## Rural Church Schools Academy Trust

EYFS - Understanding the World

## Progression of Knowledge and Skills

|                                  | Reception Autumn   | Reception Spring   | Reception Summer   | ELG Checkpoint   |  |  |
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|                                  | Talk about members of their immediate family and community.<br>Name and describe people who are familiar to them.<br>Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.<br>Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Past and Present (History)       | During dedicated talk time, listen to what children say<br>about their family.<br>Encourage children to share pictures of their family and<br>listen to what they say about the pictures.<br>Share information about your own family, giving children<br>time to ask<br>questions or make comments.<br>Talk about people that the children may have come<br>across within their community, such as delivery and shop<br>staff, hairdressers, etc.<br>Present children with pictures, stories, artefacts and<br>accounts from the past.<br>Show images of familiar situations in the past, such as<br>homes and schools | Listen to what children say about their own<br>experiences with people who are familiar to them.<br>Present children with pictures, stories, artefacts and<br>accounts from the past, explaining similarities and<br>differences.<br>Show images of familiar situations ino the past, such as<br>homes, schools, transport and clothing.<br>Offer opportunities for children to begin to organise<br>events using basic chronology.<br>Using examples from real life and from books, show<br>children how there are many different families. | Interpretations of History: Offer hands-on experiences that<br>deepen children's understanding, such as visiting a local area<br>that has historical importance. Include a focus on the lives of<br>both women and men. Is this building from the past or present?<br>Communication: Look for opportunities to observe children<br>talking about experiences that are familiar to them and how<br>these may have differed in the past.<br>Chronological Understanding: Offer opportunities for children<br>to begin to organise events using basic chronology, recognising<br>that things happened before they were born.<br>Historical Enquiry: Understand and use the term 'past' and<br>'present' | Talk about the lives of the people around<br>them and their roles in society;<br>Know some similarities and differences<br>between things in the past and now, drawing<br>on their experiences and what has been read<br>in class;<br>Understand the past through settings,<br>characters and events encountered in books<br>read in class and storytelling. |  |  |
|                                  | Draw information from a simple map.<br>Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.<br>Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| People and Places<br>(Geography) | Draw children's attention to the immediate environment,<br>introducing and modelling new vocabulary where<br>appropriate.<br>Use images, video clips, shared texts and other<br>resources to bring the wider world into the classroom.<br>Listen to what children say about what they see.<br>Share non-fiction texts that offer an insight into<br>contrasting environments.  | Look at aerial views of familiar settings, encouraging<br>children to comment on what they notice, recognising<br>buildings, open space, roads and other simple features.<br>Teach children about places in the world that contrast<br>with locations they know well.<br>Teach children about a range of contrasting<br>environments within both their local and national<br>region.<br>Children communicate their understanding of their own<br>environment and contrasting environments through<br>conversation and in play.               | Locational & Place Knowledge: Familiarise children with the<br>name of the road, and or village/ town/city the school is<br>located in.<br>Use relevant, specific vocabulary to describe contrasting<br>locations.<br>Avoid stereotyping and explain how children's lives in other<br>countries may be similar or different in terms of how they<br>travel to school, what they eat, where they live, and so on.<br>Human & Physical Geography: Model the vocabulary needed to<br>name specific features of the world, both natural and made by<br>people.<br>Geographical Skills & Fieldwork: Offer opportunities for<br>children to choose to draw simple maps of their immediate                  | Describe their immediate environment using<br>knowledge from observation, discussion,<br>stories, non-fiction texts and maps;<br>Explain some similarities and differences<br>between life in this country and life in other<br>countries, drawing on knowledge from<br>stories, non-fiction texts and - when<br>appropriate - maps                          |  |  |
| Cult<br>ure                      | environment, or maps from imaginary story settings they are<br>familiar with.<br>Understand that some places are special to members of their community.<br>Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.   |  |  |  |  |  |

|           | Celebrate Diwali and Christmas with children, explaining<br>why these times are special to different religions.   | Name and explain the purpose of places of worship and<br>places of local importance to the community to<br>children, drawing on their own experiences where<br>possible.<br>Help children to begin to build a rich bank of<br>vocabulary with which to describe their own lives and<br>the lives of others. | Take children to places of worship and places of local<br>importance to the community. Invite visitors from different<br>religious and cultural communities into the classroom to share<br>their experiences with children<br>Encourage children to use vocabulary learnt to describe their<br>own lives and lives of others. | Know some similarities and differences<br>between different religious and cultural<br>communities in this country, drawing on their<br>experiences and what has been read in class; |  |  |
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|           | Explore the natural world around them.  |   |   |   |  |  |
|           | Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.   |   |   |   |  |  |
|           | Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.   |   |   |   |  |  |
|           | Cooking table -Children will have opportunity to talk about irreversible changes, through chopping, blending, cooking   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <b>a</b>  | Woodwork - through working with wood, children will learn about it's properties and the properties of other materials. Learn how to use tools, and how to combine and attach different materials. |   |   |   |  |  |
| (Science) | Experience the process of design, make, review  |   |   |   |  |  |
| ie.       | Provide children with have frequent opportunities for   | Create opportunities to discuss how we care for the   | Identify & Classify: After close observation, draw pictures of  | Explore the natural world around them,  |  |  |
| Sc        | outdoor play and exploration.   | natural world around us.  | the natural world, including animals and plants and name them.  | making observations and drawing pictures of   |  |  |
|           | Encourage interactions with the outdoors to foster  | Offer opportunities to sing songs and join in with  | Observe, Measure & Pattern Spot: Observe and interact with  | animals and plants;   |  |  |
| - P       | curiosity and give children freedom to touch, smell and<br>hear the natural world around them during hands-on   | rhymes and poems about the natural world.<br>Observe and interact with natural processes, such as   | natural processes, such a sound causing a vibration, light<br>travelling through transparent material and a boat floating on  | Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and  |  |  |
| World     | near the hatural world around them during hands-on<br>experiences.  | ice melting, an object casting a shadow and a magnet  | water.  | contrasting environments, drawing on their  |  |  |
| 5         | Explore the outdoor environment for signs of autumn   | attracting an object.   | Question & Enguire: Ask simple guestions.   | experiences and what has been read in class;  |  |  |
| م         |   |   | Investigate: Observe and discuss simple tests.  | Understand some important processes and   |  |  |
| Natural   | Talk about differences between materials and changes  | Explore the outdoor environment for signs of winter   | Record, Report and Draw Conclusions: Talk about the   | changes in the natural world around them,   |  |  |
| Z         | that they notice.   | and spring  | conclusions of simple tests and record as a group.  | including the seasons and changing states of  |  |  |
|           | Cooking table- chopping, grating and squeezing skills,  | Provide opportunities to change materials from one  | Explore the outdoor environment for signs of summer   | matter.   |  |  |
| The       | children learn to use simple equipment, select and use  | state to another  | Observe and interact with natural processes   |   |  |  |
| F         | equipment for particular purposes.  | Cooking table - children to experience mashing and  | Cooking table - children to explore mixing and cooking  |   |  |  |
|           |   | blending fruits to make milkshakes and smoothies and<br>freezing to make ice lollies talk about and observe   | ingredients, following a simple recipe, learn how to operate<br>simple equipment with support, explore traditional recipes and  |   |  |  |
|           |   | changes   | irreversible changes - make jam tarts, mini pizzas, apple turn  |   |  |  |
|           |   | Changes   | overs etc.  |   |  |  |
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