful Hedgehog. That's not my hedgehog Little Hedgehog's Big Day	 How could we make a hedgehog? Make a cosy spot for a hedgehog to hibernate. Explore different textures, how would we describe a hedgehog prickly back? When a hedgehog is scared it will roll into a ball, explore rolling different objects down the water channels outside. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Communication Skills Workplace Visit – Nature Reserve 	Books and Songs If rocks could sing. Rocks and Minerals: Find Adventure! The Biggest Hole in the World	 Create rocks with clay and collect rocks to paint. Watch videos of rock climbers and explore climbing in our outdoor provision. Use different sized rocks weigh, comparing with other nature-based collections. Explore types of rocks and make our own crystals. Bake rock cakes. RE: The Wise Man and the Foolish Man story which Jesus told – Wise man built house on rock and foolish man built house on sand. Rock is strong and safe for the house/ sand is not. Careers/ Employability links: 	Books and Songs A Kids Herb Book Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt. The Herbs: Chive catches a cold	 Place potted herbs on the tuff tray for children to cut, press, tear and squeeze for a sensory experience. Create herby play dough. Make a herb garden for class windowsill. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Listening Skills Workplace Visit – Herb Garden or Kitchen Garden or Botanical Gardens		
				Skill – Working with Others Visitor – Mountain Rescue or a Climber				
Focus Area		Pumpkins		Baby Animals		Wind		
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs Pumpkin soup Five Little Pumpkins 1 little, 2 little,3 little Pumpkins Duck and Goose find a pumpkin	 Carve a pumpkin and put in electric tea lights to create a cosy atmosphere in class. Make pumpkin soup for the class to try with crusty bread. Paint and mark make on pumpkins. Add pumpkin seeds to mud kitchen and play dough area. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Working with Others Visitor – Farmer or Gardener 	Books and Songs Farmer Duck What the Ladybird Heard Rosie's Walk The Little Red Hen Parable of the Lost Sheep	 Create a tuff tray farm using wheats and cereals. Clean the 'muddy' toy animals. Match photos of animals to their babies. Set up a vet role play area. Play 'The Farmers in his/her Den' RE: Cows are special animals for Hindus – They are not allowed to eat meat so are vegetarian. What is a special object for you? How do you keep it safe/show it is special? Parable of the Lost Sheep. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Number Skills Visitor – Farmer, Pet Shop Owner or Vet Workplace Visit - Farm 	Books and Songs Feel The Wind Rosie's Hat Washing Line Jesus calms the storm	 What can protect us from the wind? Explore windmills. Create your own streamers and kites using ribbons to play in the wind. Blow bubbles to see which direction they blow in. Make wind chimes to hang up outside. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Presenting Information Workplace Visit – Wind Farm		
Focus Area		Decorations		Caterpillars and Butterflies		Streams		
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs Pick a Pine Tree Peppa's Diwali The Owl who came for Christmas	 Make natural decorations using orange peel and cranberries. Make edible wreathes for birds. Decorate your own class Christmas tree. Create a wrapping table for children to wrap presents and boxes. Make paper lanterns and explore decorations from around the world. 	Books and Songs The Very Hungry Caterpillar Monkey Puzzle Holi Festival – The Story of Prahlad	 Make leaf caterpillars Explore the foods that the hungry caterpillar ate including different salad leaves. Make fruit salad. Create nature butterfly wings. Grow your own butterfly sets. RE: Create colourful butterflies using Powder paint whilst exploring Holi Festival 	Books and Songs A Rhythm of the Rain A River Row Row Row Your Boat	 Make spice scented/coloured water. Create a stream using guttering, adding stones, grasses etc to explore the effects. Create streams for small world play and explore different bridges to cross over. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Working with Others Workplace Visit – Local River or Stream		

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Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs Snow The Snowflake The Story of Snow Let It Go	Create a snow castle like Elsa's using different materials. ry of Snow Fine motor skills paper snowflakes.		Jasper's Beanstalk Parable of the mustard seed The Prodigal Son (story of forgiveness-link to	Grow beans in class and some children can draw observations. Messy play with baked beans. Create artwork with different dried beans. RE: Parable of the mustard seed The Prodigal Son (story of forgiveness-link to Jack's mam being angry then forgiving him in Jack and the beanstalk) RE/PSHE Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Presenting Information Workplace Visit – Farm or Garden		How to be a wildflower. What's that Sam plants a Sunflower The flowers	Books and Songs How to be a wildflower. What's that flower? Sam plants a What wildlife can we find in a meadow? How can we encourage more wildlife and meadow Grow our own mini meadow from seed. Make paper using wildflower petals and grasses. Create a video clip of the children naming different		purage more wildlife and meadows. ini meadow from seed. g wildflower petals and grasses. ip of the children naming different parable.	
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Additional Resources	Numicon Natural resources		Essential Letters and Sounds	Blanks level	s of questions (SALT)	The Colour Monster Book.	PE Rebound Swimming		Nature based themes around daily rhythm and seasons.		Continuous classroom provision. Nature based themes detailed above.

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Year 3		Autumn		Spring	Summer				
Focus Area		Mountains		Winter Trees and leaves		Seeds			
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs Let's explore mountains by Lonely Dispate • Create our own mountains for small world play. Explore images of mountains and discuss what children already know about them.		The Christmas Eve Tree Pick a Pine Tree- Seasons Come, seasons Go Stick Man Decorate a winter tree in class using a collection of twigs. Make a den using collected sticks. Create 2D shapes using sticks and make hanging decorations. Make magic wand sticks. Explore used Christmas trees making rubbings and creating insect hotels. Counting to 10 using sticks. Careers/ Employability links:			Books and Songs A Tiny Seed The Farmer Plants the Seeds Plantable Children's Books (Made from Seed Paper) Parable of the sower and the seeds Careers/ Employability links: Skill — Working with Others Visitor — Gardener Workplace Visit — Garden Centre			
Focus Area		Moss		Worms		Sunshine			
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs Mossy Peep Inside: The Forest	 Using a magnifying glass investigate moss on our school grounds. Walk barefoot on moss and discuss how it feels. Use moss to make a fairy house. Create a terrarium. Moss is extremely absorbent, explore other absorbent materials in water channels and tray. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Presenting Information	Books and Songs Yucky worms The Worm and the Bird Superworm	 What do children think of worms? Make a wormery. Go on a worm hunt. Make worms with different malleable materials. Make sock worms and spaghetti worms. Sing and perform- there's a worm at the bottom of the garden. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Communication Skills Visitor – Someone who brings bugs and other animals to schools	Books and Songs Sun, one in a billion. Say the hello to then sun Mr Sun, Mr Golden Sun	 Make sunshine ice lollies using carrots and orange juice. Make a paper Mache sun. What do we need to wear in the sun? Plant sunflowers. Make a collection of yellow object RE: Hindu Sun God Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Creativity Visitor – Scientist or Astronomer 			
Focus Area		Fire		Tadpoles and Ponds		Shadows			
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs No Dragon's for Tea I'm a big red fire truck (sang to I'm a little tea pot) That's not my Fire Engine.	 Create a small world scene bonfire crunching orange, red and yellow tissue papers. Include a cosy fireplace on the IWB for a story around it. Make a paper Mache volcano. Bake ginger cake. RE: Makar Sankranti – Winter festival where fires are lit and items such as popcorn are thrown into fire – Symbolises end of cold winter. Diwali – Exploring Fireworks. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Listening Skills Visitor – Fire Fighter Workplace Visit – Fire Station 	Books and Songs The Teeny Weeny Tadpole Tadpole's promise Five Little Speckled Frogs	 Create our own tuff tray pond. Create a 3D diagram of a tadpole. Create a messy play frogspawn using chia seeds or tapioca. Make lily pads to practice jumping. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Creativity Workplace Visit - Nature Reserve, Parks or Local Ponds	Books and Songs My Shadow Flashlight My Shadow is Purple. The Gruffalo's Child	 Go outside in the sun to draw around children's shadows using chalk. Make shadow puppets to play with in the sensory room. Use coloured transparent paper to make coloured shadows. Make shadow tubes. Careers/ Employability links: Skill – Creativity Visitor – Puppeteer who creates shadow puppets			
Focus Area		Darkness		Spring Flowers		Grasses			
Examples of Teaching Ideas & Indoor/Outdoor Provision	Books and Songs Orion and the Dark It was a cold dark night. Night and day	 Investigate nocturnal animals. Compare darkness and light. Investigate light sources. Artwork with dark colours. 	Books and Songs Flowers to Spot A Little Guide To Wild Flowers Hindu creation story	 Collect spring flowers to press. Include a vase of flowers near painting area. Add flower petals to ice cubes for water tray. Make flower potions and perfumes. Explore the different parts of a flower using a magnifying glass. 	Books and Songs Were going on a Bear Hunt A Garden of Ordinary Miracles Grow It!	 Make grass heads Grow grass from seed in shallow trays for small world play. Explore the grains that we get from different types of grasses and make bread. 			

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