

SCIENCE IN EYFS

changes.				
Animals (including humans)				
Autumn	Spring	Summer		
Preschool: Self-portraits (mirrors) Winter clothing to keep us warm	Preschool: Life cycle of a caterpillar/butterfly	Preschool: How to keep cool in the summer (drinks etc) Summer clothing to keep us cool Sun protection		
Reception: Autumnal (woodland) animals and their habitats Hibernating animals Facts about hedgehogs and foxes Arctic animals and how they adapt to their environment	Reception: Farm animals and their babies (trip to a farm)	Reception: Oral hygiene. A healthy diet. A healthy body (active week/sports days) Sea animals/mammals		
ELG: UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD – To changes. Plants	make observations of plants and explain	n why some things occur. Talk about		
Preschool:	Preschool:	Preschool:		
Autumn walk, observing changes. Looking at leaves, conkers, acorns, pinecones.	Plant seeds (various) Look after seeds Observe changes/growth	Plant sunflowers		

Reception:	Reception:	Reception:
Seasonal changes, including trees.	From seed to plant (what does it need to	Plants found under the sea/on the beach
	grow)	How to look after plants in hot weather
	Label parts of a plant	
	Using magnifiers to explore plants and seeds	
	Plant a herb garden	
	Plant beans	
	Observe and record growth	

ELG: UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD – To talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how					
environments might vary from one another. Living things and their habitat					
Autumn	Spring	Summer			
Preschool:	Preschool:	Preschool:			
Where do pumpkins grow	Spring flowers Mini beast hunt	Keeping pets cool			
Reception:	Reception:	Reception:			
Autumnal (woodland) animals and their	Farm animals and their environments (trip to	Sea animals/mammals			
habitats	farm)				
Arctic animals and how they adapt to their environment	How to care for pets (Vets Practice)				
ELG: UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD – To make observations of plants and explain why some things occur. Talk about					
changes.					
Seasonal change					
Preschool:	Preschool:	Preschool:			
Autumn walk, observing changes.	Notice leaves growing on trees.	Need for sunscreen and hats.			
Looking at leaves, conkers, acorns, pinecones. Appropriate clothing for autumn and winter.	Observe seeds growing into plants.				

Reception: Observe seasonal changes, including trees. Why do changes occur to the environment in Autumn.	Reception: Signs of Spring. Observe seeds growing into plants. What is happening in the herb garden and why?	Reception: How and why does the weather change? Clothes suitable for the seaside.			
ELG: UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD – To know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects and					
materials.					
Materials					
Preschool:	Preschool:	Preschool:			
Exploring materials in the sand and water tray.	Changing state- make cupcakes	Floating and sinking			
Messy play.	Nature hunts	Messy play			
Comparing conkers (smooth and spiky.)	Messy play				
Reception:	Reception:	Reception:			
Light and dark – exploring different light	Changing state – pancakes.	Floating and sinking			
sources.	·	Mixing materials (sand and water)			
Electricity.		Investigating features of sand.			
Comparing different leaf textures.		Why are pebbles smooth?			
Ice -free the arctic animals (small world)					