	Cheadle	Catholic Infant	School Science Overview 2025-26			
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
NURSERY	The Colour Monster	Magical Moments	Nursery Rhymes	Out of this World	Amazing Animals	Ready, Steady Grow
Knowledge and Understanding of th World.	Knowing our similarities and differences.		Looking at changes over time.		Growing –looking after plants & animals.	
HOOK	Discussion of what we need to through our daily routines, han snacks. Weekly P.E lessons - notice of body. Explore the differences between Look at pictures of themselves how their needs have changed the environment, such as sirer Dentist visit- we use this to talk different occupations. Autumn walk- collect materials similarities and differences.	and washing and healthy manges that happen in the en some animals and us. The as babies and talk about the discussing families. The properties or listening to sounds in the sor farm animals. The about and show interest in	range of natural and ma Questions about why thi work. Use Incy Wincy spider to about rain and different. Play in our construction increasing the incline of a vehicle travels or open how it works. We talk ab	mud kitchen - access to a nmade resources ngs happen and how things open up conversations geographical water features. area: activities such as a slope to observe how fast ling a mechanical toy to see out different forces. ation during continuous e sand or water tray- looking	the life cycle of a chick. Observations of animals a things occur and talk about Exploring life cycles by obwatching chicks hatch. A trip to the farm to explore Explore creatures, people natural environments. We grow plants and veget need to grow. Take photos of seeds that available for the children to independently. Look at the Mini-beast hunt. Look for bugs over the contact of the children to contact of the stages e.g. find the cateroid of the stages e.g. find the contact of the children to contact of the stages e.g. find the contact of the stages e.g. find the contact of the children to contact of the stages e.g. find the contact of the stages e.g. find the contact of the children to the stages e.g. find the contact of the children to the stages e.g. find the contact of the children to the contact of the children to the childr	serving butterfly houses and e animals at close quarters. plants and objects in their ables, exploring what they they grow and leave them o order and revisit e life cycle of a plant. urse of a week. erfly and use words to rest it was an egg, then it was a erfly. beasts, how they are different

RECEPTION	All about Me	Magical moments	Nursery Rhymes	Out of this World	Amazing Animals	Ready, steady, grow
HOOK	Similarities and differences in relation to family and friends. My body and its body parts. Changes since birth (baby photos). Visit from Ann Jepson- Dental Nurse. Introduction discussion of plants, animals and natural objects. The natural world – explore the world around them. Observe the effects of exercise on their bodies. Learn about healthy diets. Healthy foods – not healthy foods. Talk about some of the things which they have observed in this topic.	Seasons and seasonal change. Describe the world around us. Caring for the environment. Walk to Bruntwood Park – looking at the Season Autumn. The natural world – observation of changes that occur. Explore the natural world around them. Make observations and drawing pictures of plants and animals. Memory boxes- recap on what they have learnt in this topic.	Pushing and pulling forces Talk about why things happen and how they work. Investigate magnets. Exploring technology. Float/sink test. Exploring ways of travel using different parts of the body. Investigate the changes and in the natural world. Winter walk.	discovering and naming the planets. Look at, learn the names and describe planets. Visit of the Wonder dome- being in Space experience. Children use technology to gain information. Making space rockets and planets. Our planet Earth and the	Research Mini beast facts. Mini beast Hunt in the wildlife area and Bruntwood Park. Identifying mini beasts and classifying them in groups. Looking at habitats. Life cycle of a frog. The natural world – careful observation and understanding changes Seaside- habitats Who lives in the Ocean? Hot and cold habitats Spring walk- Bruntwood Park.	The natural world – investigate contrasting environments. Growing Broad beans and learning how to plant a seed. Identifying what a plant needs to grow. Questions and finding answers about the world in which we live. Safety when tackling new challenges and managing risks. Re-cap on the importance of exercise, eating, sleeping, hygiene and good health. Summer sun safety. Summer walk – Bruntwood Park.
Text/Person	Growth, My body, Teeth. Dental nurse.	Bruntwood Park, All the different seasons books.	A range of nursery rhymes	Wonder dome Experience Space books. Scientists- Mae Jemison, Katherine Johnson	Amazing Ants, Minibeast and animal books	Beansprout and other growing books
Vocab	Healthy/ unhealthy foods. Oral hygiene/teeth. Body/body parts. Baby, toddler, child, adult	Seasons, autumn, winter, spring, summer, weather.	Push pull, materials, magnet, magnetic Float, sink, waterproof, not waterproof.	Moon, stars, orbit, space, sun, planets, Earth.	Environment, sea, sun, seasons, weather, animals	Grow, stem, leaf, root, soil, sunlight, mini beast, lifecycle, change.

YEAR 1	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
	MY BODY AND ITS SENSES TERRIFIC TREES	MATERIALS	POLAR PLACES	ON SAFARI (ANIMALS)	PLANTS WHERE WE LIVE	SEASIDE AND SUMME
	Seasonal changes: Autumn	Seasonal changes: Winter	Seasonal changes: Winter to Autumn	Seasonal changes: Spring	Seasonal changes: Spring to Winter	Seasonal changes: Summer
						The four seasons
HOOK	A recap to our body parts	Name a selection of materials	Research the Polar regions	Identify & name a variety of animals including	Grow sunflowers from seeds	Children become marine biologists
	Labelling body parts What are the 5 senses?	Materials and matching them to objects	Visit from a polar explorer- expedition talk	amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds and their features	What equipment do we need to grow a seed?	Hands on looking at the structure of fish
	How we use our senses?	Describe simple	Snow gloves investigation- Which	Describe & compare the	Sequence of planting	What would you find in a
	Senses experiment- fruits	physical properties of materials	glove is the warmest and waterproof?	structure of a variety of animals	Structure of plants	rockpool? Identify seashore animal
	Parts of a tree	Testing materials- absorbent and not absorbent	Explore mammals- Polar animals	Which Birds live in our local area?	Recap what does a plant need to grow healthy	Reduce, re-use, recycle- looking after our planet
	Learning the names of common British trees	Material experiment – Prediction.	Identify & name Polar animals that are carnivore, herbivore & omnivore	Conduct a bird watch How are birds different to	How to plant a seed Plant hunt – Which	Observation- lifecycle of butterfly – growing a
	Knowing what deciduous and evergreen means- sorting	What are the best materials for a dog bed?	Categorise animals	us?	plants grow in our local area?	caterpillar Into a butterfly
	Explore world around us- observation and notice changes.	Classify materials by their properties- grouping and sorting	into groups: carnivore, herbivore and omnivore What is Camouflage?	Compare ourselves to minibeasts who are invertebrates	Identify and name common garden and wild plants	Science week- scientists Rachel Carson
	Seasons overview lesson, How has the season changed from Summer?	Change of seasons – winter – discuss changes in clothes, daylight, trees	Re-cap on Trees	Season- Spring Scientist: David Attenborough	Identify and name leaves on trees	Perform a skittles colour change investigation to observe over time (end of year experiment)
	Seasons – looking at Autumn Senses walk/Autumn Walk to Bruntwood Park	and weather. Scientist: Chester Greenwood	Winter walk – Bruntwood Park Observation and compare to Autumn		Spring walk – Bruntwood Park Observation and compare to Winter	Seasons- Summer Summer walk- Seasons Observation and compar
	Scientist: Linda Brown Buck		Scientists/ Explorers: Robert Scott/ Roald Amundsen		Scientist: Waangari Maathai	to Spring Scientist: Rachel Carson
Гext/ Person/Place	Non-fiction texts- Bodies and senses Seasons books, trees Bruntwood Park Linda Brown Buck	Materials- objects and non-fiction books School grounds Chester Greenwood	Polar explorer visitor Explorers(above) Polar animals and Arctic/Antarctic non-fiction texts	Bird watching School grounds Different categories of animal books David Attenborough	Grow sunflowers from seeds, Plants and flower books, Bruntwood Park Waangari Maathai	Seaside animals and fish Summer non-fiction texts School grounds Rachel Carson

			Bruntwood Park			
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	Body Parts - Head, body, mouth, teeth, leg, neck, shoulder, hand, leg, foot, thumb, knee, toes, elbow. Skeleton, bones, muscle and skin. Senses – touch, see, smell, taste, hear, eyes, sight, nose, ear, tongue, hand, fingers. Trees - Roots, trunk, branches, leaves, bark, deciduous and evergreen. Seasons- Autumn	Object, material, wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, paper, fabric, elastic, foil, card/cardboard, rubber, wool, clay, hard, soft, stretchy, stiff, bendy, floppy, waterproof, absorbent, breaks/tears, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, see-through, not see through, opaque, transparent. Seasons- Winter	Herbivore, omnivore, carnivore, mammal, adventurer, Antarctic, Arctic, clothes, cold, explorer, freeze, frozen, herbivore, ice, icebergs, North Pole, South Pole, penguin, polar bear, whale arctic fox, sea lion, seal, snow, fur, waterproof, warm, weather. Seasons- Autumn to Winter comparison	Head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, legs, tail, Names of animals experienced first-hand from visit, vertebrates, invertebrates, Structure of animal body parts, Amphibians, birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, carnivores, herbivore, omnivore, camouflage. Seasons- Spring	Plants, root, seed, bulb, flower, stem, leaves, wild, plants, garden plants, sunflower, grow, sunlight, water, garden and wild. Leaves, trunk, branches, bark, deciduous and evergreen trees. Seasons- Spring to Winter comparison	Seaside animals, fish, fin, scales, gills, rock pool, cr. habitat, limpet, mussel, periwinkle, sea snail, pollution, recycle, rubbist beach, sand, sea, shell. Summer, sunglasses, cooling, frozen, protect. Seasons- Summer All four seasons comparison
/ear 2	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
	YOUNG GARDENERS (PLANTS)	HEALTHY ME	SURVIVAL ADVENTURE	USES OF MATERIALS	HAPPY HABITATS	FOOD CHAINS
НООК	What is growing in our	What do we need to do	Children find out about	Sorting by materials,	What is a habitat?	Animal food chains includ

	of growing investigation Germination race- bulbs and seeds Greenhouses/Allotments	Gathering information and using it to answer questions Children create their	Life cycle of a bird Growth in humans Wildlife survey- collecting	Make, test and evaluate investigation.	Observe outside for living things- Why do animals live there? Match animals to the correct habitat.	Create their own food chain paper chains. Label the producers and the consumers.
	Bulb planting (In Forest School)	own healthy snack bowl using a selection of different fruits and vegetables.	and recording data		Woodlouse live investigation plan and experiment	Classification investigation: Whose poo?
Person/ Place	School grounds George Washington Carver	Playground Louis Pasteur	School grounds Charles Darwin	Classroom Charles Macintosh	Bruntwood Park Jane Goodall	Bruntwood Park Scientists related to science week
Vocab	Seed, bulb, grow, flower, plant fruit, vegetable, germinate, tree, sow, seedling, harvest, healthy, conditions, observe, describe, identify, investigate, life cycle.	Health, healthy diet, habits, basic needs, hygiene, germs, grow, growth, exercise, muscle, nutrition, survive, heart, fitness, measure, question, observe, predict, fair test, evaluate.	Alive, living, not alive, dead, never lived, offspring, life cycle, young, child, baby, adult, basic needs, survive, survival, reproduce, healthy, breathe, human, animal, Compare, explain, observe and classify, explore, identify, describe, similarities, differences.	Names of materials – wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, cardboard. Properties of materials – as for Year 1 plus opaque, transparent, translucent, reflective, non-reflective, flexible, rigid, waterproof, not waterproof. Shape, push/pushing, pull/push, twist/twisting, squash/squashing, bend/bending, stretch/stretching.	Habitat, micro habitat ocean, forest, desert Rainforest, woodland. sun, grass, leaf, litter, stony path, under bushes, shelter, sea shore, basic needs, breathe, rainforest, conditions, Hot/warm/cold Dry/damp/wet Bright/shade/dark, local environment, aim, plan, method, results.	Food, food chain, plant, animal, prey, predator, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, diets, producer, consumer, habitat, basic needs, living things, local environment, classify.