Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum



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Communication and Lang	guage	Personal, Social Emotional Devel		Physical De	evelopment	
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Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum Communication and Language



Check Point 1	Check Point 2	Check Point 3	Check Point 4	Year 1 Ready
Nursery Entry	Mid Nursery	End of Nursery/ Reception Entry	Mid Reception	
To join in with nursery rhymes.	To know some nursery rhymes.	To know a collection of nursery rhymes.	To learn rhymes, poems and songs.	To know rhymes, poems and songs off by heart.
To enjoy listening to stories with increasing interest.	To engage in conversations about stories.	To enjoy listening to longer stories and recall much of what happens.	To retell stories using some exact repetition.	To retell and talk about stories in their own words.
	To speak in sentences of 4 words or more.	To use a wider range of vocabulary. To start a conversation with an adult or friend and continue it for many turns.	To use new vocabulary throughout the day and apply it to appropriate contexts.	To articulate their understanding of new vocabulary and apply this knowledge in conversation with adults or friends.
To take part in simple pretend play.	To initiate pretend play using small world linked to longer stories.	To use talk to organise themselves and their play.	To develop story lines from familiar books and use in pretend play.	Connect story lines, play ideas or actions to one another using a range of conjunctions.
	To hear some initial sounds for words and objects.	To articulate sounds correctly. To identify some of the final sounds of words and objects.	To segment cvc words.	To segment words with consonant blends independently.
	To blend cvc words with support.	To blend cvc words independently.	To blend words with digraphs and trigraphs.	To blend polysyllabic words with consonant blends independently.

Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Check Point 1	Check Point 2	Check Point 3	Check Point 4	Year 1 Ready
Nursery Entry	Mid Nursery	End of Nursery/ Reception Entry	Mid Reception	
To use the toilet with increasing	To be increasingly independent	To begin to make healthy	To manage their own needs	To know and talk about the
independence.	in meeting their own care	choices about food, drink,	including personal hygiene.	different factors that support
	needs, e.g. using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly.	activity and tooth brushing.		their overall health and wellbeing.
To separate from carer with	To become more outgoing with	To show more confidence in	To show resilience and	To know and talk about how to
support.	familiar people in the safe	social situations including	perseverance in the face of	persevere when faced with a
	context of their setting.	unfamiliar people.	challenge.	challenge and how this helps us
	context of their setting.		chattenge.	learn.
To show their feelings and use	To gradually understand how	To talk with others to begin to	To express their feelings and	To identify and moderate their
words such as 'happy' and 'sad.'	others might be feeling.	solve conflicts.	consider the feelings of others.	own feelings socially and emotionally.
To begin to follow rules with	To increasingly follow rules,	To remember rules without	To build constructive and	To think about the perspectives
support.	understanding why they are	needing an adult to remind	respectful relationships by	of others when establishing and
	important.	them.	following social rules.	following social rules.
To select and use activities and	To play with one or more other	To find solutions to problems.	To build constructive and	To see themselves as a valuable
resources with help when needed.	children, extending and		respectful relationships by	individual.
	elaborating play ideas.		sharing and cooperating with	
			others.	

Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum Physical Development



Check Point 1	Check Point 2	Check Point 3	Check Point 4	Year 1 Ready
Nursery Entry	Mid Nursery	End of Nursery/ Reception Entry	Mid Reception	
To begin to show an interest in using	To start to use one-handed tools	To show a preference for a	To develop their small motor skills so	To use the tripod grip effectively
one-handed tools and equipment.	and equipment.	dominant hand.	that they can use pencils for drawing	with good control so that most
			and writing competently, safely and confidently.	letters are formed correctly.
To develop their movement and	To use tools such as paintbrushes	To choose the right resources to	To develop their small motor skills to	To develop finer motor control
balancing skills.	and scissors.	carry out their own plan.	effectively use tweezers,	ready for resources and materials
			paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.	that require precision.
To show an interest in moving large items.	To go up steps, climb up apparatus, using alternate feet and ride scooters, trikes and bikes.	To match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting.	To develop overall body-strength, balance, coordination and agility.	To effectively use physical skills to engage successfully in physical education sessions including dance, gymnastics and sports.
To show an interest in putting coats on	To collaborate with others to	To skip, hop, stand on one leg and	To use their core muscles to achieve	To use their core muscles to achieve
with support.	manage large items.	hold a pose.	good posture when sitting on the floor.	good posture when sitting at a table.
	To complete last steps when dressing such as zipping up a coat.	To be increasingly independent as they get dressed an undressed for example putting on jumpers/shoes.		To effectively organise themselves and their clothes when changing for physical education.
To use large-muscle movements to wave and throw objects.	To develop their movement, balancing and ball skills.	To develop confidence when engaging in activities such as throwing and kicking.	To develop competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball.	To further develop and refine a range of balls skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting and aiming.

Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum Literacy



Check Point 1 Nursery Entry	Check Point 2 Mid Nursery	Check Point 3 End of Nursery/ Reception Entry	Check Point 4 Mid Reception	Year 1 Ready
	To hear and identify initial sounds of words and names of objects.	To distinguish different sounds and articulate sounds correctly.	To blend sounds into words so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences.	To decode and blend Phase 4 words independently.
	To show an interest in print and begin to understand that print has different purposes.	To understand that pages are sequenced and text reads from left to right and top to bottom.	To read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.	To read words with digraphs and trigraphs as well as tricky words.
	To engage in nursery rhymes and develop sound knowledge and alliteration skills.	To identify rhyming words and count or clap syllables in a word.	To re-read books to build up their confidence in word reading, developing prosody and enjoyment.	To re-read books with prosody and answer comprehension questions.
	To find their name using their picture and recognise the capital letter that starts their name.	To write some or all of their name.	To spell words by identifying the sounds.	To begin to write simple sentences using a capital letter and full stop (transcription).

Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum Mathematics



Check Point 1	Check Point 2	Check Point 3	Check Point 4	Year 1 Ready
Nursery Entry	Mid Nursery	End of Nursery/ Reception Entry	Mid Reception	
	To recite numbers in order.	To know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total (cardinal principle).	To count objects, actions and sounds beyond 10.	To be able to count beyond 20.
	To begin to show 'finger numbers.'	To develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects without having to count them individually (subitising).	To subitise numbers to 5.	To subitise numbers to 10.
	To show an interest in numerals and amounts.		To link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value up to 10.	
				To automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0-5 and some to 10.
		'more, less.'	relationship between consecutive	To compare numbers and understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers up to 20.
	To begin to talk about and explore 2D/3D shapes.	shapes for building, a triangular prism	terms to describe them.	To compose and decompose shapes so that children recognise a shape can have other shapes within it.

Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum Mathematics



Check Point 1	Check Point 2	Check Point 3	Check Point 4	Year 1 Ready
Nursery Entry	Mid Nursery	End of Nursery/ Reception Entry	Mid Reception	
	To talk about patterns around them.	To extend or create ABAB patterns.	To extend, create and correct ABBABB patterns.	To continue, copy and create repeating patterns including AB, ABB and ABBC.
	To begin to recognise differences between the size of objects.	To begin to make comparisons between objects relating to size and weight.	To compare length, weight and capacity.	To use non-standard units of measure when comparing length, weight and capacity.
	To discuss locations, using words like 'in front of and behind.'	To begin to discuss familiar routes.	To select and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.	To have a bank of language to develop spatial reasoning skills.

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Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum Understanding the World



Check Point 1 Nursery Entry	Check Point 2 Mid Nursery	Check Point 3 End of Nursery/ Reception Entry	Check Point 4 Mid Reception	Year 1 Ready
		To begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.	To name and describe people who are familiar to them.	To comment on images of familiar situations in the past.
		To know that there are different countries in the world.	To draw information from a simple map.	To recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
		To explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.	To explore the natural world around them and describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.	To understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
		To develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.	To understand that some places are special to members of their community.	To recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Newcomen Primary School Early Years Curriculum Expressive Arts and Design



Check Point 1 Nursery Entry	Check Point 2 Mid Nursery	Check Point 3 End of Nursery/ Reception Entry	Check Point 4 Mid Reception	Year 1 Ready	
		To remember and sing entire songs.	To listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses.	To sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.	
		To explore colour and colour- mixing.	To explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects.	To express their ideas and feelings through their art.	
		To explore different materials freely, develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.	To create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.	To return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.	