

Duckling's Curriculum Map Overview 2026 - 2027

	Autumn One 3.9.26 – 23.10.26	Autumn Two 2.11.26 – 18.12.26	Spring One 4.1.27 – 12.2.27	Spring Two 22.2.27 – 25.3.27	Summer One 12.4.27 – 28.5.27	Summer Two 7.6.27 – 21.7.27
Important Dates	Roald Dahl Day (13 Sept) Talk like a Pirate Day (19 Sept) Rosh Hashanah (12 Sept) Yom Kippur (21 Sept) Autumn Equinox (23 Sept) Recycling Week (25 Sept -1 Oct) National TA Day (25 Sept) World Space Week (4-10 Oct) Harvest Festival (5 Oct) Sukkot (26 Sept – 2 Oct) Halloween (31 Oct) Black History Month (Oct)	Bonfire Night (5 Nov) Diwali (6 – 10 Nov) Remembrance Day (11 Nov) Nursery Rhyme Week (10-14 Nov) Anti-Bullying Week (15-19 Nov) Road Safety Day (15-21 Nov) Children in Need (20 Nov) Thanksgiving (26 Nov) St Andrew's Day (30 Nov) Advent Starts (29 Nov) Hanukkah (5-12 Dec) Christingle (Dec) Christmas Jumper Day (10 Dec) Winter (21 Dec)	RSPB's Birdwatch (6 Jan – 12 Feb) Penguin Awareness Day (20 Jan) Burns Night (25 Jan) Storytelling Week (30 Jan -1 Feb) Children's Mental Health (1-7Feb) Lunar New Year (6 Feb) NSPCC Number Day (5 Feb) Safer Internet Day (9 Feb) Shrove Tuesday (9 Feb) Ash Wednesday (10 Feb) Valentine's Day (14 Feb) Ramadan (7 Feb)	Polar Bear Day (27 th Feb) St David's Day (1 Mar) World Book Day (4 Mar) British Science Week (5-14 Mar) Mother's Day (7 Mar) Holi (22 Mar) Red Nose Day (19 Mar) St Patrick's Day (17 Mar) Eid al-Fitr (10 Mar) Spring (20 Mar) Palm Sunday (21 Mar) Easter (26 Mar – 29 Mar) Passover (21-29 Apr)	Earth Day (22 Apr) St George's Day (23 Apr) May Day (3 May) VE Day (8 May) Walk to school week (18-22 May) World Bee Day (20 May) World Turtle day (23 May) Eid al-Adha (17 May)	Pride Month (June) Dinosaur Day (1 Jun) World Environment Day (5 Jun) Butterfly Awareness Day (6 Jun) World Ocean Day (8 Jun) Healthy Eating Week (10-14 Jun) Father's Day (20 Jun) Insect Week (21-27 Jun) Summer (21 June)
Possible Topic Hook Ideas	Visit from a fireman, doctor, nurse, vet, dentist Visit to our local church for Harvest Service	Visit from someone celebrating Diwali Nativity play Christmas Cooking	Cooking for Lunar New Year Bird Watch walk in Ambarrow Woods	Winchester Cathedral Easter Service	Bee Keeper Visitor TBC Visit Bluebell Woods Visit a Farm	Walk to the park to draw a map Trip to Sandbanks
Possible Weekly Themes	- Settling In - All about me (2 weeks) - People Who Help Us - Superheroes - Space - Harvest / Autumn - Halloween	- Diwali / Fireworks - Remembrance - Anti-bullying Week / Odd Socks / CIN - Road Safety - Hanukkah - Christmas-Nativity - Christmas	- Winter - Arctic & Antarctica - Birds - Scotland / The UK - Lunar New Year - Valentines / Pancakes	- Wales / The UK - WBD / Story Week - Spring / Growing - Ireland / The UK - Easter - Eid ul Fitr	- Earth Day - England / The UK / Castles / Kings /Queens - Farm - Animals Around the world - Bees - Minibeasts	- Dinosaurs / Fossils - Butterflies - At the Seaside - Pirates / Under the Sea - Summer - Transition
Class Reads	- The Colour Monster Goes to School - Super Duper You - Various Fairy Tales - The Way Back Home / Aliens love underpants - Halloween Stories - Little Glow	- The Best Diwali Ever - The Quiet Little Firework - Bertie's Poppy & Anti-bullying Stories - Hetty's Hanukkah - The Perfect Fit - The Jolly Christmas Postman	- Snowball - Poles Apart / Information books about frozen lands - Ruby's Birds - Nessie / Katie in Scotland - Ruby's Chinese New Year - Mr Wolf's Pancakes	- Dilwyn the Welsh Dragon - How to Catch a Star - Traditional Tales - How to catch a Leprechaun - The Most Exciting Eid - Easter Story	- Hello Spring! - George's Dragon - Oliver's Vegetables - The Extraordinary Gardener - Katie & the sunflowers - Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees	- The Girl and the Dinosaur - My butterfly bouquet - The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch - Somebody Swallowed Stanley - The Pirates Next Door - Yucky worms

Communication and Language	Listening and attention skills Asking and answering 'what' questions 1:1 discussions Retelling the stories in continuous provision	Joining in with repeated refrains in stories Asking and answering 'who' questions' 1:1 discussions Retelling the story	Discussing key events in a story Asking and answering 'when' questions Small group discussions Using present tense.	Identifying main characters in a story Asking and answering 'where' questions Small group discussions Using connectives to join ideas	Linking events in a story to own experiences Asking and answering 'why' questions Whole class discussions Using past tense	Sequence story/real life events in detail Hot seating Whole class discussions Using future tense
Physical Development	Movement Development (Taught by outside agency)	Ball Skills	Dance	Gymnastics	Throwing & Catching	Working with others / Sports Day
	Our weekly 'Woods Walks' to Ambarrow allow children to develop stamina and enjoyment of the world around us. The children will take part in a number of activities whilst in the woods, some linked to current weather and affairs.					
	Fine Motor Finger Gym Tripod Grip Writing position Using cotton buds/paintbrushes to form letters	Fine Motor Finger Gym Scissor skills Chopping with a knife Using cotton buds/paintbrushes to form letters Doing up zips	Fine Motor Finger Gym Stacking and balancing Letter formation 'around' letters Letter formation 'down' letters Using a knife and fork to cut	Fine Motor Finger Gym Weaving and wrapping Letter formation 'down letters' Letter formation 'curly' letters Letter formation 'zig-zag' letters	Fine Motor Finger Gym Pattern making Capital letter formation A-M Using small tools Doing up buttons	Fine Motor Finger Gym Sewing Capital letter formation N-Z Doing up laces
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Self Regulation - My Feelings Identifying my feelings Feelings jars Coping strategies Describing feelings Facial expressions Creating a calm corner	Building relationships - special relationships My family Special people Sharing I am unique My interests Similarities & differences	Managing self - Taking on challenges Why do we have rules? Building towers Team den building Grounding Team races Circus skills	Self Regulation - Listening & following instructions Simon says Listening to a story Pass the whisper Obstacle race Blindfold walk Treasure hunt	Building relationships - My family & friends Festivals Sharing What makes a good friend? Being a good friend Teamwork Celebrating friendships	Managing self - My wellbeing What is exercise? Yoga & relaxation Looking after ourselves Being a safe pedestrian Eating healthily A rainbow of food

Literacy	Phonics	Our phonics is taught through Read Write Inc Phonics - it is taught in groups according to RWI assessments In Autumn 1 Ducklings are taught as whole class and then assessed in Oct to be put into groups.					
	Drawing Club	Drawing Club DC is not taught for the first few weeks so that we can get to know our children. Cops and Robbers Supertato Aliens Love Underpants The Leaf Thief What's in the Witch's Kitchen?	Drawing Club The 3 little pigs Wacky Races We're going on a bear hunt The Enormous Turnip The Christmas Pine	Drawing Club One Snowy Night Lost & Found Penguin Chicken Licken The Magic Paintbrush Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Drawing Club Goldilocks The Giant Jam Sandwich LRRH Hello Spring How to catch a leprechaun	Drawing Club Rainbow Fish Jack & the Beanstalk The Extraordinary Gardener Omar & the Bees	Drawing Club My Butterfly Bouquet Spyder The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Tiddler The Girl & the Dinosaur
	Writing		To copy their name To write the first sound in a word - Beginning to write CVC words To form letters learnt in phonics accurately.		To write CVC words - Beginning to write simple phrases. To write their name. To form letters learnt in phonics sessions and apply known sounds to words.		To write short phrases. To write a simple sentence. To use sounds taught in phonics to build words. To form letters accurately.
Mathematics	* From Autumn 2 days of the week and months of the year will be covered during our daily calendar session*	White Rose - Getting to know you - Sort, match & compare - Talk about measures & patterns - It's me 1 2 3	White Rose - Circles & Triangles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - Shapes with 4 sides	White Rose - Alive in 5 - Mass & Capacity - Growing 6, 7, 8 - Length, height & Time	White Rose - Length, height and time - Building 9 and 10 - Explore 3D shape - Spring Themes	White Rose - Building numbers to 20 - How many now? - Manipulate, compose & decompose	White Rose - Sharing and grouping - Visualise, build and map - Make connections - Consolidation

Understanding the world Geography / History / Science	How I've changed Families and communities Pirate Map Bingo	Remembrance Day Road Safety Transport from the past The UK - Scotland - St Andrew's Day	Winter The Poles - Antarctica & Arctic Where my school is Exploring maps Birds Lunar New Year Push or pull?	The UK - Wales - St David's Day The UK - Ireland - St Patrick's Day Floating & Sinking Spring - Life Cycles The Christian Easter Story	The UK - England - St George's Day Why Christians go to church? The 4 Seasons Growing plants Minibeasts & where to find them	Mary Anning - dinosaurs Seaside holidays past & present Importance of recycling Comparing UK and Kenya Dress teddy - different seasons/climates Buildings from the past
Understanding the world RE	What makes us special? Why are we special? Who is special to you? Who helps us? Why should we care for others? Why is Jesus special to some people?	What are special times? What are special times? What is Diwali? How do some Hindu people celebrate Diwali? Why do many Christians celebrate Christmas? How do some Christian people celebrate Christmas?	Why are some places special? What places are special to you? Which places are special to our community? What makes a place special? Why are churches special to many Christian people? Why are mosques special to many Muslim people?	What makes the world special? What is special about our world? Where do some people believe our world came from? Why should we look after our world? How can we care for our world? What is the Easter story?	Why are some things special? What is special to you? What makes prayer beads special? What are special symbols? Why are some books special? Why are soe candles special?	Why are some stories special? How do some people treat special books? What is your favourite story? What makes a story special? What can we learn from a Christian story? What can we learn from a Hindu story?
	Time to Celebrate How do some Hindu people celebrate Ganesha Chaturthi? What is the Harvest festival?	Time to Celebrate What is Hanukkah? What is Holi?	Time to Celebrate What is Shrove Tuesday? What is Ramadan?	Time to Celebrate	Time to Celebrate	Time to Celebrate

Expressive arts and design	D.T. & Art	Drawing - Marvellous marks Marks with wax crayons Marks with felt tips Marks with chalk Observational drawing Drawing faces Drawing faces in colour Autumn Art -Leaf Man, Conker painting, hibernation box Cooking camp fire bread	Craft & Design - Let's get crafty Cutting skills Threading skills Joining materials Paper snakes Flower designs Tissue paper flowers Diva Lamps - Diwali Salt dough decorations, sliding pictures Cooking Christmas Puddings	Structures - Junk modelling Exploring junk modelling Cutting & scissor skills Choosing resources Making models Evaluation & Presentation Temporary joins Suncatchers Cooking stir-fry	Structures - Boats Waterproof materials Floating & sinking Boats Investigating boats Designing boats Creating and testing boats Easter Craft	Painting & mixed media: paint my world Finger painting Outdoor painting Painting to music Collage & transient art Landscape collage Group art	Sculpture & 3D - Creation station Clay Playdough 3D landscape art Designing animal sculptures Creating animal sculptures Painting animal sculptures
	Music	Exploring Sound Vocal Sounds Body Sounds Instrumental Sounds Environmental sounds Nature Sounds		Music & Movement Action Songs Finding the beat Exploring tempo Exploring tempo & pitch through dance Music & movement performance		Musical Stories Moving to music Story Telling with actions Using instruments to represent actions Musical story composition Musical story performance	