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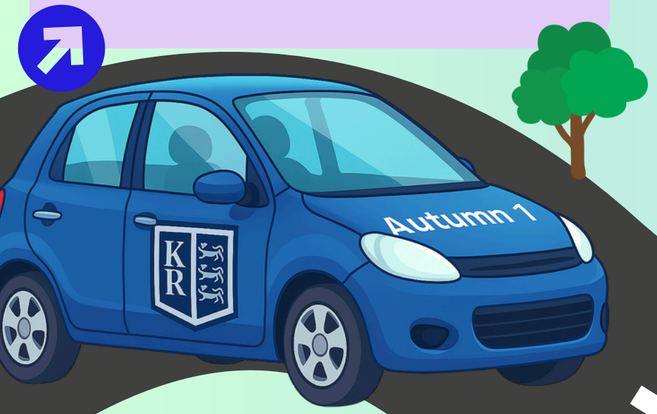

📍 Week 1 — All About Me!

Learning Intention: Settling in, routines.
Talking about what makes us unique, build positive relationships with adults and peers, talk about themselves using new vocabulary, begin to draw simple pictures of themselves, explore listening rules through stories and circle times, joining in with number rhymes.

What we'll be doing: - Self-portraits, favourite things, emotions games, sharing our likes/dislikes.

📍 Week 2 — My Family 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Learning Intention: Understanding special people in our lives. Talk about their family and the roles people play, use photos to describe similarities/differences, develop fine motor skills through collage and drawing, joining in with number rhymes.

Key Vocab: family, **similar, different**

What we'll be doing: - Family trees, pebble families, reading family-themed stories.

📍 Week 3 — My House & Home 🏡

Learning Intention: **Exploring where we live and different types of homes.** Use talk to organise ideas about home, build structures using blocks and junk modelling, learn and use new words related to homes (roof, chimney, windows…), matching by colour, shape, size etc

Key Vocab: similar, different, **match**

What we'll be doing: - Junk-model homes, role-play house, talking about rooms in our homes.
Outdoor art focus: wax crayons/rubbing
1st Royal Write - family portrait

📍 Week 4 — It's Good to Be Different (Elmer) 🌈

Learning Intention: Celebrating uniqueness and diversity. Understand that everyone is unique and special, discuss characters and story ideas from Elmer, create art inspired by colour and pattern, sorting by colour and shape, identifying sorting rules.

Key Vocab: **unique**, match, sort, **emotions**

What we'll be doing: - Patchwork printing, colour mixing, discussing kindness and uniqeness.
Outdoor art focus: felt tips/patterns

📍 Week 5 — Our Local Area: Old Trafford 🗺️

Learning Intention: Exploring maps, places and our community. Recognise familiar places in the local area, begin to follow and create simple maps, use positional language (near, next to, behind…), comparing size, weight and mass (volume)
Key Vocab: **community**, familiar, near
RE: Where do we belong?
Music: My Musical Classroom

What we'll be doing: - Drawing simple maps, looking at photos of Old Trafford landmarks, local area walk
Outdoor Art focus: chalks, rules/patterns

📍 Week 6 — All About Autumn 🍁 (Matisse & Snails)

Learning Intention: Seasonal changes and expressive arts. Notice changes in the natural environment, explore colour and shape through the work of Matisse, observe and draw autumn objects, exploring, copying and creating patterns.
Key Vocab: **seasons**, pattern, weather

What we'll be doing: - Leaf rubbings, Matisse collage, nature table, snail investigations
Outdoor Art focus: pencil observational drawings.

📍 Week 7 — DT KAPOW: Pumpkin Soup 🎃🍲

Learning Intention: Designing, making, tasting. Learn basic food preparation skills, discuss healthy eating, follow a simple recipe with adult support, exploring numerals 1, 2, 3

Key Vocab: healthy, design, recipe, chop

What we'll be doing: - Exploring pumpkins, chopping soft foods, making and tasting pumpkin soup.

🌟 Our Autumn 1 Journey

By half-term, children will have explored who they are, their families, their uniqueness, their homes, their community, creativity through art, and seasonal change — finishing with a delicious DT project!