



Langford Village CP School

Nursery Curriculum Map

Autumn Term 2026

Communication and Language Children build confidence in speaking and listening, follow one- and two-step instructions, join in with rhymes and stories, and begin conversations with adults and peers. They develop vocabulary, pronunciation, and concentration, and start to talk about familiar books and daily routines.	Personal, Social and Emotional Development Children learn to express feelings, follow rules, and build relationships. They begin to manage separation, show independence, and understand classroom expectations. Through JIGSAW themes, they explore emotions, celebrate differences, and work towards personal goals with increasing confidence and self-awareness.	Physical Development Children refine fine and gross motor skills through movement, mark-making, and tool use. They practise using one-handed tools, turning pages, fastening buttons, and solving puzzles. Activities support coordination, balance, and strength, helping them carry out plans and manage self-care tasks.
Literacy Children enjoy rhymes and stories, recognise their name, and begin mark-making with meaning. They understand that writing communicates ideas, identify syllables, and use talk to clarify thinking. They explore books, print, and drawing, developing early reading and writing behaviours.	Maths Children count to five, match numbers to quantities, and explore shape, pattern, and size. They compare objects, sort by criteria, and combine shapes creatively. Number rhymes and hands-on activities support sequencing, spatial awareness, and early mathematical language.	
Understanding the World Children explore identity, family, and the natural world through sensory play and observation. They talk about past experiences, seasonal changes, and materials. They begin to understand their place in the community and use language to describe what they see and feel.	Expressive Arts & Design Children express ideas through pretend play, drawing, and music. They explore materials freely, represent emotions in art, and respond to sounds. Artist studies (Arcimboldo, Seurat, Kandinsky) inspire creativity, while KAPOW supports sound exploration and celebration-themed music.	