

Daycare/Nursery/Tree Acre – Curriculum Overview 2025 – 2026

	Autumn 1 All About Me	Autumn 2 Natures Changes	Spring 1 Let's Investigate	Spring 2 How Does Your Garden grow?	Summer 1 Amazing Animals	Summer 2 Journeys
Communication, language/specific vocabulary	This is me, myself, I, eyes, ears, mouth, nose, boy, girl, him, her, big, small, mine, yours, ours, houses, homes belong, body, who, what, where	It's raining. The sun is out. It's hot. It's cold. rain, sun, wind, snow, night, day, light, dark, moon, stars, winter, summer, spring, autumn	ocean, sea, farm, countryside, polar, space, explore, investigate, experiment, environment, minibeast, seasons, winter, spring, autumn, weather, outdoors, forest school, planets, nature, growth, change, lifecycles	Nature, forest school, spring, grow, water, new life, flowers, grass, plants, the flowers are growing, what the plants, what do they need to grow, pots, pans, utensils, sun, fruit, veg, cook, oven, instructions, cut, mix, chop, stir, pancakes	jungle, rainforest, hot, canopy, water, trees, tent, crocodile, monkey, chimpanzee, elephant, tiger, parrots, snake, spiders, tree frog, tropical, humid, anteater, iguana, sloth, lemur, giraffe	Make, create, build, junk modelling, colours, patterns, experiments, threading, textures, sensory, collage, explore, dance, playdough, salt dough, moon dough, shapes
English /Key texts	Head, shoulders, knees and toes Finger We Are Family song, From head to toe (Eric Carole) Three Little Pigs My very own family story book Stick man Monkey Puzzle.	Cinderella Owl Babies Can't you Sleep Little Bear? Peace at Last Gruffalo / Gruffalo's Child The Way Back Home The Star in the Forest	Whatever Next Edward and the Rocketship The Tiny Seed Lost and Found All About Minibeasts The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Up in the garden, down in the dirt, when will it be spring, Lola plants a garden, simple cookbooks, recipes, coot it / I can cook (CBeebies) The Hungry Caterpillar What the Ladybird Heard Next	Jungle Book Tarzan We're Going on a Lion Hunt The Mixed up Chameleon Little Red and the Hungry Lion Giraffes Can't Dance A Greedy Zebra Animal Boogie	Mr Make, the day the crayons quit, whatever next, Charley Bear, (the book about the girl who wanted to play and made amazing things) The lighthouse keeper The Jolly postman Katie Morag
Essential Learning	Identify features of ourselves, observe others features, I can smell, taste, hear, touch and see. Eye Colours – Identify others eye colours. How can I move, Similarities and differences, likes and dislikes. Our house, where do I live? – house, flat, bungalow etc. My Family – who's in my family. Family storybook. Paper plate faces / masks	Identify daytime and night-time. Observe features of day/night e.g. sun, stars, moon. Notice when it is hot/cold. Identify different types of weather; rain, wind, snow, frost, sun. Name animals which might be seen during day or at night. Things they do during the day/night. Make links between weather and seasons.	What is an explorer? What are seasons and what's the difference? What different environments are there? What minibeast can I see? How do things grow? Difference in animals Where do creatures live?	What do plants need to grow? Different parts of a plant – stem, leaf, root, flower etc... Different types of plants/flowers. How can we make this? Process of cooking, safety of cooking, safety in the kitchen, recipes, look at real life plants / foods. Use senses to explore them, healthy eating	What a jungle is. Some animals live in a jungle. That a jungle is hot, has rain/storms. The presence of water. What might they need in a jungle?	Experiment with colours, making new colours, science experiments, Ice melts. Building with junk, Large junk to create – aeroplanes, boats (travel) What can we make, build create? Dancing to different types of music, exploring cultural music, create with a purpose in mind, recognise shapes and colours,
Diversity and Equality	I am Perfectly Designed. Hey You!	King and King		Where Happiness Begins		A Great Big Cuddle

Experiences and enrichment	Visit from School Nurse Visit from Dentist Visit from parent with a baby	Birds of Prey visit/visitor Visit to Sealife Centre Dark den/tunnel	Visiting scientist Making slime Insect Lore: Butterfly Eggs/chicks Bug hotels Big hunting	Visit local allotments Growing fruit and vegetables Visiting chef Cooking sessions Tour of school kitchen	Zoo visit (Chester/Dudley) Animal man.	Visiting artist/sculptor Paint your own experience Think Tank – small world
PE	Yoga Body Management	Yoga Manipulation and coordination	Yoga Dance	Yoga Cooperate and Solve Problems	Yoga Gymnastics	Yoga Speed, Agility and travel
Learning through Nature	Shelter building Campfire and cooking x 2 Plant/Tree identification Texture rubbings Planting winter vegetables/bulbs/harvesting Gardening Free play Potions Fairy gardens Mud kitchen		Bug Hunt Shelter building Campfire and cooking x 2 Plant/Tree identification Tree folk Planting seeds Gardening Free play Potions Fairy houses Mud kitchen		Bug Hunt Shelter building Campfire and cooking x 2 Flower identification Nature pictures Cutting and pressing flowers Gardening Free play Potions Fairy houses Mud kitchen	
French	Key words: Bonjour, Au Revoir, Ecoutez, Merci Key Nursery Rhyme: Petite Etoile - Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes -Learn to repeat and reproduce the language I hear: -Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating	Key words: Bonjour, Au Revoir, Ecoutez, Merci Key Nursery Rhyme: Les Petits Poussins - Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes -Learn to repeat and reproduce the language I hear: -Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating	Key Words: rouge, jaune, bleu, vert, rose Key Nursery Rhyme: Le Vieux MacDonald - Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes -Learn to repeat and reproduce the language I hear: -Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating	Key Words: rouge, jaune, bleu, vert, rose Key Nursery Rhyme: Un Éléphant Se Balançait - Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes -Learn to repeat and reproduce the language I hear: -Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating	Key Words: Un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq Key Nursery Rhyme: L'araignée Gypsy - Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes -Learn to repeat and reproduce the language I hear: -Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating	Key word: Un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq Key Nursery Rhyme: Les Roues De L'autobus - Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes -Learn to repeat and reproduce the language I hear: -Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating