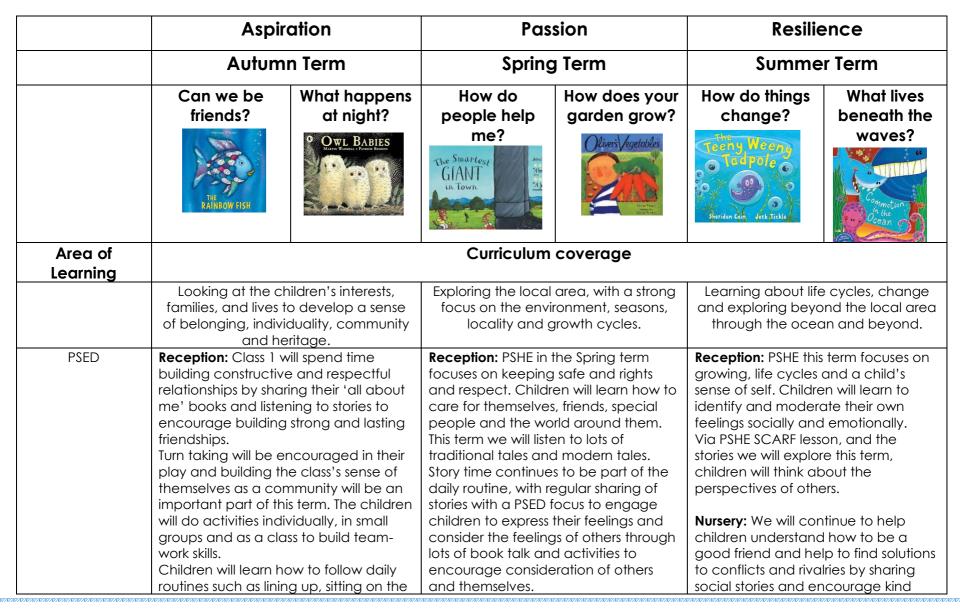
Whitemoor Academy

Curriculum Map 2025 – 2026

Class 1 – EYFS





	carpet, listening. We will encourage independence in the classroom by teaching children how to select and use resources such as the tape dispense, scissors, glue and how to put on an apron. Nursery: Children will be encouraged to select and use activities and resources in the classroom, with help if needed. There will be lots of free-play opportunities for children to explore their interests and make friends. Through stories and experience in the classroom, children will develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community – for example understanding their role in tidying up. A daily routine will be in place to help children follow rules, understanding why they are important.	We will continue to build on skills of resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Much of this will be through challenges facing children in their play – for example having trouble making a tower taller, and coming up with a solution to fix the problem. Nursery: Children will continue to select and use activities and resources in the classroom, with help if needed. The expectation will be that children in nursery can increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important. Children will begin to develop more independence and at this point in the term should not always need an adult to remind them of a rule. Access to free-play will be available for much of the day, and children will be encouraged to play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas. Children in nursery are likely to become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting and show more confidence in new social situations.	and respectful behaviour in the classroom. Following on from EAD topic in the spring term, children will continue to develop appropriate ways of being assertive, talk with others to solve conflicts and talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'. Children will begin to understand how others might be feeling.
Communication and Language	Reception: A focus for this term is understanding how to listen and why listening is important. Children will play listening games as a class and practise the routines of whole class learning when sat on the carpet. We will be building children's vocabulary through a range of both fiction and non-fiction stories and songs. Children will be encouraged to share their thoughts and understanding through book discussion. Each week	Reception: We will continue to have a 'word of the week' to introduce new vocabulary. Children will be encouraged to use the word of the week and other vocabulary throughout the day. During daily story time, book talk will move beyond retrieval questions to asking children questions to encourage deeper thinking, finding out more and to check they understand what has been said to	Reception: Skills learned throughout the year will continue to be used to help children use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities. In teacher-led and child-led place, the class will have opportunities to explain how things work and why they might happen (for example describing something they have created, or predicting an outcome). We will continue to learn new

	linked to the topic, to help build vocabulary and knowledge. We aim for children to be able to articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences and social phrases (such as thank you, please can you help me, excuse me). Children will be encouraged to share ideas and use full sentences when talking to adults and children both in whole-class and groups scenarios as well as in their play.	Children will begin to connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives and describe events in some detail. Time will be spent discussing the role of people in the community and how things change – with a focus on planting projects. Children will build their retelling of stories through role play or small world linked to the story of the week, for	vocabulary can be used in different contexts. The class will look at non-fiction texts for children to learn about different modes of transport and explorers from history. Children will listen to and talk about these nonfiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. Nursery: Daily story time will continue,
	Nursery: Children will listen to stories, starting with shorter stories and building up to listening to longer stories. Book talk to help children build recall skills about what has happened in stories will be part of daily story telling. Children will begin to learn wider vocabulary with key words in stories being explained and children are encouraged to use new vocabulary in their speech. Children may need help to pronounce some words and teaching staff will model and encourage repetition back to help development of speech.	example using puppets, animals and dressing up. There will be opportunities for children to sequence familiar stories using pictures and retell the story once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Nursery: Continuing from the Autumn term, the nursery children will recall and sing a large repertoire of songs and rhymes already taught. We will continue to read stories and be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story. Children will be able to use their play to re- enact their favourite stories and have small-world set-ups linked to stories. Nursery children will continue to develop their communication but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals. As children begin to understand 'why' questions adults will enhance play communication by asking questions where appropriate so children can explain and use talk to organise	along with book discussion. Children will be encouraged to have opinions and thoughts relating to texts and saying these out loud to the class. Children will be able to apply the communication skills they have learned and be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions. As children come to the end of the pre-school year, they will be encouraged by adults to start conversations and it continue for many turns (adults will respond with a question or an open statement or encourage children to respond to friends, suggesting answers if a child is reluctant). Children will be given questions or instructions with two parts, such as get your coat and line up in order for pupils to be ready for multi-step instructions at the start of the reception year.
Physical Development	Reception: To develop the skills needed to manage the school day successfully, daily routines will include	themselves and their play. Reception: We will continue to progress towards a more fluent style of moving, combining different	Reception: Children will continue to access play equipment and experience a variety of games and

 lining up, sitting quietly to listen, washing hands, taking coats on and off. To build body strength we will focus on balance, coordination and agility by using the outdoor play equipment, encouraging playing with a range of large and small toys and resources. Children will practise purposeful movement through yoga and dance. The aim of the term is for children to be able to use indoor and outdoor spaces safely and with confidence. Fine motor development will be targeted using play dough and other malleable materials over the term, as well as opportunities to draw, paint, and complete 'finger gym'. Nursery: We will provide apparatus to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes, and bikes) and ball skills. Outdoor play equipment will be available build independence and to practise going up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet. Children will play games to learn how to skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical statues. To develop gross motor skills resources will be available to use large-muscle movements – such as waving flags and streamers, painting with brushes and using chalks to make marks. 	movements with ease and fluency, developing control and grace through dance and yoga. Development of fine motor skills will continue, with access to play dough and small finger activities (nuts and bolts, threading, fidget toys). Children will be encouraged to use a range of tools correctly in their play (such as scissors, pencils, paint brushes, tweezers, cutlery) to build competence to use tools safely and confidently. We will begin to incorporate ball skills in PE and play to further develop and refine a range of ball skills. Children will practise, rolling, throwing, catching, dribbling and kicking balls to develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball. In PSHE we will learn about how to keep our bodies healthy and know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing – such as being active and looking at healthy and unhealthy foods as well as how to be safe in a variety of situations (road safety, beach safety, online safety). We will also learn about the people who will keep us safe such as doctors, nurses, police, teachers. Nursery: Children will begin to take part in some group activities which they make up for themselves, or in teams – for example working together to build a house or collaborating with others to manage large items and choosing the right resources to carry out their own plan.	sports in PE to h overall body str balance, and c engage succes physical educa As children con reception year, practise writing well practised ir implements. The term will provide dynamic reason writing a diary, will help childre writing and dew of a handwriting accurate and de

help develop the strength, co-ordination, agility needed to essfully with future ation sessions. ome to the end of their ar, they will continue to g each day and will be I in holding writing he topic in the summer ide interesting and sons to write, such as , letter and recipe. This ren find purpose in their evelop the foundations ing style which is fast, efficient.

Iren in nursery will easingly independent as ch the end of the preeady for reception. classroom will dependence when sed and undressed and eir own care needs. ver making healthy It food, drink, activity shing. egin to show a r a dominant hand, to use one-handed ipment such as scissors, brushes with more e and use a grip with good control pens and pencils. and lunch time e encouraged to start endently and learning knife and fork.

		Children will play games and sing	
		songs to help them to use an	
		remember sequences and patterns of	
		movements which are related to	
		music and rhythm (If you're happy	
		and you know it, Heads, shoulders,	
		knees and toes, hokey cokey).	
Literacy	Reception: Children will begin their	Reception: Children will be grouped in	Reception: As children begin the
	Read, Write, Inc journey in reception.	phonics according to their reading	summer term, they will be
	Children are taught to read in a daily	level and will begin to learn Set 2	consolidating their knowledge of Set
	speed sound lesson to recognise set 1	sounds (special friends) and read a	2 sounds as part of RWI lessons and
	individual letters and saying the sounds	few common exception words from	beginning to learn Set 3 sounds.
	for them. Children will also begin to	RWI (e.g. I, the, do, has).	Children will be reading and re-
	learn how to write the letters for single	Children will learn to read simple	reading books to build up their
	letter sounds.	phrases and sentences made up of	confidence in word reading, their
	Once children have secured the first	words with known letter-sound	fluency and their understanding and
	sounds, they will be taught to blend	correspondences and, where	enjoyment. As part of lessons, they will
	sounds to read short words. Children	necessary, a few exception words.	be asked questions to check
	will be encouraged to apply their	Children will have a reading book to	understanding of what they have
	phonics in their play where appropriate	bring home which will be the same	read.
	- such as writing initial sounds / simple	level they read in school.	In their writing, children will continue
	words to label drawings.	Well will teach writing and spell words	to build on their writing skills of
	Children will be taught to write their	using the children's phonics	segmenting words into sounds and
	name using correct letter formation,	knowledge, by saying the word and	writing them down. Children will
	and will practise this daily.	segmenting using 'Fred fingers'.	continue to be taught to start
		Children will identify the sounds and	sentences with a capital letter and
	Nursery: Children will focus on speech	then writing the sounds with letter/s. At	end with a full stop, using a finger
	detection in Autumn one. Focussing on	this stage of their learning children will	space between each word. Children
	listening skills by playing games and	be writing words phonetically and not	will be encouraged to re-read what
	listening to the things around us. We will	necessarily in correct written English.	they have written to check that it
	focus on recognising that speech	When they are ready, we will begin to	makes sense.
	sounds are different from other sounds	teach children to write short sentences	
	we hear and play games to help	with words with known sound-letter	Nursery: At the start of the summer
	children learn that sentences are	correspondences using a capital letter	term children in nursery are
	made up of individual words.	and full stop.	introduced to RWI. They will first be
	In Autumn 2 we begin to focus on		taught the correct name for the
	syllable awareness through games and	Nursery: In the spring term children in	images used in RWI (e.g. tower,
	sorting activities.	nursery start to identify words and their	mountain, insect) before learning the
		initial sounds, they will also learn how	sounds to match the letters.
	Nursery and Reception: Children in	words are formed, breaking down	Children will start learning how to
	nursery and reception will enjoy daily	short words into their starting letter and	write their name and be encouraged
	story time and singing songs. We	the rest of the word (e.g. c-at). This	to practise this each day.
	encourage a love for reading through	helps to develop awareness for oral	

	 the sharing of both stories and non-fiction texts across all genres. Story time will look at books in detail to develop the five key concepts about print: print has meaning print can have different purposes we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom the names of the different parts of a book page sequencing 	 blending in the reception year. We also play lots of games, sing songs and read stories with a focus on rhyme. Children in nursery will continue to enjoy daily songs and story time. They will engage in extended conversations about stories, and learning new vocabulary. Children will play games and activities to develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: spot and suggest rhymes count or clap syllables in a word recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother. 	In nursery, children will be encouraged to mark make and use some print and letter knowledge in their early writing, for example, writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of a page; writing 'm' for mummy.
Maths	Reception: Children will begin their maths journey by ensuring a secure knowledge of counting by rote to 10 and understanding the cardinal principle (how many objects are in a group). We do this through song, practising counting objects in play and regular repetition of the counting sequence. Children will play games to secure early maths skills such as matching, sorting items by size / colour / pattern, making repeating patterns. The Autumn term is dedicated to mastering number to 5, looking at the relationship of one more and one less, and exploring the composition of numbers to 5 using everyday objects and maths resources (numicon, cubes) and games to have secure knowledge of number bonds to 5. Subitising skills will be developed – children will practise looking at a small number of objects or dots and know how many are there, without the need	Reception: We will continue to play games to encourage subitising skills. As a class we will begin to count beyond ten by rote. Counting and number songs will be shared daily. In the spring term we will explore numbers to 10, linking the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value. We will compare numbers to 10 using every objects, maths resources and numerals and continue to develop understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers. Children will explore the composition of numbers to 10. Within their play children will have opportunities to continue, copy and create repeating patterns and compare length, weight and capacity using scales, rulers and measuring cups.	Reception: As a class we will being counting to 20 and beyond. We will practise automatic recalls for number bonds for numbers 0-10 and continue to refine this skill, so it is embedded. The children will build on pattern work from earlier in the year and start making more complex patterns. We will work with shapes and improve skills of selecting, rotating and manipulating shapes in order to develop spatial reasoning skills. Children will Compose and decompose shapes so that they recognise a shape can have other shapes within it, just as numbers can using Tangrams to challenge and consolidate these skills. As we get towards the end of the reception year, we will look at doubling numbers, sharing and grouping and recognising odd and even numbers to begin to prepare

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	Nursery: Children will play games and sing songs to learn to recite numbers past 5. Children will be encouraged to count objects in their play and say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5 and show 'finger numbers' up to 5. Children will be introduced to colours, pattern and shapes. They will talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids) using informal and mathematical language (informal language like 'pointy', 'spotty', 'blobs' etc).	encourage link numerals and amounts and know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle'): for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5. Children may begin to develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising'). Resources such as wooden blocks and mobilo will be available daily for children to select shapes appropriately: flat surfaces for building, a triangular prism for a roof etc. Children will be encouraged to combine shapes to make new ones - an arch, a bigger triangle etc. Children will be asked questions to make and explain comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight, and capacity.	Nursery: Children in nursery will be able to experiment with their own symbols and marks as well as numerals. Within their play they will have opportunity to solve real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5. Children will compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than', for example be able to understand 'Bob has more raisins that Sarah'. Children will experiment with position and understanding so they can understand position through words alone (the ball is next to the chair) and discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'. Using the classroom and outside space, the class will talk about and identifies the patterns around them and be encouraged to find their own independently. Children will learn to extend and create one-step repeating patterns (ABAB) and be able to notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern. Children will begin to discuss real life events they can relate to (such as the school day) and begin to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then' (e.g. first I have breakfast, then I walk to school).
Understanding the World	Reception: We will use the first few weeks of term to get to know the children and they will share their 'all about me' shoeboxes to name and describe people who are familiar to them	Reception: As the weather warms up and Spring begins, we will learn about the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around us. Children will take part	Reception: Over the summer term we will explore lots of books about the ocean, travel and different countries. Children will learn to recognise some similarities and differences between

including members of their immediate	in planting projects to see how plants	life in this country and life around the
family and community. Children will be	grow and how to take care of them.	world.
encouraged to draw a picture of their	We will explore different environments	We will be looking at 'what places
family and build their houses in their	so children can recognise some	are special and why' from around
play using blocks.	environments that are different to the	the world. Taking a special interest in
Class 1 will explore the effect of	one in which they live (e.g. hot	religious buildings, children will be
changing seasons on the natural world	countries grow different types of plants	able to recognise that people have
and explore the natural world around	and fruits).	different beliefs and celebrate
them by looking at vegetables linked	We will continue to build on the	special times in different ways.
to Harvest and the change in weather.	learning in Autumn 2, to learn that	During the summer term we will do
Through our topic 'What happens at	people have different beliefs and	some senses exploration so children
night?' children will explore the	celebrate special times in different	can describe what they see, hear
difference between day and night,	ways by looking at why Christians	and feel whilst outside. This will
with a focus on nocturnal and diurnal	celebrate Easter and what the symbol	continue the understanding the
animals before exploring hibernation	of the cross means. Understanding	effect of changing seasons on the
and migration. Each week we will have	that some places are special to	natural world around them as we
a focus book and topic based	members of their community.	enter the summer months. We will
activities to help children's	As part of Easter celebrations children	learn about sun safety as part of our
understanding of themselves as	will investigate and learn map skills as	daily routines (sun hats and sun
individuals, people and communities.	part of an Easter treasure hunt.	cream) as children continue to
As we near Christmas, children will		explore the natural world around
learn about the Nativity Story and why	Nursery: In their play children explore	them.
Christians celebrate Christmas and	materials and forces this term. They will	inem.
how this compares to other religions	have opportunities to explore the	Nursery: Nursery children will read
and cultures.	differences between materials and	books and look at maps and
	changes they notice (e.g. what is/isn't	photographs to build knowledge that
Nursery: Children will explore how	waterproof, what would be a good	there are different countries in the
things work through their play – for	choice to build a house).	world and talk about the differences
example they will have access to	Children can use the construction	they have experienced or seen in
water play to experiment with how	areas inside and outside to explore	photos.
water flows and a variety of	and talk about different forces they	As they investigate other countries
construction toys to experiment with	can feel (pushing, pulling, moving,	and cultures, children will continue to
how objects move and can be built.	stopping).	develop positive attitudes about the
Children will be read books and show	Children will be encouraged to use	differences between people.
interest in different occupations and	their senses in hands-on exploration of	Children will have the chance to
begin to make sense of their own life	natural materials such as sand, water,	plant seeds and care for growing
story and family's history.	pebbles, wood etc. Explore collections	plants. This will enable children to
	of materials with similar and/or	understand the key features of the
	different properties. Talk about what	life cycle of a plant and an animal.
	they see, using a wide vocabulary.	During the summer term children in
		nursery will begin to understand the
		need to respect and care for the

			natural environment and all living things.
Expressive Arts	Reception: Children will explore and	Reception: During the Spring term we	Reception: Role play and small world
and Design	engage in music making and dance.	will look at featured artists:	areas of the classroom will be
-	Singing songs and nursery rhymes will	Van Gogh	themed in line with the topic of the
	form part of the daily routine. Children	Pablo Picasso	natural world, and then exploring, to
	will sing together and increasingly	 Joan Miro 	enable children to develop storylines
	match the pitch and follow the	Using these artists as inspiration,	in their pretend play.
	melody. Percussion instruments will be	children will explore, use and refine a	Children will continue to learn dance
	introduced to children and how to use	variety of tools, materials and artistic	and will also watch and talk about
	them to keep a beat in time with	effects to express their ideas and	dance and performance art.
	singing songs. Children will listen to a	feelings.	Children will be encouraged to
	range of different types of music and	Opportunities will be available for	express their feelings and responses,
	move to and talk about music, being	children to explore their artist	linked to the performances they
	encouraged to express their feelings	expression by returning to and building	watch.
	and responses.	on their previous learning, refining	Children will explore shape and
	Children will take part in purposeful	ideas and developing their ability to	colour in finger fit, including learning
	movement through yoga and guided	represent them.	about primary colours and
	dances each week. As part of the	Children will have opportunities across	experimenting with colour mixing to
	Christmas Nativity, children will have	the classroom to encourage creating	create their own art.
	the opportunity to perform songs and	collaboratively – sharing ideas,	
	dances solo or in groups.	resources, and skills. For example,	Nursery: With the knowledge of the
	During the Autumn term children will	creating a sculpture together in the	nursery rhymes learned over the year
	look at Kadinsky and explore shape in	construction area, or collaborating to	children will sing the melodic shape
	their art. As part of their learning,	retell a story in the role play area.	(moving melody, such as up and
	children will complete a finger fit	Role play and small world areas	down, down and up) of familiar
	activity 4 times a week. During finger fit	continue to be an important part of	songs. The class will enjoy
	children will have the opportunity to be	the classroom, and children will have	remembering and singing entire
	creative with clay, paint, drawing, play	the opportunity to develop more	songs, and start to sing the pitch of a
	dough, junk modelling, collaging and	complex storylines in their play.	tone sung by another person ('pitch
	more.		match'). Over the summer term
	Role play and small world areas are	Nursery: Linking to the senses	children will be able to play with
	available for children to partake in	exploration in their physical	instruments, increasing control to
	pretend play to further their learning.	development, children will listen with	express their feelings and ideas.
		increased attention to sounds and	Instruments will be available to enjoy
	Nursery: Role play areas will be	music. Children will be encouraged to	in free-play time so children can
	available for children to take part in	respond to what they have heard,	create their own songs, or improvise of
	simple pretend play, using an object to	expressing their thoughts and feelings.	song around one they know. Create
	represent something else even though	Continuing with feelings work, children	closed shapes with continuous lines,
	they are not similar. Children will be	will draw pictures and paintings to	and begin to use these shapes to
	encouraged to begin to develop	show different emotions, like	represent objects. We will continue to
	complex stories using small world	happiness, sadness, fear etc.	encourage children to draw as part

equipment like animal sets, trains se	ts, In their painting, children will have	of their daily play and with increasing
dolls and dolls houses etc. Blocks an	d opportunities to explore colour and	complexity and detail, such as
construction toys will be available for	or colour-mixing. Once they are	representing a face with a circle and
children to make imaginative and	confident in the creative area of the	including details. Children will be
complex 'small worlds' such as a cit	y classroom, children are able to	asked questions about their drawings,
with different buildings and a park.	develop their own ideas and then	so they can begin to describe what
Children will have opportunities to	decide which materials to use to	they are representing in their
explore different materials freely, suc	ch express them, including joining	drawing, such as representing ideas
as junk modelling, play dough, pain	ts, different materials and exploring	like movement or loud noises.
clay, in order to develop their ideas	different textures.	
about how to use them and what to		
make.		