

Early Phase Topic Overview, 2026-27

	W/B	Theme	Notes and Engagement
Autumn 1 Nursery Rhymes / Harvest	24 th Aug (3 days)	Getting to Know You	(Children start on 26 th) Begin Five Little Men on Friday. EYFS: 9.00-11.30 Friday
	31 st Aug (4 days)	Five Little Men in Their Flying Saucer	(Bank Holiday 31st) EYFS: 9.00-11.30 Tuesday EYFS: 9.00-1.30 Wednesday EYFS: 9.00-1.30 Thursday EYFS: Full Time Friday
	7 th Sept	Jack and Jill	EYFS Baseline
	14 th Sept	This Little Piggy Went to Market	EYFS Baseline
	21 st Sept	Miss Polly Had a Dolly	Families In: Reading Café
	28 th Sept	Humpty Dumpty	
	5 th Oct	I Can See Cherries High up in the Tree	
	12 th Oct	Big Red Combine Harvester	Families In: Harvest Festival tbc
Autumn 2 Celebrations / All About Me	26 th Oct	Halloween / Samhain EYFS – What is Halloween? Year One – Why is Halloween Celebrated?	Spooky Dress-Up Day: Friday 30 th Oct
	2 th Nov	Bonfire Night / Guy Fawkes EYFS – What is Bonfire Night? Year One – Who is Guy Fawkes	
	9 th Nov	Diwali EYFS – What is Diwali Year One – How is Diwali celebrated in Leicester?	Diwali Experience Day: tbc
	16 th Nov	My Family EYFS - All About My Family Year One – Exploring the Seasons (Science)	Families In: Learn about our Families – tbc
	23 rd Nov	My Body Early Years – All About My Body Year 1 – Identify & Label Parts of the Body (Science)	
	30 th Nov	My Senses Early Years – Exploring My Senses Year 1 – How My Senses Help Me Explore	Families In: Christmas Decorations Afternoon – tbc
	7 th Dec	The Christmas Story	
	14 th Dec	Hanukah	Families In: Early Phase Nativity – 15 th and 16 th Dec (provisional dates)
Spring 1 Traditional Tales	4 th Jan (4 days)	Three Little Pigs	
	11 th Jan	Three Billy Goats Gruff	
	18 th Jan	Ugly Duckling	Families In: – Maths activities – tbc
	25 th Jan	Gingerbread Man	
	1 st Feb	Enormous Turnip	Geography Trip – Year 1 Only
	8 th Feb	Rumplestiltskin	

Spring 2 Swallowdale in Bloom	22 nd Feb	Changing Seasons	
	1 st Mar	The Tiny Seed (Eric Carle)	Families In: Seed Planting Event – tbc
	8 th Mar	Little Acorns (Twinkl Original)	Educational Visit - Dairy Farm Visits, Summerby – Year 1 & EYFS – 10 th , 11 th , 12 th Mar
	15 th Mar	Tidy (Emily Gravett)	
Summer 1 Animals	5 th Apr	Chicken Licken (Mara Alperin)	Living Eggs – Hatching chicks in school Linked Poetry Book: Commotion in the Ocean (Giles Andreae)
	12 th Apr	Rosie's Walk (Pat Hutchins)	Educational Visit – Bradgate Park – tbc. Year 1 and EYFS.
	19 th Apr	Non-Fiction Book: Polar Animals	
	26 th Apr	Jonty Gentoo (Julia Donaldson)	
	3 rd May	Non-Fiction Book: Marine Animals	Linked Poetry Book: Commotion in the Ocean (Giles Andreae)
	10 th May	Somebody Swallowed Stanley (Sarah Roberts)	
	17 th May	Non-Fiction Book: Jungle Animals	Linked Poetry Book: Rumble in the Jungle (Giles Andreae)
	24 th May	Monkey Puzzle (Julia Donaldson)	Families In: – Parents' Animal Quiz – tbc
Summer 2 30 Days Wild	7 th Jun	30 days Wild Challenges	
	14 th Jun	30 days Wild Challenges	
	21 st Jun	We're going on a Bear Hunt (Michael Rosen)	
	28 th Jun	30 days Wild Challenges	
	5 th July	Transition Week	