

# Thematic yearly plan for St Augustine's Nursery 2016-2017

## Ourselves (*Myself*)

Names, favourite stories and rhymes, families, likes and dislikes, bodily awareness, keeping healthy, senses, parts of the body and their function, dancing and movement.

## Friends (*Harvest Festival*)

Taking turns, negotiation, joining in, helping, kindness, sharing, using language and gesture to communicate.

## Babies (*Welcome*)

Personal history, place in family, size vocabulary, Baptism, welcoming, babies role play, understanding what babies need.

## Seasons

Festivals: Judaism/Diwali - Indian music /dance. Harvest Festival - giving thanks. Autumn walk, changes, decay.

Autumn

## Seasons (*Celebrating/Gathering*)

Sense of time, using our senses—smells and tastes, sense of place, cultures and beliefs, Chinese New Year

## Traditional Tales

Developing love of books and storytelling (book week), role play, using story props, recounting, design and making, creating props, size and weight vocabulary.

## Baby Animals

Books—fiction and non-fiction, new life, growth and change, film clips, caring, preparation, size and weight vocabulary.

Spring

## People that help us (*Good News*)

Post Office, messages and communication, celebration, mark making, representation, explore media, sense of time, sense of place, imagination.

## Shops

Local area, money, measures, counting, number recognition, sharing, cooperation, calculating.

## Journeys/Transport

Types of transport, roads, rivers, the sea. Directional language, maps, pirates and treasure. Role play, imagination, number recognition,.

Summer

## Pattern and Shape

Creating patterns using different media, cooperation (making shapes with our partners) signs, symbols and shapes around us, dance, music, rhythm, Diwali, Symbols of Baptism, Fireworks.

## Light and Dark

Using torches, exploration, investigation, sources of light, candles and coloured windows in church, fireworks,

## Celebrations (*Birthdays*)

Babies/baptism, music, dance, preparations (planting bulbs), Advent, Christmas, celebrations, giving.

## Electricity

Exploration and investigation, appliances and how they work,. Exploring circuits and making observations. Writing for a purpose (Lent Promises)

## Water

Measures, capacity/size vocabulary, exploration, investigation, observation, floating and sinking, developing fine motor skills, role play, imagination.

## Growing (*Lent Promises/Growing*)

Measures and size vocabulary, exploration, investigation, observation, recording, seasons, decay, growth, new life, planting, observational drawing, Understanding Lent and Easter.

## Minibeasts

Investigating and exploring, observing and counting, care of creatures and environment, growing butterflies in Nursery to observe life cycle, shape and symmetry, role play, observational drawing.

## Healthy Lifestyles (*Our World*)

Healthy choices, types of food, food preparation, self care, self confidence and self esteem, differences, cooperative work, different sports, movement, observing body responses to exercise.

## Changes

Preparation, transition activities, visits to main school, participation in whole school activities (sports day, assemblies, Mass), visitors from main school (Headteacher, cook), end of year celebrations.