



Thomas Whitehead Academy

Curriculum Map for 2025-2026 Class: Reception

'Let your light shine'

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Being Me In My World (PSED, UW – history and RE)	Exploring Autumn (UW-science) mini topic Sparkle and Shine (UW-RE/PSED) mini topic	Puppets and Pop Ups Start-Ready, Steady Grow	Continue-Ready, Steady Grow Signs of Spring	Big Wide World	Splash
Literacy <i>(Talk 4 Writing)</i>	Five Stories in 5 weeks- Little Jack The Rainbow Princess Let me come in The Magic Porridge Pot Quackling	The Gingerbread Man Cummulative Story	Baby Mouse Journey story	Sleepy Bumble Bee Journey story	Jack and the Beanstalk Beat the Baddy story	Farmer Duck Beat the Baddy story
Phonics <i>(Little Wandle)</i>	Phase 2	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 4
Maths <i>(Herts for Learning)</i>	Subitising Counting Stable Order	Classification Comparisons and Measures Pattern Recognition	Counting including Cardinality Using Counting to Compare Spatial Thinking	Magnitude Ordering and Estimation Regrouping the Whole Regrouping Parts to Find the Total	Finding the Whole and Missing Parts Ten and Some More Doubling and Halving	Odd and Even Counting Beyond 20
Understanding the World <i>(Cornerstones)</i>	Being Me In My World (PSED, UW – history and RE)	Exploring Autumn (UW-science) mini topic Sparkle and Shine (UW-RE/PSED) mini topic	Puppets and Pop Ups Start-Ready, Steady Grow	Continue-Ready, Steady Grow Signs of Spring	Big Wide World	Splash
Expressive arts and Design <i>(Cornerstones)</i>	Being Me In My World (PSED, UW – history and RE)	Exploring Autumn (UW-science) mini topic Sparkle and Shine (UW-RE/PSED) mini topic	Puppets and Pop Ups Start-Ready, Steady Grow	Continue-Ready, Steady Grow Signs of Spring	Big Wide World	Splash
Music	Music and Movement	Celebration Music - Christmas	Big Band	Celebration Music	Musical Stories	Celebration Music
PE	Balls Skills Fundamental Intro to PE	Gymnastics Fundamentals Multi Skills	Dance	Ball Skills Fundamentals Gymnastics	Striking, Net and Wall Games	Athletics
RE	Being Special – Where do we belong? Syllabus unit F4 Big Questions – <i>Is everyone special?</i> <i>Should we show kindness to everyone?</i>	Why is Christmas Special for Christians? Syllabus unit F2 Big Questions: <i>What makes every person unique and special?</i>	Which Stories are specially valued and why? Syllabus unit F6 Big Questions: <i>What is your favourite story?</i>	Why is Easter Special for Christians? Syllabus unit F3 Big Questions: <i>Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?</i>	Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians? Syllabus unit F1 Big Questions: <i>What is amazing about the world?</i>	Which places are specially valued and why? Syllabus unit F5 Big Questions: <i>Where do you feel safe?</i>

	<p><i>How do you know people love you?</i></p> <p><i>Where do you belong?</i></p> <p>5 key words to teach: Baby-welcoming, symbol, celebration, religion, community.</p>	<p><i>Has anyone ever seen God?</i></p> <p><i>What if Jesus came here today, what would he think?</i></p> <p>5 key words to teach: God, Christian, Bible, Christmas festival</p>	<p><i>What do you like about it, and why?</i></p> <p><i>What stories do you know that tell you how you should behave towards other people?</i></p> <p>5 key words to teach: God, Holy Books, religion, prayer</p>	<p><i>Why do we have Easter eggs?</i></p> <p><i>Why did God let Jesus die?</i></p> <p><i>Why did they wave palm leaves?</i></p> <p>5 key words to teach: God, Christian, Jesus, Easter, Festival.</p>	<p><i>What do Christians say about God as Creator?</i></p> <p><i>Which people believe in God?</i></p> <p>5 key words to teach: God, creator, Christian, Bible, religion</p>	<p><i>What makes this place special?</i></p> <p><i>Where is special for you and why?</i></p> <p>5 key words to teach: Holy building, God, religion beliefs.</p>
PSHE <i>(Jigsaw)</i>	Being Me	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
Curriculum Enrichment	Nurse or dentist to visit school	Christmas performance in Church	A puppet show???	Living Eggs Easter concert to parents	Trip to the zoo or animals coming into school?	Sports Day End of year music concert