# The Natural World

WEEK	EXTRA'S	NURSERY	TODDLERS	PRE-SCHOOL
WEEK 1  2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	LANGUAGE Greek  SOUND Ss  SIGN Smell	Our Senses Exploring various smells using herbs, spices and scented playdough. Exploring textures using hands and feet and making music to listen to. Trying new foods to temp our tastebuds and going for a walk to see what we can see/hear/smell	Growing & Planting Talking about the growth cycle of plants and animals. Leaf printing and making a collage of flowers. Exploring the forest school area, lots of digging, what can we smell?	Our Senses Exploring all of our senses using feely bags and a blindfold taste test - can we distinguish what we have tasted? Going on a listening walk to see what we can hear and see. Making our own perfumes in forest school
<u>WEEK 2</u> 9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	LANGUAGE Africcans  SOUND Aa  SIGN Autumn	Forest School Lots of fun exploring our forest school and making mud pies and painting with mud. How muddy can we get? Lot of digging and exploring various pieces of wood, leaves and twigs.	Forest Re-enacting 'Were going on a bear hunt' using masks and our imagination. Having fun in the forest school, bark rubbing, bug hunting, den building and making mud pies in our mud kitchen. Who can make the most creative bear face with material resources?	Trees  Reading the stick man book and making our very own stick family from the twigs we find. Going for lots of walks around the village and school tree spotting -using our tree spotter guide and doing some tree rubbings.  Looking at various birds and making bird feeders and a bug hotel. Using the tools safely to make our own wood necklace.
<u>WEEK 3</u> 16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	LANGUAGE Polish  SOUND T†  SIGN Animal	Mark Making Exploring the natural environment to create some autumn collages and paintings. Lots of leaf and flower printing as well as stick painting and tree rubbing. Making our own flower/leaf press too.	Jungle/Rainforest A journey through the jungle, what can we see? Lets use our binoculars to look up high and low. What sounds can we hear and footprints can we see? Face painting of various animals, what will your child come home as?	Dinosaurs & Fossils  Looking at various dinosaurs and the footprints they left behind. Bone hunting in the mud/sand, can we match them to the pictures to make a dinosaur's skeleton? Looking at categorising large/small/meat eaters and carnivores together. Making our own dinosaur.
WEEK 4 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	LANGUAGE Latvian  SOUND Pp  SIGN Hedgehog & home	Wildlife Listening to different wildlife sounds and making them to the pictures. Going on a bug hunt and looking at where the bugs live. Making a bird feeder to see the different birds we can attract to our gardens at home. Don't forget to show us your findings.	Animals Looking at all the different animals in our gardens and forest school area. Making a bug hotel, clag hedgehogs and animal paw prints. Who do they belong too, can you guess? And what sound do they make? Animal bingo and matching habitats too.	Day & Night, nocturnal animals & hibernation.  Making animal masks and talking about what animals are nocturnal and what it means. Looking at hibernation, what it means and where each animals sets up home.  Making owls and bread hedgehogs

Harvest Collection - Please bring in a food item to donate to a local good cause

<u>WEEK 5</u> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	LANGUAGE French  SOUND Ti  SIGN Sun, wind, rain, snow	Exploring the Outdoors Exploring the local area, going for walks around the village and school grounds. Playing pooh sticks and watching the river and jumping in any puddles we can find! Joining in with some garden yoga.	Weather Week A creative week making rain shakers and windmills out of junk modelling, snowmen out of playdough and cotton wool and a sun and sun catcher out of pizza and yellow toppings. What weather do we enjoy the most?	Weather/Seasons Making a seasons and weather wheel. Matching the correct clothes to the correct person for the season. Looking at what the symbols mean on a weather map and putting the correct symbol up for weather of the day.
<u>WEEK 6</u> 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	LANGUAGE German  SOUND Nn  SIGN Fish	Book Week Looking at a different story sack each day including: the Gruffalo, stickman, we' re going on a bear hunt, the very hungry caterpillar and owl babies. Exploring the characters and props and making our own and reading the stories.	Deep Sea  Reading the rainbow fish story sack and making our own colourful fish. Exploring what lives in the deep blue sea with lots of water play and sea creatures.  Talking about water safety	Volcano & Sea Building our own volcano with measuring cylinders and clay, and then watching it explode. What animals live in the sea and which kind of sea, artic, tropical? Exploring ice, warm water, and salt water. Making a sea collage using sand, shells and textures.
<u>WEEK 7</u> 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	LANGUAGE Spanish  SOUND  SIGN Green Brown	Making with Natural Resources  Making headbands with the items we find around the garden and outside area, including leaves, twigs and flowers. Exploring ice, sand and water. Making stickyback pictures to display, what beautiful creations can we make?	Natural Resources Week No plastic toys this week! Exploring all the natural resources we have bring the outside in. Exploring everything wooden, green and brown!	Natural/Manmade  A treasure hunt, can you find natural resources off our lotto card? Looking at where our clothes come from and what they are made from.  Doing our bit for the environment making eco bricks and recycling.
<u>WEEK 8</u> 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	LANGUAGE Chinese  SOUND SIGN Stars, hats, boots	Small World Exploring different scenes and where animals live. Dinosaurs in slime, swamps, grass and rocks. Frogs in ponds and rock pools and making our own collage hedgehogs	Space Week We are off to space this week. Making space boots, helmets and our very own rocket. Lots of paint to make our galaxy and planets too. Lets get ready to count down	Planets Learning about the planets in our solar system and making them. Using the home corner as a space station, and recording our trips and findings. Making our own rockets to launch and being an astronaut.
WEEK 9  28 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	LANGUAGE Recap all  SOUND Re-cap S,A,T,P,I,N  SIGN Light	Pumpkin Week  Using tools safely to carve pumpkins and exploring the insides! Talking about where they come from and how they grow, then making our own clay pumpkin faces too Making pumpkin pie and soup, its going to be yummy!  Re-enacting the story of Cinderella with lots of dressing up and role play. A parade of dressing up clothes ready for the ball.  Celebrating Diwali - The hindu festival of lights and making our own diva lamps		

#### SONGS, RHYMES & POEMS WE WILL BE LEARNING:

### Harvest Time Song

(sung to the tune of 'Here we go round the mulberry bush'.)

What do we do at harvest time, harvest time, harvest time? What do we do at harvest time, harvest time in the autumn?

We pick the apples at harvest time, harvest time, harvest time. We pick the apples at harvest time, harvest time in the autumn.

We dig the carrots at harvest time, harvest time, harvest time. We dig the carrots at harvest time, harvest time in the autumn.

We gather the grain at harvest time, harvest time, harvest time. We gather the grain at harvest time, harvest time in the autumn.

## All the Leaves are Falling Down

All the leaves are falling down - Orange, yellow, red and brown Falling softly as they do - Over me and over you.

All the leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down, All the leaves are falling down - down to the ground.

Autumn leaves are changing colour, changing colour Autumn leaves are changing colour - all over town.

Take a rake and rake them up, rake them up, rake them up.

Take a rake and rake them up - Off of the ground.

#### I'm a Little Diva Lamp

I'm a little diva lamp short and stout - here's my candle and here's my spout.

When it is Diwali time, hear them shout - Happy Diwali! all about

Stories - Stickman and The Rainbow Fish