

# Reception Medium Term Plan-Spring 1 - Power of Imagination

**PD Day Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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<div>PSHE</div> <div>1 Decision</div> <div>PSED</div>	Understanding emotions  Purple watches the News Purple is Poorly  Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally		Understanding that it is OK to ask for help  Orange feels worried Red Needs The Toilet  Manage their own needs Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.		Develop Strategies for Managing Feelings  Blue Gets Lost  Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally	Understanding the risks and how to stay safe when using technology  Pinks Screen Time  Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing																		
<div>Literacy</div> <div>Communication and Language</div>	The Magic Paintbrush I can share my ideas and listen to my friend’s ideas  I can say what I think a character might do	The Magic Paintbrush Escribe events in some details Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.	The Magic Paintbrush I can talk about how people around the world might celebrate	The Magic Paintbrush I can talk about a story and put pictures in order	The Magic Paintbrush Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with a text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.	The Magic Paintbrush I can talk about ideas for my own story																		
Reading	I can use phonics to read words I can read some common exception words	Blend sounds into words so they can read short words made up of known letter sound correspondences	I can use phonics to read and write words		I can read and say others’ initials	I can write sentences for my friends to read																		
Writing	To spell words by identifying the sound and then writing the sound with letter/letters	To spell words by identifying the sound and then writing the sound with letter/letters	I can use phonics to read and write words To spell words by identifying the sound and then writing the sound with letter/letters	I can use conjunctions to join ideas I can write a capital letter for the first letter in my name I can use phonics to spell	I can use phonics to spell I can write simple sentences	I can write my own story I can use phonics to spell I can write sentences for my friends to read																		
Phonics including Big Cat phonics guided reading	<table><tr><th></th><th>Phase 3 graphemes</th><th>New tricky words</th></tr><tr><td>Week 1</td><td>ai ee igh oa</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Week 2</td><td>oo oo ar or</td><td>was you they</td></tr><tr><td>Week 3</td><td>ur ow oi ear</td><td>my by all</td></tr><tr><td>Week 4</td><td>air er words with double letters: dd mm tt bb rr gg pp ff</td><td>are sure pure</td></tr><tr><td>Week 5</td><td>longer words</td><td></td></tr></table>							Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words	Week 1	ai ee igh oa		Week 2	oo oo ar or	was you they	Week 3	ur ow oi ear	my by all	Week 4	air er words with double letters: dd mm tt bb rr gg pp ff	are sure pure	Week 5	longer words	
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<div>Maths</div> <div>White Rose Maths</div>	‘Alive in 5’  Introducing 0 Find 0-5	‘Alive in 5’  Subitise 0-5 Represent 0-5 Composition Conceptual subitising to 5	‘Mass and Capacity’  Compare mass Find a balance Explore capacity Compare capacity	‘Growing 6, 7, 8’  Find 6, 7 and 8 Represent 6, 7 and 8 Composition of 6, 7 and 8 Make pairs-odd and even	‘Growing 6, 7, 8’  Double to 8 (find a double) Double to 8 (make a double) Combine 2 groups Conceptual subitising	‘Length height and time’  Explore length and compare length Explore height and compare height Talk about time Order and sequence																		

<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>  <b>Role play</b>  <b>Using media</b>	<b>Role play – Fancy dress</b>  Develop story lines in their pretend play Return to and build upon their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills					
	Creating – Paintbrush skills (Creating their own paintbrushes using different textiles)	Creating – Paintbrush skills (Strokes)	Creating – Clay (Creating monsters)	Creating – Scissor skills (Mask making)	Creating – Scissor skills (different materials/textiles)	Creating – Textiles costume making
	Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings Return to and build upon their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills					
<b>Music</b> <b>Charanga</b> <b>‘Everyone’</b>	Explore rhythms Explore high and low Create your own sounds Learn to sing nursery rhymes					
<b>Understanding the World</b>	<b>Cold waves</b>  Explore the natural world around them Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live	<b>Volcanoes</b>  Explore the natural world around them Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live	<b>Wind</b>  Explore the natural world around them Describe what they hear, feel and see outside Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live	<b>Coastal weather</b>  Recognise some differences between life in this country and life in other countries	<b>Thunderstorms</b>  Compare and contrast characters from stories and figures from the past Comment on images of familiar situations, including figures from the past	<b>Global warming</b>  Compare and contrast characters from stories and figures from the past Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways
<b>RE</b>  <b>How can we help others when they need it?</b>	I can talk about something interesting in a story where someone needed help	I can talk about someone who is special because they help me when I need help	I can recognise the important Christian parable of the Good Samaritan e.g. in a painting, drama, stained glass, poem	I can talk about things that happened when I needed help, or how I helped someone	I can talk about something interesting in a story where someone needed help	I can talk about someone who is special because they help me when I need help
<b>Gross motor skills</b>	Squeeze your muscles to keep you tense	Bend your knees to help you stop Take big steps to run and small steps to stop	Bend your knee and push off in the opposite direction Turn your body to face a new direction Use small steps to help you change direction	Bend your knees to jump and land Look straight ahead and keep your chest up	Bend your knees when landing Keep your head up Squeeze your muscles to balance	Bend your knees to take off and land when jumping Crawl using hands and feet March with high knees Slide using different parts of your body Use the pattern; step jump step to gallop
<b>PE</b>  <b>Get set 4 PE gymnastics</b>  <b>Unit 1</b>	To sit up tall in a tuck shape Squeeze your muscles to help keep your shape Straighten arms and legs when holding straight and star shapes	Squeeze your muscles to help keep your shape Straighten arms and legs when holding straight and star shapes	Squeeze your muscles to help you stay balanced	Bend your knees when you land Chest up	Squeeze your muscles to help you keep your shape Stay in your shape during your role	Travel over around and along apparatus Use role balances jumps and shapes

Fine motor skills	Paintbrush skills (creating different paintbrushes)	Pipettes (Creating volcanoes)	Playdough (Creating salt dough monsters)	Scissor Skills (Creating masks)	Rubber bands (Tie dye costumes)	Threading (Creating costumes)
	Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently					