Knowsley Lane Primary School
Reception Curriculum Overview 2026/2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Learning Focus Theme	**WHO AM I?** 	**AMAZING ADVENTURES** 	**ONCE UPON A TIME** 	**ANIMAL ADVENTURES** 	**NATURE DETECTIVES** 	**WONDERFUL WORLD** 
PSED	My feelings	Special relationships	Taking on challenges	Listening and following instructions	My family and friends	My wellbeing
Physical Development	• Gross motor experiences • Fine motor experiences • Handwriting • Health & wellbeing	• Gross motor experiences • Fine motor experiences • Handwriting • Health & wellbeing	• Gross motor experiences • Fine motor experiences • Handwriting • Health & wellbeing	• Gross motor experiences • Fine motor experiences • Handwriting • Health & wellbeing	• Gross motor experiences • Fine motor experiences • Handwriting • Health & wellbeing	• Gross motor experiences • Fine motor experiences • Handwriting • Health & wellbeing •
Literacy	RWI	RWI	RWI	RWI	RWI	RWI
Maths	-Numbers to 5 -Comparing groups within 5 -Shape -Change within 5	-Change within 5 -Number bonds within 5 -Space	-Numbers to 10 -Comparing numbers within 10 -Addition to 10 -Measure	-Number bonds to 10 -Subtraction -Exploring patterns	-Counting on & counting back -Numbers to 20 -Numerical patterns	-Shape -Measure -Sorting -Time

Understanding the world	• My family • Body parts • Past and present • Homes • Homes in other countries • Where I live • My senses • Healthy eating • People who help us • Occupations **RE** – What makes us special? -Time to celebrate	• Map skills • Materials • Floating & sinking • Past and present • Celebrations • Season: Autumn • Season: Winter • Changes: melting **Computing –** Using a computer **RE** – What makes us special? -Time to celebrate	• The UK • Other countries: Australia • Natural world • The royal family • Map skills • Scientific investigation: -Senses -Changes -Magnets **Computing** – All about instructions **RE**- Why are some stories special? -Time to celebrate	• Caring for animals and pets • Mini beasts • Season: Spring • Easter **Computing –** Exploring hardware **RE**- Why are some stories special? -Time to celebrate	• Planting/growing • Natural world • Our environment • Exploring seasons **Computing** – Programming Beebots **RE** – Why are some places special? -Time to celebrate	• The UK • Other countries • World landscapes • Sea creatures • Cities and countryside • Season: Summer • Scientific investigation: -Forces -Sound -Floating and sinking -Changes -Light **Computing**- Introduction to data **RE**- Why are some places special? -Time to celebrate
Expressive Arts & Design	• Junk modelling – making our homes • Autumn craft – making nature wreaths • Cooking & nutrition – making soup Additional opportunities: • Painting • Drawing • Collage • Sculpture • Music • Singing & • Dancing • Role play **Artist focus:**	• Structures: boats • Making sliding Santa chimneys • Threaded snowflakes • Salt dough decorations Additional opportunities: • Painting • Drawing • Collage • Sculpture • Music • Singing & • Dancing • Role play	• Textiles - bookmarks Additional opportunities: • Painting • Drawing • Collage • Sculpture • Music • Singing & • Dancing • Role play **Artist focus:** **Wassily Kandinsky (colour mixing, shape & pattern)** 	• Creation station: Making animal structures • Hanging Easter egg decoration Additional opportunities: • Painting • Drawing • Collage • Sculpture • Music • Singing & • Dancing • Role play **Artist focus:**	• Paint my world: painting and collage • Flower threading Additional opportunities: • Painting • Drawing • Collage • Sculpture • Music • Singing & • Dancing • Role play **Artist focus:**	• Let's get crafty • Salt painting Additional opportunities: • Painting • Drawing • Collage • Sculpture • Music • Singing & • Dancing • Role play **Artist focus:** **Henri Matisse (Collage)**

	Natalie **(self portraits)** 	**Artist focus:** **Jackson pollock (painting)** 		**Barbara Hepworth (sculpture/junk modelling)** 	**Vincent Van Gogh (observational drawing)** 	