

# **REMAT Early Years Literacy Curriculum**

## **2025-2026**

**Through our Literacy Curriculum, we aim to:**

- provide a rich language environment
- grow the bank of vocabulary heard and used by children
- expose children to high quality literature
- develop a love of reading
- help children build a repertoire of familiar stories, rhymes and poems
- increase the amount of tier two vocabulary children are exposed to
- give children a wider range of experiences through stories
- promote diversity and exposure to the wider community

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The EYs literacy curriculum is a combination of favourite five texts, nursery rhymes, poetry time and talk through stories planning.

Pre-Nursery classes will base their planning on favourite five texts, nursery rhymes and life events. These can be fluid and used to plan focused activities or enhancements. Books can be used as a focus for however long they lend themselves to learning opportunities.

Nursery will use Talk Through Stories Story time planning for TTS focused weeks. When the input is focusing on Maths, favourite five books will be shared during story time across the session. When the focus is favourite five, one book should be focused upon for that week. This book should be a book that lends itself to a wide range of learning opportunities and follows the interests of the class.

Pre-nursery and Nursery will have a half termly nursery rhyme week. Staff can choose how to plan this based on their class. This can be a focus on 1 or 2 nursery rhymes or a nursery rhyme a day. Nursery rhymes for each half term are shown in this document.

Pre-nursery and Nursery staff should plan enhancements and activities linked to the weekly focus. These can focus on communication and language, mark making etc.

Reception will use Talk Through Stories Story time and vocab time planning for TTS focused weeks. Favourite five books will be shared during story time across each half term. When the focus is favourite five, one book should be focused upon for that week. Poetry time planning is provided for poetry week.

Reception staff will plan mark making and writing opportunities for children when their phonics skills are appropriate to do so (e.g. children in Ditty will be able to begin to write cvc words). This might not be until later on in the year.

All classes should ensure children have repeated exposure to Favourite Five texts each half term and their knowledge of these books is strong. These books can then be added to each half term, with the aim of children having 30 familiar texts by the end of each year. These books should be on display in the classroom, so children can access them in the reading area.

# Nursery - Nursery Rhyme Focus

	Known Rhymes to Focus on	New Rhyme	New Rhyme	New Rhyme
Autumn 1	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Humpty Dumpty I'm A Little Teapot	Jack And Jill	Mulberry Bush	London Bridge Is Falling Down
Autumn 2	<b>World Nursery Rhyme Week</b> -focus Rhymes Will Be Released Nearer To The Time			
Spring 1	Hokey Cokey Little Bo Peep If You're Happy And You Know	Hey, Diddle, Diddle	I Hear Thunder	Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary
Spring 2	Hot Cross Buns Old Macdonald Had A Farm Hickory Dickory Dock	Mary Had A Lamb	Two Little Dickie Birds	Miss Polly, Had A Dolly
Summer 1	Incy Wincy Spider Pat A Cake Little Miss Muffet	Ring A Ring A Roses	One Finger, One Thumb, Keep Moving	The Muffin Man
Summer 2	Head, Shoulders, Knees And Toes 1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught A Fish Alive Wheels On The Bus Row, Row, Row Your Boat	Old King Cole	Polly, Put The Kettle On	Five Fat Sausages

# Nursery Favourite Five

	Traditional Tales	Diversity and Inclusion	Recent Text	EYs Classics	Wellbeing
Autumn 1	The Three Little Pigs	Pink is For Boys by Robb Pearlman	Mabel and the Mountain by Kim Hillyard	Meg and Mog by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski	My Monster and Me by Nadiya Hussain
Autumn 2	Little Red Riding Hood	My Pet Star by Corianne Averis	I'm not scary Raahat Kaduji	Not Now Bernard by David McKee	Bear Shaped Dawn Coulter-Crutenden
Spring 1	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold	1,2,3 Do the Dinosaur by Michelle Robinson	The Giant Jam Sandwich Janet Barroway	Giraffes Can't Dance By Giles Andreae
Spring 2	Three Billy Goats Gruff	Real Life Superheroes - Julia Seal	The Hospital Dog by Julia Donaldson	The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr	Rusty the Squeaky Robot By Neil Clark
Summer 1	The Little Red Hen	Mixed by Arree Chung	Boo By Kate Read	Duck in the Truck Jez Alborough	This is Our House by Michael Rosen
Summer 2	Jack and the Beanstalk	What Happened to You? By James Catchpole	There's a Monster in Your Book by Tom Fletcher	Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth	<a href="#">youtube austins butterfly</a>

# Nursery Talk Through Stories

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Autumn 1	Settling In Week	Settling In Week	Nursery Rhyme Week	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS Story Time Peace at Last	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	The Three Little Pigs	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories
Autumn 2	TTS Shark the Park on a Windy Dark	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	World Nursery Rhyme Week	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS Story Time Owl Babies	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	Little Red Riding Hood	
Spring 1	Nursery Rhyme Week	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS Story Time We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS Where's My Teddy Jez Alborough	Goldilocks And The Three Bears		
Spring 2	Nursery Rhyme Week	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS Story Time Elmer	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS Story Time Ruby's Worry	Three Billy Goats Gruff		
Summer 1	Nursery Rhyme Week	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS What the Ladybird Heard at the Farm	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS Story Time The Hungry Caterpillar	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories		
Summer 2	Nursery Rhyme Week	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	TTS Story Time Jack and the Beanstalk	Maths Focus Read Favorite Five Stories	Favorite Five Focus	Transition Week		



# Reception Nursery Rhyme Focus

	Known Rhymes To Focus on	New Rhymes to Introduce
Autumn 1	Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Humpty Dumpty I'm a Little Teapot	3 Blind Mice Doctor Foster Went to Gloster
Autumn 2	<b><u>World Nursery Rhyme Week</u></b> -focus rhymes will be released nearer to the time	
Spring 1	Hokey Cokey Little Bo Peep If You're Happy and You Know It	5 Little Speckled Frog 5 little Ducks
Spring 2	Hot Cross Buns Wheels on the Bus Hickory, Dickory, Dock	A Sailor Went to Sea 5 Little Monkeys
Summer 1	Incy Wincy Spider Pat-a-Cake Little Miss Muffet	The Grand Old Duke of York 10 Fat Sausages
Summer 2	Old MacDonald had a Farm Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive	The Big Ship Sails 10 Green Bottles

Nursery Rhymes should be woven into weekly timetables (e.g. key person time, story time etc).

# Reception Favourite Five

	Traditional Tales	Diversity and Inclusion	Recent Text	EYs Classics	Wellbeing
Autumn 1	The Ugly Duckling	Odd Dog Out by Rob Biddulph	Any book from the "Oi... " series	Whatever Next by Jill Murphy	Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright
Autumn 2	The Elves and the Shoemaker	I am Nefertiti by Annemarie Anang	Oh, Christmas Tree! By Sue Hendra	Stanley Stick by John Hegley	The Colour Monster By Anna Llenas
Spring 1	Chicken Licken	The Smeds and Smoos by Julia Donaldson	Star in a Jar by Sam Hay	The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson	Ravi's Roar By Tom Percival
Spring 2	Rumpelstiltskin	Rex's Specs by Jack Hughes	Zog and the Flying Doctors by Julia Donaldson	Peepo Janet and Allan Ahlberg	The Friendship Bench by Wendy Meddour
Summer 1	The Enormous Turnip	Under My Hijab by Hena Khan	The Runaway Pea by Kjørtan Poskitt	The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle	Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival
Summer 2	The Princess and the Pea	We're All Wonders by R.J. Palacio	We're Going on a Treasure Hunt by Martha Mumford	How To Catch Star by Oliver Jeffers	Don't You Worry Little Crab by Chris Haughton

# Reception Talk Through Stories

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Autumn 1	Settling In Week	Settling In Week	Favourite Five	Rainbow Fish ST + VT	Favourite Five	Six Dinner Sid ST + VT	Favourite Five	Poem: Brother
Autumn 2	Favourite Five	World Nursery Rhyme Week	Room on the Broom ST + VT	Favourite Five	Stickman ST + VT	Poem: The Monster Under Your Bed	Non-Fiction Week: Christmas	
Spring 1	Favourite Five: The Gruffalo	One Snowy Night ST + VT	Lost and Found ST + VT	Lost and Found Writing Unit	Poem: If I Were a Hawk	Favourite Five: Smeds and Smooos		
Spring 2	Pirates Love Underpants ST + VT	Pirates Love Underpants Writing Unit	Pirates Love Underpants Writing Unit	George and the Dragon ST + VT	George and the Dragon Writing Unit	Poem: Cake-a-Saurus		
Summer 1	The Extraordinary Gardener ST + VT	The Extraordinary Gardener Writing Unit	Non-Fiction Week: Minibeasts	Supertato ST + VT	Supertato Writing unit instructions/ recipe soup	Poem: Zanzibar		
Summer 2	Non-Fiction Week: Under the Sea	Tiddler ST + VT	Writing Week	Billy's Bucket ST + VT	Writing Week	Poem: Where am I?		