

Understanding the World skills progression

The Natural World			
Nursery	Reception Autumn	Reception Spring	Reception Summer
Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Explore and talk about different forces they can feel. Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.	Draw information from a simple map. Explore the natural world around them. Name the four seasons. Identify seasonal changes. Understand why it is important to look after the world.	Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. Know what nocturnal means and name some animals that are nocturnal. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Observe the growth of a seed and care for it. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
SEND provision	Picture prompts to support with understanding. Use of Makaton/BSL/Communication boards to ensure pupils can explain their understanding. Ensure pupils have sensory opportunities to explore world around them appropriately. Real life opportunities.		