



## Medium Term Plan - Spring 1





## **Greenfinch – Hot and Cold**

EYFS Specific Area	Topic	EYFS Reception Development Matters Statements	Lesson Outline/ Continuous Provision Activities
Understanding of the world	History and Geography	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.  Compare and contrast characters from stories including figures from the past.	Week 1- Introduce topic of Hot and Cold. Explore different parts of the world using online and physical maps that are hot and cold.  Week 2 - Learn about the seasons and weather. Describe weather patterns
		Draw information from a simple map.	
		Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.	and seasons in detail.  Week 3 – Identify the continents and oceans.
		Explore the natural world around them.	Week 4 – Learn about the features and locations of cold countries.
		Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.	Week 5- Learn about the locations features of hot countries.  Week 6 – Learn about the last ice age
		Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.	and climate change.
		Understand the effect of the changing seasons on the natural world around them.	

Understanding of the World	Science	Explore the natural world around them.  Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.  Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.	Comparing Materials Week 1: Describing and comparing materials Week 2: Classifying materials Week 3: Exploring slime Week 4: Floating and sinking Week 5: Testing transparency
Understanding of the World	R.E	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.  Understand that some places are special to members of their community.  Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.  Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.	Week 1 – Children will explain things that are important to them. Week 2 – Children will learn about Christian and Jewish beliefs and Creation. Week 3 – Children will learn about the Creation story from Genesis. Week 4 – Children will learn about how Creation helps us to understand the character of God. Week 5 - Children will learn about the Wonders of the world and think about how these places make them feel. Children will consider how God feels about his creation. Week 6 – Children will make pledges to help look after God's creation.

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Expressive Art & Design	Art and D.T	Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.  Return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.  Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources and skills.	Week 1 – explore how fabric is constructed using weaving.  Week 2 – make a simple loom  Week 3 – use a weaving technique  Week 4 – embellish the work by adding beads or sequins.  Week 5 – evaluate the finished product.  Week 6 – hot and cold landscapes using watercolours.

Music	Listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing	In the Groove
	their feelings and responses.	Week 1: Children will listen to In the Groove,
		Blues by Joanna Mangona: They will learn to find
		the pulse and rhythm using their bodies.
	Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing	Week 2: Children will listen to In the Groove
	their feelings and responses.	Baroque and Let the Bright Seraphim by Handel.
		They will compare and think about differences
		and similarities.
	Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the	Week 3: Children will listen to In the Groove Latin
	pitch and following the melody.	and compare to Livin' the Vida Loca by Ricky
		Martin.
		Week 4: Children will listen to the In the Groove,
	Develop storylines in their pretend play.	Bhangra and compare to Jai Ho by J. R. Rahman.
		Week 5: Children will listen to In the Groove, Folk
		and compare to Lord of the Dance by R Hardiman.
	Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing	Week 6:Children will listen to In the Groove, Funk
	solo or in groups.	and compare to Diggin' On James Brown by the
		Tower of Power.

Communication	Story time	Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is	Every day, children will be read one or more
and Language		important	stories/books either from the Greenfinch class reading spine or a book linked to our topic, R.E,
		important.	PSHE or literacy lessons.
		Learn new vocabulary.	
		Use new vocabulary throughout the day.	
		Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand	
		what has been said to them.	
		Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.	
		Connect one idea or action another using a range of	
		connectives.	
		Develop social phrases.	
		Describe events in some detail.	
		Engage in story times.	
		Listen and talk about stories to build familiarity and	
		understanding.	
		Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity	
		with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.	
		Use new vocabulary in different contexts.	

Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how
they sound.
Learn rhymes, poems and songs.
Engage in non-fiction books.
Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.
Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.

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Physical Development	P.E	Revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired:- rolling- crawling - walking - jumping - running - hopping - skipping - climbing  Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace.  Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport and swimming.  Combine different movements with ease and fluency.  Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group.  Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility.  Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming.  Develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.	Dance Unit 2  Week 1: to perform actions to well-known nursery rhymes.  Week 2: to march in time to the beat and to turn while marching.  Week 3: To march in time as a group.  Week 4: to perform actions in canon (one after the other).  Week 5: to perform a short dance using canon.  Week 6: to perform in rounds in different groups.

For English and maths plan see separate long term plans.