



Grimsdyke School

Long Term Curriculum Overview (2026 – 2027)

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	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Topic/Theme	Bright Beginnings	Let's celebrate	To Infinity and beyond	Once upon a time inc. Pirates	All creatures great and small	People who help us
English: Whole class reading and text focus	Topsy and Tim start school The Colour Monster by Anna LLenas The Colour Monster goes to school by Anna LLenas Our class is a family by Shannon Olsen The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister Elmer by David McKee Nursery Rhymes Twinkle Twinkle Incy Wincy Spider Humpty Dumpty Head, shoulders, knees and toes Row your boat Sleeping Bunnies Hey diddle diddle	Owl Babies by Martin Waddell Can't you sleep little bear? by Martin Waddell When's my Birthday by Julie Fogliano The Big Read Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan It's My Birthday by Helen Oxenbury The Gunpowder Plot The Diwali story The Christmas story	Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman Non-fiction – The Solar System Look Up by Nathan Bryon The Queen's Lift Off by Steven Anthony. Goodnight Spaceman by Michelle Robinson and Nick East Toys in Space by Mini Grey The Marvellous Moon Map by Teresa Heapy & David Litchfield Laika: Astronaut Dog by Owen Davey	3 Billy Goats gruff Gingerbread Man Little Red Riding Hood Jack and the Beanstalk Goldilocks and the 3 Bears The Three Little Pigs Once upon a time by Nick Sharratt Pirate Pete by Nick Sharratt Pirates love underpants by Claire Freedman The Treasure of Pirate Frank By Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham	Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow How to look after your Dinoasur by Jason Cockcroft Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpas by Tony Mitton and Guy Parker Rees Mad about Dinosaurs by Giles Andeae Non – fiction dinosaur facts Lifecycles of Mini Beasts The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson	Topsy and Tim series Busy People Series People who help us series by Rebecca Hunter Police officers on patrol by Kersten Hamilton Emergency by Margaret Mayo Going to the Dentist by Lucy George There's a superhero in my book by Tom Fletcher A Superpower Like mine by Dr Ranj A Superhero Like You by Dr Ranj Super Duper You by Sophy Henn



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Literacy: Comprehension, word reading and Writing Focus	Story Time and joining in with stories Mark making Recognising my name and familiar words	Rhyming stories and story structures Recognise and blending some words Letters in my name	Reading stories, non- fiction, rhymes and poems together Stories – storylines, predictions, role play and characters Phonics phases 1-4 Sounds and letters of the alphabet	Understanding sentences in stories. Exploring and writing sentences Retelling stories Spelling - representing sounds with letters	Irregular high frequency words Main events in a story Syllables Features of stories	Using information books Reading and understanding simple sentences Recognising capital letters and full stops in reading
Maths: Number and Numerical Patterns	Number rhymes Match, sort and compare amounts Compare size, mass and capacity Explore patterns	Representing, comparing and composition of 1, 2 and 3 Circles and triangles and positional language Representing numbers to 5, 1 more and 1 less Shapes with 4 sides Time	Introducing 0 Comparing numbers to 5 Composition of 4 and 5 Compare mass and capacity 6, 7, 8 combining 2 amounts Making pairs	Building numbers beyond 10 Counting patterns beyond 10 Spatial reasoning - match, rotate and manipulate Compose and decompose Adding more Take away	Doubling, sharing and grouping Even and odd Spatial reasoning – Visualise and build Mapping Deepening understanding - patterns and relationships	Length, height Time Counting to 9 and 10 Comparing number to 10 Bonds to 10 3D shapes Spatial awareness Patterns
Understanding the world: The Natural World	Seasonal Changes (Autumn) Animals including humans (My environment)	Everyday Materials (different materials)	Seasonal Changes (Winter)	Plants (plants and flowers) – Jack and the beanstalk	Seasonal Changes (Spring) Lifecycles	Seasonal Changes (Summer) Animals including humans (My body)
Technology Opportunities (in Continuous Provision)	Technology in our environment	Technology in our environment	Crome books	Using a beebot	Visiting the ICT Suit and using a computer	Logging onto a computer and finding a programme



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Understanding the world: Past and Present	Bright Beginnings How I have changed and grown	Let's celebrate Nativity story	To infinity and beyond First moon landing Famous Astronauts	Once upon a time Castles	All creatures great and small Dinosaurs	People who help us Vehicles in the past
Understanding the world: People, Culture and Communities	My environment	Maps	Changes	Understanding maps and journey Farms and Animals	Understanding maps and journey Farms and Animals	
Physical Development	Gymnastics Locomotion-jumping/walking	Gymnastics Ball skills (feet)	Gymnastics Ball skills (hands)	Gymnastics Rackets, bats, balls, balloons	Gymnastics Attack v Defence	Gymnastics Athletics (sports day)
PSHE (Jigsaw)	Being me in my world	Celebrating difference	Dreams and goals	Healthy me	Relationships (SRE) – following Grimsdyke's SRE curriculum	Changing Me (SRE) – following Grimsdyke's SRE curriculum
Expressive Arts and Design	Drawing and Painting Exploring lines, Shapes and Colours	Sculpture Playdough, plasticine and clay	Painting, Collage, Textiles and Print making Colours all around me Planets and Space	Collage, Textiles and Print making Nature – flower, plants and animals	Painting, Collage, Textiles and Print making All creatures great and small (mini-beasts, bugs, animals, dinosaurs)	Drawing and Painting Creating different marks, lines or shapes Mixing colours Making backgrounds
Design and Technology	Building and construction with different objects and materials	Santa stockings and Mince Pies	Model space rockets	Food technology – gingerbread and porridge	Junk modelling – making a dinosaur	Making finger puppets
Expressive Arts and Design	<u>Sing Up</u> Music Focus: Lets feel good about ourselves	<u>Sing Up</u> Music Focus: Candlelight	<u>Sing Up</u> Music Focus: Ticket to ride	<u>Sing Up</u> Music Focus: The Pirate Parade	<u>Sing Up</u> Music Focus: A Musical Mollusc	<u>Sing Up</u> Music Focus: Be happy! Be healthy



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Understanding the world: People, Culture and Communities	<i>Books that are special to me</i>	<i>Celebrations that are important to me</i>	<i>Special people</i>	<i>Places that are special to me</i>	<i>Foods that are special to me</i>	<i>How can we help other people?</i>
Curriculum enrichment	<i>Autumn Walk</i> <i>Harvest theme day</i>	<i>Local walk to the post box</i>	<i>School trip to the Church</i>	<i>School trip to the farm</i>	<i>Ranger Stu visit</i> <i>Dinosaur workshop</i>	<i>Emergency services and fire engine visit</i> <i>School nurse visit on keeping healthy</i>