Barnfield EYFS Progression Map for Understanding the World

	Nursery	Reception Autumn Term	Reception Spring Term	Reception Summer Term		
Past and Present	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Understands the difference between past and present and is building up knowledge of key historical events through topics, stories and community events, e.g. Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day.	Compare and contract characters from stories, including figures from the past. Talks about significant historical events and how things were different in the past.	ELG Past and Present Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. ELG Past and Present Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.		
				ELG Past and Present Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.		
	Begin to make sense of their own life story and family's history.	Talk about members of their immediate family and community.	Understand that some places are special to members of their	ELG People, Culture and Communities		
munilies	Show interest in different occupations.	Name and describe people who are familiar to them.	community. Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate different times	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps.		
Com	Explore how things work.	Listens carefully to stories about different places and is beginning to	in different ways.	ELG People, Culture and		
Iture and	Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people.	recognise that different places have different features, e.g. recognising the difference between life in this country and other countries.	Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this county and life in other countries.	Communities Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in		
People, Culture and Communities	Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.	Knows about some celebrations and is able to talk about how they might be celebrated, e.g. Christmas,	Has a wider understanding of the wider world and draws comparisons between own local environment/ community and other places. Looks at, and makes	this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.		
	Draw information from a simple map	Advent, Diwali	maps, of local environment.	ELG People, Culture and Communities		

			Describes a journey within the local environment.	Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, nonfiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.			
The Natural World	Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Explore and talk about different forces they can feel. Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.	Draw information from a simple map. Explore the natural world around them. Describes some features of plants and animals and identifies when things are the same and different. Notices, observes and talks about seasonal changes.	Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. Has a good general knowledge about living things and the natural world and can describe features of different plants and animals recognising when they are the same and different. Understands and uses some language related to animals, e.g. camouflage, predator, nocturnal, diurnal.	ELG The Natural World Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. ELG The Natural World Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. ELG The Natural World Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.			