# Levens School EYFS curriculum map 2023-24 (cycle A)

Themes, texts, learning opportunities and experiences are not fixed, there is flexibility built into the curriculum in order to allow learning opportunities which follow children's interests. British Values and Characteristics of Effective Learning are interwoven through all aspects of our teaching, interactions, the curriculum, provision and the school's Christian Values.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Super me!	Wake up world!	What do people do all day?
Themes	Feelings, relationships, settling in, I am a superhero, how am I special? Diwali, Harvest, Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Christmas, Colour mixing, National Nursery Rhyme Week, Autumn - how does the weather change? Polar regions - how do animals keep warm in winter?  Rothko/Pollock	Chinese New Year, Dinosaurs, changes in spring, cooking, World Book Day, Internet Safety Day, Easter, Mother's Day, growing and planting, Kandinsky, beach school	People and their jobs in society, maps, Africa, the emergency services, life cycle of a butterfly, toys past and present
Key texts (not limited to)	The Colour Monster, Supertato, The Gruffalo, The Leaf Man, One Snowy Night, Lost and Found, The Story of Diwali, Non- fiction texts related to the polar regions	Peppa Pig's Chinese New Year, Jasper's Beanstalk, Dinosaur Bones, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, A Squash and a Squeeze, non-fiction growing books	What the ladybird heard, Elmer and the butterfly, The Ugly Five, What do people do all day? Rumble in the Jungle Non-fiction books about Africa, maps, atlases, books about planting, growing and butterflies
Experiences	Harvest service in church, National Nursery Rhyme week, Christmas play, Remembrance service, cooking, Autumn treasure, loose parts play workshop	Chinese banquet, digging for dinosaur bones, growing a beanstalk, Easter service in church, cooking, beach school	Caterpillar life cycle, African music, a visit from the Police, cooking, outdoor education experience day, a trip to the butterfly house

Area of learning	What does the learning look like? What will the children do/learn?	What does the learning look like? What will the children do/learn?	What does the learning look like? What will the children do/learn?
Communication	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
and Language	Enjoying listening to stories Paying attention to more than one thing at a time	Enjoying listening to stories Paying attention to more than one thing at a time	Enjoying listening to stories Paying attention to more than one thing at a time
	Using a wider range of vocabulary linked to our main themes and experiences  Understand two-part	Using and exploring a wider range of vocabulary linked to our main themes and experiences	Using and exploring a wider range of vocabulary Understand two-part
	questions/instructions Understand and answer 'why' questions	Understand two-part questions/instructions	questions/instructions Understand and answer 'why' questions
	Using talk to organise their play  Reception	Understand and answer 'why' questions Using talk to organise their play	Using talk to organise their play Sing a large repertoire of songs
	Use new vocabulary through the day Articulate their ideas through well-	Sing a large repertoire of songs Know an increasing number of rhymes	Know an increasing number of rhymes Tell longer stories – Talk4Writing
	formed sentences Describe events in some detail	Enjoy listening to longer stories Start a conversation with an adult or	Develop communication and pronunciation
	Listen to and talk about stories Use new vocabulary in different contexts	friend <b>Reception</b>	Use longer sentences of four to six words
	Listen carefully to rhymes and songs Sing songs Perform rhymes	Understand how to listen carefully Tell longer stories – Talk4Writing Engage in storytimes	Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or friend, using words as well as
	Engage in settling in activities Beginning to speak in longer sentences	Develop communication and pronunciation Use longer sentences of four to six	actions Start a conversation with an adult or a
	Talk about experiences that are familiar Following instructions (settling in, tidying	words Learn and use new vocabulary – word	friend and continue it for many turns Use talk to organise themselves and
	up), saying 'good morning'  Engage in storytimes	aware Using language well	their play  Reception
	Engage in Storytimes	Ask how/why questions Retelling a story using story language	Develop vocabulary - word aware Using language well

Remembering key points from a story Ask how/why questions Describe events in detail Retelling a story using story language Remembering key points from a story Develop social phrases Listening and talking about stories Describing events in greater detail Reciting poems and songs Listening and talking about stories Listen to and engage in and talk about Reciting poems and songs selected non-fiction Listen to and engage in and talk about Articulate ideas and thoughts into wellselected non-fiction formed sentences Articulate ideas and thoughts into well-Connect one idea or action to another formed sentences Ask questions to find out more using a range of connectives Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important Use new vocabulary through the day Articulate ideas and thoughts in wellformed sentences Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen Develop social phrases Engage in storytimes Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding Retell a story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with a text, some as exact repetition and some

in their own words
Engage in non-fiction books

			Listen to and talk about selected non- fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary Articulate a life cycle using technical vocabulary
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Nursery  Developing confidence in a new setting Become more outgoing with new people Develop a sense of responsibility and membership of a community  Select and use activities and resources Making friends - demonstrating friendly behaviour, playing with one or more other children  Recognise that we are unique Describe different feelings and use this to manage relationships  Understand that every family is different and love and care for one another Begin to become more independent in meeting basic care needs such as hand washing  Learn about making some healthy food choices and the importance of toothbrushing  Recognise that there are differences and similarities between themselves	Nursery  Develop a sense of responsibility and membership of a community  Select and use activities and resources Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating on play ideas Making friends - demonstrating friendly behaviour, playing with one or more other children  Remembering to follow rules more consistently without being reminded Recognise potential dangers and how to stay safe, inside and outside Explain what they should do if they feel unsafe  Learn the importance of keeping safe around medicines and unknown products Learn about taking some responsibility for their own health  Describe ways in which they can help others and why they would do so  Take care of their home, their learning environment and the natural environment	Nursery  Develop a sense of responsibility and membership of a community  Select and use activities and resources Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating on play ideas Making friends - demonstrating friendly behaviour, playing with one or more other children  Remembering to follow rules more consistently without being reminded Knowing some self-care techniques - using the toilet independently, handwashing  Develop appropriate ways of being assertive  Talk with others to solve conflicts Understand gradually how others might be feeling  Find solutions to conflicts and rivalries Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important  Talk about healthy choices and
		Reception	activities

Celebrate their friends and include them Understand people have different cultures and religions

#### Reception

Family routines and special occasions What makes you special? Our class rules, behavioural expectations in the class/boundaries set Build constructive and respectful relationships Our feelings and the feelings of others Friendships All about me What makes me special Me and my special people Who can help me? (self-regulation) Me and my feelings -naming different feelings, thinking about how to deal with 'not so good feelings', Knowing some self-care techniques - using the toilet independently, handwashing and healthy eating and toothbrushing Begin to consider the perspective others' Knowing that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings. Finding solutions to conflicts Firework safety Talk about similarities and differences Name special people in their lives Describe different feelings Identify who can help if they are sad, worried or scared.

Knowing some self-care techniques using the toilet independently, handwashing Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others, Think about the perspectives of others, Manage their own personal hygiene needs Begin to show resilience in the face of challenge See themselves as a valuable individual Continue to build constructive and respectful relationships Talk about how to keep their bodies healthy and safe Name ways to stay safe around medicines Know how to stay safe in their home, classroom and outside Know age-appropriate ways to stay safe online Name adults in their lives and those in their community who keep them safe Understand that they can make a difference Identify how they can care for their home, school and special people Talk about how they can make an impact on the natural world Talk about similarities and differences between themselves Demonstrate building relationships with friends.

Develop resilience and persistence in their learning Working cooperatively with others when faced with a challenge Talk about change in the environment Describe the changes in babies, animals and plants as they grow Broaden their expectations beyond potential stereotypes of what girls and boys like, do or look like Reception Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others, Think about the perspectives of others, Identify and moderate their own feelings Manage their own personal hygiene needs Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing Build constructive and respectful relationships See themselves as a valuable individual Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and well-being

Feel resilient and confident in their

learning.

	Identify ways to help themselves or others if they are sad or worried Be sensitive towards others and celebrate what makes each person unique Recognise that we can have things in common with others Use speaking and listening skills to learn about the lives of their peers Know the importance of showing care and kindness towards others Demonstrate skills in building friendships and cooperation.		Name and discuss different types of feelings and emotions Learn and use strategies or skills in approaching challenges Understand that they can make healthy choices Name and recognise how healthy choices can keep us well Understand that there are changes in nature and humans Name the different stages in childhood and growing up Understand that babies are made by a man and a woman Use the correct vocabulary when naming the different parts of the body Know how to keep themselves safe Showing an interest in the lives of other people
Physical Development	Nursery  Continue to develop movement and balance skills riding trikes, balance bikes and scooters  Skip, hop and stand on one leg Use large scale muscle movements (squiggle)  Becoming increasingly independent in putting on/taking off coats/doing up zips  Dough disco  Yoga  Reception	Nursery  Continue to develop movement and balance skills riding trikes, balance bikes and scooters  Skip, hop and stand on one leg Use large scale muscle movements (squiggle)  Becoming increasingly independent in putting on/taking off coats/doing up zips Collaborate with others to manage large items.	Nursery  Continue to develop movement and balance skills riding trikes, balance bikes and scooters  Practise climbing stairs and steps using alternate feet  Skip, hop and stand on one leg  Use large scale muscle movements  (squiggle)  Becoming increasingly independent in putting on/taking off coats/doing up zips

Threading, cutting, playdough, fine motor activities (dough disco and funky fingers Manipulate objects with good fine motor Draw lines and circles using gross motor movements (Squiggle) Hold pencil/paint brush beyond whole hand grasp Pencil Grip Taking shoes off and putting them on Develop muscle tone to put pencil pressure on paper Use tools to effect changes to materials Show preference for dominant hand Engage in structured activities: what to draw, write or copy. Teach and model correct letter formation Balance Different ways of moving Negotiating space Travelling with confidence Refining fundamental skills Ball skills: throwing, catching, kicking Using different sized balls Follow the rules of a game Dough disco Negotiating spaces safely Changing direction Fundamental movement skills - jumping and landing appropriately, hopping, underarm

Use one-handed tools and equipment such as scissors, paintbrushes and pencils with increasing accuracy Dough disco Yoga Dance/gymnastics Reception Threading, cutting, weaving, playdough, fine motor activities (dough disco and funky fingers area) Begin to form letters correctly Handle tools, objects, construction and malleable materials with increasing control Encourage children to draw freely Draw arches and spirals using gross motor movements (Squiggle) Holding small items Button clothing /zips Cutting with scissors Beginning to use cutlery with increasing accuracy Hold pencil effectively with comfortable grip Forms recognisable letters most correctly formed Dough disco Dance/Gymnastics Move energetically Copy basic actions

> Move to music Negotiate space

Collaborate with others to manage large items Start taking part in some group activities which they make up for themselves, or in teams Increasingly be able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan Use one handed tools and equipment Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils Show a preference for a dominant hand Be increasingly independent when getting dressed/undressed Dough disco Yoga Games Reception Threading, cutting, weaving, playdough, Fine Motor activities Develop pencil grip and letter formation continually

Use one hand consistently for fine

motor tasks

Cut along a straight line with scissors / Start to cut along a curved line, like a

circle

and overarm throws, catching with	Perform teacher led warm-ups	Draw zigzags through gross motor
increasing accuracy	Balance	movements (Squiggle)
	Core muscle strength	Dough disco
	Jumping and landing	Revise and refine the fundamental skills
	Awareness of space	they have already acquired
	Revise fundamental movement skills such	Progress towards a more fluent style of
	as rolling, crawling, walking, jumping,	moving, with developing control and
	running, hopping, skipping, climbing	grace
	Progress towards a more fluent style of	Continue to develop body strength, co-
	moving	ordination, balance and agility needed to
		engage successfully with future
		physical education sessions and physical
		disciplines
		Use their core muscle strength to
		achieve a good posture when sitting at a
		table or sitting on the floor
		Combine different movements with ease
		and fluency
		Confidently and safely use a range of
		large and small apparatus indoors and
		outside, alone and in a group
		Develop overall body-strength, balance,
		co-ordination and agility
		Further develop and refine a range of
		ball skills including: throwing, catching,
		kicking, passing, batting and aiming
		Develop confidence, competence,
		precision and accuracy when engaging in
		activities which involve a ball
		Develop the foundations of a
		handwriting style which is fast,
		accurate and efficient

			Cut a shape out using scissors  Begin to draw diagonal lines, like in a triangle / start to colour inside the lines of a picture  Draw pictures that are recognisable Build things with smaller linking blocks, such as Duplo or Lego
Literacy	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
•	Aspect 1 environmental sounds - general	Aspect 4 - rhythm and rhyme	Aspect 6: voice sounds
	sound discrimination	Aspect 5: alliteration	Aspect 7: Oral blending and segmenting
	Aspect 2 - instrumental sounds - general	Learning that print has meaning and	Learning that print has meaning and
	sound discrimination	different purposes	different purposes
	Aspect 3 - body percussion - general sound	We read in English from left to right and	We read in English from left to right
	discrimination	top to bottom	and top to bottom
	Learning that print has meaning and	Names of parts of a book	Names of parts of a book
	different purposes and we read in English	Page sequencing	Page sequencing
	from left to right and top to bottom	Engaging in	Engaging in
	Names of parts of a book	conversations about stories	conversations about stories
	Page sequencing	Spotting and suggesting rhymes	Spotting and suggesting rhymes
	Engaging in	Engaging in early mark making activities,	Engaging in early mark making activities,
	conversations about stories	write some or all of their name	write some or all of their name
	Spotting and suggesting rhymes	Reception	Use some of their print and letter
	Engaging in early mark making activities,	Show interest and answer simple	knowledge in their early writing
	writing some or all of their name	questions about the text	Write some letters accurately
	Reception	Use words that they know to check their	Reception
	Handling books correctly and following	reading makes sense	Read phase 3 words (decodable and
	print left to right, top to bottom	Demonstrate understanding when talking	tricky)
	Locating the title	about what they have read	Re-read books showing increased
	Segmenting and blending words orally	Repeat words or phrases to check	accuracy and fluency
	Recognising words which rhyme	reading	Writing simple captions and sentences
	Linking most sounds to letters	Locate and recall the title	using phonetically plausible attempts at
		Read with 1-1 correspondence	spelling, for different purposes; non-

	Beginning to blend and segment in order to read vc and cvc words  Beginning to match spoken word to written word (1 to 1 cor) across 2-3 lines of print  Reading some phase 2 words including some tricky words  Showing a preference for a book, song or rhyme.  Talking about events and characters in a story read to me  Joining in with rhymes and stories.  Filling in missing words from well-known rhymes  Developing a dominant hand, tripod grip, mark making, giving meaning to marks and labelling  Name writing  Shopping lists  Writing initial sounds and simple captions  Use initial sounds to label characters / images  Silly soup  Writing for a purpose in role play  Tricky word spelling - phase 2  Labelling, talk for writing, story scribing  Retelling stories, writing letters	Read some common irregular words (Phase2/3) Link all sounds to letters of the alphabet Read simple words by blending sounds and check it makes sense and sounds right Read and understand simple sentences Use phonic knowledge to read and decode regular words Read all Phase 2 words Read some of Phase 3 words Writing instructions, captions and lists Ordering the Easter story Writing simple sentences for story maps (Talk4Writing) Spelling common exception words	fiction, postcards, recounts, instructions and Talk4Writing Beginning to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces Form capital and lowercase letters accurately Writing labels, captions and sentences for life cycles
	Retelling stories, writing letters  Writing CVC words, labels using CVC,  CVCC, CCVC words		
Mathematics	Nursery - re-cap of the counting principles	Nursery - formation of numerals 0-5	Nursery  Continuing and creating AB patterns  Measurement: - length - weight - capacity - time Number and place values

introduction to the language of more/less
 Geometry: patterned language ordering
 events
 Reception
 - match and sort, compare amounts

- match and sort, compare amounts
Talk about measure and patterns
It's me 1,2,3
Circles and triangles
1,2,3,4,5

- 1 more/1 less than numbers 1-5 Shape and space: - properties of shapes positional language

## Reception

Alive in 5
Mass and capacity
Growing 6,7,8
Length, height and time
Building 9 and 10
Explore 3D shapes

- introduction of numbers 1-6 1:1 correspondence

### Reception

To 20 and beyond
How many now?

Manipulate, compose and decompose
Sharing and grouping
Visualise, build and map
Make connections

# Understanding the World

#### Nursery

Use all their senses in hands on exploration of natural materials - leaf hunt
Talk about what they see using a wide vocabulary - leaf hunt, seasons
Making collections of objects - autumn treasure

Begin to make sense of their own life story and family history - all about me
Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice
Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people Diwali

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things - learning about the polar regions

Exploring changes in materials - cooking Reception

#### Nursery

Talk about what they see using a wide vocabulary - how the world changes in spring

Exploring changes - cooking

Plant bean seeds and care for growing

plants

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things

Understand the life cycle of a plant Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people the celebration of Chinese New Year, Lent and Easter

Learning about the past - dinosaurs

#### Reception

Comment on images of familiar situations in the past, compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past

#### Nursery

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things - looking after beans, observing metamorphosis through our caterpillars. Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people - disability awareness (learning Makaton)

Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experiences or seen in photos - butterflies in other

countries

Show interest in different occupations
A visit from the police
Road safety

#### Reception

Comment on images of familiar situations in the past -toys, how are

	Naming and describing people who are	- How do we know about dinosaurs?	they similar/different from homes
	familiar to us - immediate family	Understand that some places are special	today?
	Understand that some places are special to	to members of their community and that	Compare and contrast characters from
	certain members of the community	people have different beliefs	stories, including figures from the pas
	Recognise that people have different	and celebrate special times in different	Draw information from a simple map -
	beliefs and celebrate special times in	ways - Chinese New Year, Lent, Easter	Butterflies in other countries
	different ways - Harvest, Christmas,	Knowing what a plant needs to grow	Create own maps
	Diwali	Plant bean seeds and care for growing	Explore the natural world around them
	Explore the natural world around us -	plants	butterfly life cycle
	autumn treasure	Understanding the key features of the	Recognise that some environments are
	Understand the effect of changing	life cycle of a plant	different from the one in which they
	seasons on the natural world around us	Describe special events	live
	Develop positive attitudes about the	(Lent/Easter/Chinese New Year)	Learn about different occupations of
	differences between people - Diwali	Understand the effects of changing	the people around them
	Recognise some environments that are	seasons - what happens in spring?	A visit from the police
	different from the one in which they live -	Exploring the natural world around us -	Road safety
	polar regions	beach school	Recognise some similarities and
	How animals keep warm in winter	Cooking	differences between life in this counti
	Comment on familiar scenes from the past	Our Christian Value - Thankfulness	and life in other countries
	Remembrance Day	What makes a good friend?	Cooking
	Bonfire Night	Stories Jesus told	Our Christian Value - Endurance
	Recognise some similarities and		What is prayer?
	differences between life in this county and		Why are we all different and special
	others - homes in cold places		What makes a place holy?
	Cooking & healthy eating		
	Our Christian Value - Forgiveness		
Expressive	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Arts and	Take part in simple pretend play	Take part in simple pretend play	Take part in simple pretend play
Design	Join different materials and explore	Join different materials and explore	Join different materials and explore
Design	different textures	different textures	different textures
	Develop their own ideas	Develop their own ideas	Begin to develop complex stories usin
	Listen with increased attention to sounds	Mother's Day cards and crafts	small world equipment

Create closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use them to represent objects - self portraits Name some different musical instruments Explore how to play different instruments Listen and respond to music Remember and sing entire songs adding actions Christmas cards and crafts Opportunities linked to key texts/experiences/interests Explore colour and colour mixing Reception Explore and use a variety of artistic effects Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills Listen attentively, move and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses Sing in a group, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody - Nativity performance Explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups -

Nativity performance

Listening and responding to different

styles of music

Embedding foundations of the interrelated

dimensions of music

Learning to sing or sing along with nursery

rhymes and action songs

Opportunities linked to key
texts/experiences/interests
Explore body and voice sounds
Play instruments with increasing control
to express feelings and ideas
Easter cards and crafts
Drawing/collaging
Listen with increased attention to sounds
Create closed shapes with continuous
lines and begin to use them to represent
objects
Continue to explore colour and colour
mixing
Play instruments with increasing control
to express feelings and ideas

# Continue to develop own ideas Reception

Remember and sing entire songs

Drama conventions through literacy

Exploring how colours
can be changed
Drama conventions through literacy
Mother's Day cards and craft gifts
Easter cards and crafts
Observational drawings of beans
Opportunities linked to key
texts/experiences/interests
Return to and build on their previous
learning, refining ideas and developing
their ability to represent them
Inspiration from an artist - Kandinsky

Make imaginative and complex small worlds using blocks and construction kits

Draw with increasing complexity

including details

Explore colour and colour mixing

Explore different materials freely

Drama conventions through literacy

Continue to develop own ideas

Opportunities linked to key

texts/experiences/interests

Listen with increased attention to

sounds

Respond to what they have heard, expressing thoughts and feelings
Play instruments with increasing control to express feelings and ideas
Explore and control voice sounds
Create closed shapes with continuous lines and begin to use them to represent objects

### Reception

Drama conventions through literacy
Observational drawings of our
caterpillars/butterflies
Activities linked to learning about
Africa
Opportunities linked to key
texts/experiences/interests
Drawing /creating maps
Listening and appraising Funk music
Making our own old fashioned toy

Improvising leading to playing classroom instruments Share and perform the learning that has taken place Mixing the colours they need to paint with Build models using construction equipment Junk modelling Exploring sounds and how they can be changed, tapping out of simple rhythms Producing a piece of artwork using an artist's style as a stimulus - learning about the artists Rothko and Pollark Drama conventions through literacy Use different textures and materials to make firework pictures Christmas decorations, Christmas cards, Christmas songs The use of story maps, props, puppets & story bags will encourage children to retell, invent and adapt stories Teach children different techniques for joining materials, such as how to use adhesive tape and different sorts of glue Role Play of The Nativity Leaf rubbings/pictures/collages/autumn treasure Opportunities linked to key

texts/experiences/interests

Listening and responding to different
styles of music
Embedding foundations of the
interrelated dimensions of music
Learning to sing or sing along with
nursery rhymes and action songs
Improvising leading to playing classroom
instruments
Singing and learning to play instruments
within a song
Share and perform the learning that has
taken place
Activities related to beach school

Embedding foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music using voices and instruments Learning to sing Big Bear Funk and revisiting other nursery rhymes and action songs Playing instruments within the song Improvisation using voices and instruments Riff-based composition Share and perform the learning that has taken place Listen and Appraise Continue to embed the foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music using voices and instruments