Gillespie Nursery Medium Term Plan

Main focus/Theme during gradual	Personal, Social and Emotional	Communication & Language	Physical Development
admission period: Settling in/Nursery Rhymes/'All about me' Children's interests responsive to daily	Development	Use the speech sounds p, b, m, w.	 Sit on a push-along wheeled toy,
planning	 Develop friendships with other	Pronounce: • l/r/w/y • f/th •	use a scooter or ride a tricycle.
	children (Birth-3 year)	s/sh/ch/dz/j • multi-syllabic words	<mark>(Birth-3 year)</mark>
Displays:	 Learn to use the toilet with help,	such as 'banana' and 'computer'	 Start to eat independently and
Children's photos for pegs & self-	and then independently.	<mark>(Birth-3 year)</mark>	learning how to use a knife and fork.
registration.	(Birth-3 year)	Is the child linking up to 5 words	 (Birth-3 year) > Use large and small motor skills to
Every Child is an artist- Autumn Changes in	Talk about their feelings in more	together? Is the child using	
Nature	elaborated ways: "I'm sad because"	pronouns ('me', 'him', 'she'), and using plurals and prepositions ('in', 'on',	do things independently, for
Mark-Mark Display- Based on 'The colour	or "I love it when".		example manage buttons and zips.
monster'- Feelings/ emotions All about me Photos reflecting the Characteristics of	 (Birth-3 year) > Develop their sense of 	'under') - these may not always be used correctly to start with.	 (Birth-3 year) Continue to develop their movement,
Effective Learning Our Birthdays	responsibility and membership of a community.	 (Birth-3 year) Understand simple guestions about 	balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
Our Family Tree	 Become more outgoing with	'who', 'what' and 'where' (but	 Go up steps and stairs, or climb up
Snack-Area	unfamiliar people, in the safe	generally not 'why').	apparatus, using alternate feet.
Nursery Rhymes	 context of their setting. Select and use activities and 	 (Birth-3 year) Enjoy listening to longer stories and 	 Skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical
Interactive Rhymes:	resources, with help when needed.	can remember much of what	statues.
	This helps them to achieve a goal	happens.	> Use large-muscle movements to
Roly Poly	they have chosen, or one, which is suggested to them.	 Can find it difficult to pay attention	wave flags and streamers, paint and
Wind the Bobbin up		to more than one thing at a time.	make marks.
See saw Teddy Bear	 Show more confidence in new social situations. 	 Use a wider range of vocabulary. Understand a guestion or 	 Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making
Role-play area:	 Make healthy choices about food,	instruction that has two parts, such	 snips in paper with scissors. Be increasingly independent, as they
Home Corner	drink, activity and tooth brushing.	as "Get your coat and wait at the	
	a mix, activity and toom brushing.	door".	get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing
Core Books:	<u>Possible activities</u>	Possible activities	up zips.
Lenny in Garden Ken Wilson-Max	Talk to children about why		Possible activities
Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas Owl Babies by Martin Waddell	it is important to wash hands Introduce "this is the way we wash hands"	 Opportunities for children to talk with adults 1 to 1 or in a small group. 	 Opportunities for large physical movement climbing, using wheeled toys,
Handa's Surprise by Elieen Brown	song.	 Listening to stories and participating in discussion related to the story. 	and large construction-reinforce safety rules & awareness of space.

Handa's Noisy Night by Eileen Brown	Support children in making friends with each	>	Remembering and using names (Use	۶	Opportunities for physical cooperation
	other.		name cards for support).		skills-ball/beanbag throwing, building
	Promote mutual respect for each other.	\triangleright	Developing vocabulary related to		large constructions together.
Malleable activities:	Promote respect for the school		objects & recalling past experiences.	٨	Range of climbing apparatus and
Play-dough-	environment and equipment. Praise for	\triangleright	Discussing special events and memories		opportunities to engage in risk-taking.
Cloud-dough	good tidying and tidy up stickers as a		shared with families.	٨	Weekly 'Finger gym' activities and
Shaving foam- In tuff tray	reward- for excellent helpers	≻	Introducing new language in books.		tactile experiences to build up finger
5	 Establish nursery routines. New visual 	\triangleright	Begin to develop opportunities to		strength.
Cornflour/powder paint - individual tray	time-table to support daily routine with		respond to instructions & to carry	\triangleright	Reinforce hand-washing routines after
Sand in trays	visual signs for each activity clearly		messages within the setting.		toilet, before eating etc (Poster).
	displayed in the carpet area.	≻	Opportunities for children to share a		Introduce 'Sneeze safe' message for
Cooking:	 Establish registration routines. Show 		story with an adult 1 to 1 or in a small		dealing with runny noses. Hand washing
Biscuit Decorating	each child to take their name and photo		group to encourage attention and recall.		outdoors using new taps and hand-
Banana Bread	and stick it on the wall. To show they	\triangleright	Regular Phase 1 activities to develop		washing area-after outdoor play.
Banana and Cinnamon and Honey on	are in school.		phonological awareness.	٨	Encourage independence in dressing,
toast	 Establish rules for being together- 	۶	Use of action songs & books with		eating snacks, drinking water, exercise
Pizza/ Focaccia with Rosemary	taking turns, sharing & strategies for		rhymes & repeated refrains to develop		& rest.
Fizzar i ocaccia with Roseniary	dealing with disputes. Adults to model		listening skills & encourage appropriate	≻	Daily opportunities for malleable, sand &
	this.		responses.		water play
	 Explore new resources. Show children 	۶	Develop quality talk during free-choice	۶	Develop safe & competent use of tools
PSHE:	where the toys go and how to pack them		play to stimulate vocabulary and ideas.		such as scissors, glue spreaders,
Class rules and routines established	away.		Key vocabulary displayed e.g. Water		staplers.
Growth Mind-set animal characteristics	 Focus on self-help skills-using toilet, 		area- Splash, empty, full, half-full,	٨	Big writing and painting on large scale
Introduce-Have a go Hedgehog-	dressing, doing up coats, putting on		pouring etc.		indoors and outdoors.
Encouraging children to keep on trying	aprons etc.	≻	Vocabulary Flowers: displayed at	٨	Sensory play opportunities to stimulate
to achieve their goals.	 Begin to develop Learning Journey on 		activities to promote language		drawing lines and circles using gross
Introduction to My Happy mind:	Tapestry. Building up key achievements		development: using 2 nouns/ 2		motor.
Meet your brain- Story session with	and wow moments.		adjectives and 2 verbs- This is to enable	>	Using loose parts, tyres, crates, planks
	 Develop familiarity with 		adults to model key vocabulary to		and open-ended resources to create
puppets/ question cards	classroom/Garden environment.		increase children's exposure to new		their own climbing/jumping and landing
Giving children a foundational knowledge	 Develop familiarity with the school 	~	language and vocabulary.	~	opportunities.
of the brain and teaching them how	environment. EYFS garden areas-		Michelle/Laura to introduce Makaton		Weekly yoga sessions using Cosmic yoga
they can look after their minds to be at	Nursery classroom/ snack-table/		signs for hello/ goodbye/ please/ thank		and learning positions and postures for
their very best.	 toilets/ having lunch in the class. Introduce & establish lunch-time 		you/toilet/good sitting to support basic		garden yoga.
	routines. Building independence to use		communication and language skills. Sing songs and Nursery Rhymes to		
	cutlery and drink water independently		support cognition and language		
	using a cup at lunch-time.	I	development using actions to go		

	Promote a Growth mindset through the Gillespie animals that illustrate the Characteristics of learning.	A A	alongside the key characters of the story. E.g. Lenny in the garden, butterfly, caterpillar, spider and ladybird. Key Vocabulary: Ourselves, family, friends, unique, special, memory, myself, Face, hair, eye colour, ears, nose mouth, body, my favourite, I like, I don't like, Autumn, Leaves, falling, trees, golden, crispy, crunchy, red, brown, yellow, green, orange ,pumpkins, Jack o lantern, spooky, conkers, acorns, hedgehogs, fox, foxes, hibernate, sleep, dark nights.		
Maths	Literacy		Understanding the World		Expressive Arts and Design
Take part in finger rhymes with numbers. (Birth-3 year)	Join in with songs and rhymes, copying		Make connections between the features		Use their imagination as they consider
Compare sizes, weights etc. using gesture	sounds, rhythms, tunes and tempo.	•	of their family and other	•	what they can do with different
and language - 'bigger/little/smaller',	(Birth-3 year)		families.(Birth-3 year)		materials <mark>(Birth-3 year)</mark>
'high/low', 'tall', 'heavy'. Birth-3 year)	Ask questions about the book. Make	•	Notice differences between people.	•	Enjoy and take part in action songs, such
	comments and shares their own ideas.		(Birth-3 year)		as 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'.
Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects,	(Birth-3 year)	•	Use all their senses in hands-on		(Birth-3 year)
without having to count them individually	Notice some print, such as the first letter of		exploration of natural materials.	•	Make simple models, which express
('subitising').	their name, a bus or door number, or a	•	Explore collections of materials with		their ideas.
	familiar logo.		similar and/or different properties.		Begin to develop complex stories using
Recite numbers past 5.	Comments and shares their own ideas.	•	Talk about what they see, using a		small world equipment like animal sets,
	<mark>(Birth-3 year)</mark>		wide vocabulary.		dolls and dolls houses, etc.
Say one number for each item in order:	Add some marks to their drawings, which	•	Begin to make sense of their own life-	•	Take part in simple pretend play, using an
1,2,3,4,5.	they give meaning to. For example: "That says		story and family's history.		object to represent something else even
	mummy." <mark>Birth-3 year)</mark>	•	Explore how things work.		though they are not similar.
Know that the last number reached when		•	Explore and talk about different forces	•	Show different emotions in their
counting a small set of objects tells you how	Understand the five key concepts about		they can feel.		drawings and paintings, like happiness,
many there are in total ('cardinal principle').	print:	•	Talk about the differences between		sadness, fear, etc.
Cham Gineen numbered on the E. Link normalis	• print has meaning		materials and changes they notice.	•	Create closed shapes with continuous
Show 'finger numbers' up to 5. Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right	• print can have different purposes	•	Continue developing positive attitudes		lines and begin to use these shapes to
number of objects to match the numeral, up	 we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom 		about the differences between people.		represent objects.
to 5.	• the names of the different parts of a book	•	Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the	•	Draw with increasing complexity and
	• page sequencing		in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or		detail, such as representing a face with
	page sequencing		utterences they have experienced or		a circle and including details.

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Experiment with their own symbols and		seen in photos.	• Use drawing to represent ideas like
marks as well as numerals.	Develop their phonological awareness, so that	Possible activities	movement or loud noises.
	they can:	Explore the outdoor environment and	• Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another
Solve real world mathematical problems with	 spot and suggest rhymes 	begin to observe features and changes.	person ('pitch match').
numbers up to 5.	 count or clap syllables in a word 	Provide opportunities for children to	 Remember and sing entire songs.
	 recognise words with the same initial sound, 	learn about what makes them unique.	5 5
Compare quantities using language: 'more	such as money and mother	Sharing past & present experiences.	
than', 'fewer than'.		Family-tree display. Children bring in a	Possible activities
	Engage in extended conversations about	family photo and share their special	 Build up a repertoire of familiar songs.
Understand position through words alone -	stories, learning new vocabulary.	memory with their peers and teachers.	 Opportunities for moving to music &
for example, "The bag is under the table," -		> Spend time with children talking about	'performing' dances.
with no pointing.	Use some of their print and letter knowledge	photos and memories. Encourage	 Regular use of instruments.
	in their early writing. For example: writing a	children to retell what their parents	 Opportunities for 'open-ended' creative
Describe a familiar route.	pretend shopping list that starts at the top	told them about their life-story and	experiences, which emphasise process
	of the page; writing 'm' for mummy.	family	not product.
Discuss routes and locations, using words		Encourage children to talk about the	Transient Art activities using loose
like 'in front of' and 'behind'.	Write some or all of their name	differences they notice between people,	parts to develop creativity.
		whilst also drawing their attention to	Using malleable resources- to explore
Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes	Possible activities	similarities between different families	feeling and texture of materials.
(for example, circles, rectangles, triangles	Encourage and develop children's	and communities.	The Colour monster exploring faces-
and cuboids) using informal and	confidence in emergent writing in the	Answer their questions and encourage	Happy/Sad/Angry/Scared/Calm
mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners';	mark-making area & in the environment.	discussion. Suggestion: talk positively	Through creative activities. Children
'straight', 'flat', 'round'.	Invite children to write by providing	about different appearances, skin	use natural resources to make different
	opportunities in a wide range of ways:	colours and hair types. Celebrate and	faces.
Make comparisons between objects relating	clipboards outdoors, chalks for paving	value cultural, religious and community	
to size, length, weight and capacity.	stones, boards and notepads in the home	events and experiences.	Play, share and perform a wide variety
	corner. Provide a range of pencils,	 Use a diverse range of props, puppets, 	of music and songs from different
Talk about and identify the patterns around	crayons, chalks and pens to choose from.	dolls and books to encourage children to	cultures and historical periods
them. For example: stripes on clothes,	Make booklets using different coloured	notice and talk about similarities and	
designs on rugs and wallpaper. Use informal	paper and paper decorated with fancy	differences.	Introduce Write dance- express
language like 'pointy', 'spotty', 'blobs', etc.	frames/ favourite characters from	Help children to learn each other's	movements using large felt-tip pens and
	stories.	names, modelling correct pronunciation.	music to draw different shapes and
Extend and create ABAB patterns - stick,	Encourage name writing & name reading-	 Provide opportunities to use nursery 	patterns.
leaf, stick, leaf.	Children to label models they have made	ICT equipment such as the electronic	When teaching songs to children be
	by writing their name on it.	white board, digital camera, easy speak	aware of your own pitch (high/low)
Notice and correct an error in a repeating	 Letter writing to family members or 	microphone etc.	When, supporting children to develop
pattern.	super heroes. Model writing shopping	 Explore garden and begin to help with 	their singing voice use a limited pitch
	lists.	gardening tasks e.g. watering plants/	range. For example, 'Rain rain' uses a

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Begin to describe a sequence of events, real	≻	Opportunities for large scale mark		using magnifying glasses to explore		smaller pitch (high/low) range than many
or fictional, using words such as 'first',		making.		plants and mini-beasts- Plant and bug		traditional nursery rhymes. Encourage
'then'	≻	Focus on meaningful print such as	1.	hunts.		them to use their 'singing' voice: when
		children's names, labels & notices in the	≻	Add to our collections of natural		asked to sing loudly, children often
Possible activities		environment.		materials to investigate and talk about		shout.
 Establish rules for numbers of children 	≻	Daily story sessions with opportunities		contrasting pieces of bark, different	≻	Fine motor workshop area Laura/
who can play in an area.		to discuss characters, story settings		types of leaves and seeds, different		Michelle teach children how to use the
Introduce numbers as labels in the		and events.		types of rocks, different shells and		hammer and pins - tap tap activity.
outdoor area-on bikes/parking areas, on	≻	Introduce daily 'Letters & Sounds'		pebbles from the beach.	≻	Encourage & support small world & role-
a number line & indoors in different		activity (Phase1) to children who are	≻	Discuss materials from the Natural		play reflecting every day experiences.
areas.		ready.		Resource equipment to support these	\succ	Self Portraits- using mirrors to closely
> Focus on personal numbers-door number,	\succ	Emphasise initial sounds in books 'M' for		investigations. Include magnifying		look at face shapes and drawing their
age, telephone etc.		'mummy' 'A' for 'Alfie'	1	glasses or a tablet with a magnifying app		faces using a range of media.
 Daily opportunities to develop counting 	\succ	Teach the 5 key concepts of print-		to the area.	\succ	Weekly music session with Orlando
skills to 10-play 5 nice things.	\succ	Model oral segmenting & blending of	\succ	Noticing changes and growth to our	\succ	Friday Singing sessions with Fiona
Build up a repertoire of number songs &		words in every day contexts.		Potatoes - harvesting our home grown		playing the piano- After Half Term.
rhymes.	≻	Choose books which reflect diversity.		potatoes and making potato salad.	\succ	Sing slowly, so that children clearly hear
Opportunities to explore 2-D 3-D shape		Regular sharing of books and discussion	≻	Exploring and describing malleable		the words and the melody of the song.
in workshop area, tactile area & block		of children's ideas and responses		materials-playdough, cornflour, salt,	\succ	Use songs with and without words -
play. Model using mathematical language:		(dialogic reading) helps children to		water, sand etc.		children may pitch-match more easily
'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.		develop their early enjoyment and	≻	Provide children with opportunities to		without words. Try using one-syllable
Play shape bingo		understanding of books. Simple picture		change materials from one state		sounds such as 'ba'.
> Play name the shape? Feeling bag game-		books, including those with no text, can		to another. E.g cooking - combining	\succ	Clap or tap to the pulse of songs or
ask children to guess what the shape is		be powerful ways of learning new		different ingredients, and then cooling		music and encourage children to do this.
without seeing it- just using touch.		vocabulary (for example, naming what's		or heating (cooking) them. Melting -	\succ	Play instruments with increasing control
> Matching objects to shapes when tidying		in the picture). More complex stories		leave ice cubes out in the sun, see what		to express their feelings and ideas.
up-brick area & home corner.		will help children to learn a wider range		happens when you shake salt onto them		Offer children a wide range of
Making patterns using loose parts and		of vocabulary. This type of vocabulary is		(children should not touch to avoid		different instruments, from a range of
natural resources- Ask children to		not in everyday use but occurs		danger of frostbite)		cultures. This might also include
reflect on what pattern they created?		frequently in books and other contexts.	\succ	Encourage children to talk about what		electronic keyboards and musical apps
Spot the missing pattern game- ask		Examples include: 'caterpillar',		they see. Model observational and		on tablets.
children to spot the mistake in the		'enormous', 'forest', 'roar' and 'invitation'.		investigational skills. Ask out loud: "I		
pattern and correct it.	\succ	Help children tune into the different		wonder if?"		
> Use language:		sounds in English by making changes	\succ	Plan and introduce new vocabulary linked		
 'First', 'then', 'after', 'before' 		to rhymes and songs, like changing a	1	to Autumnal changes, encouraging		
day we" • "Every evening we"		word so that there is still a rhyme,	1	children to use it to discuss their		
. , , ,		for example: "Twinkle, twinkle chocolate	1	findings and ideas.		
		slug "	\succ	Draw children's attention to forces.		

E.g Model this using our class visual time-table to emphasis the above language. Talk about the sequence of events in stories. Use vocabulary like 'morning', 'afternoon', 'evening' and 'night-time', 'earlier', 'later', 'too late', 'too soon', 'in a minute'. Count down to forthcoming events on the calendar in terms of number of days or sleeps. Refer to the days of the week, and the day before or day after, 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow'.	 Making rhymes personal to children: "I had a little turtle his name was tiny Ralph" Deliberately miss out a word in a rhyme, so the children have to fill it in: "Run, run, as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread —." 	How the water pushes up when they try to push a plastic boat under it • how they can stretch elastic, snap a twig, but cannot bend a metal rod • magnetic attraction and repulsion	
Characteristics of Effective Learning Playing and exploring-engagement Finding out and exploring Playing with what they know Being willing to 'have a go' Active learning- motivation Being involved and concentrating Keeping on trying Enjoying achieving what they set out to do Creating and thinking critically- thinking Having their own ideas Making links Choosing ways to do things.	Assessment Parent Conference on home visit. Settling in review during parent consultation. On-entry teacher assessments to establish a baseline. A range of narrative observation per half term, focusing on spotlight children (4 spotlight children per week) beginning during AU2. Spontaneous 'significant achievement' observations. Evidence in 'Tapestry online Journal.	Environment/Resources Teaching children how to access continuous provision resources and where resources are stored-encourage independence during child initiated activities and at 'Tidy-up time' (Tidy up song). Develop familiarity of the wider environment-Nursery, Reception, then office, hall etc. Focus on seasonal changes outdoors. Local area walk. Mud kitchen - Seasonal natural resources- conkers/autumn leaves/ fir cones/ acorns EYFS Theatre Performance and music area outdoors. Construction area- trucks/diggers/ construction/ wooden blocks/ planks/ tires display. Developing Loose parts -play open ended	Parents Establish relationship with new parents through home 'School' visits. Allowing each child to independently view the nursery setting explore the new class room environment with Michelle. EYFS Garden Party for new parents- Meet and greet -socially distanced gathering for new parents and children in the garden. Parent Meetings- View learning journals- After Half-Term Cooking with parents- Allowing volunteers to share a cooking dish from their culture with the class.