

Reception Understanding the world progression

Past and present

Prior Knowledge - Development Matters — 3 — 4 Year Olds:

- Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.
- · Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary

Baseline	Autumn	Spring	Summer	ELG's
Talk about the	Talk about changes that have	Talk about changes that have	Talk about the lives of people I am	Talk about the lives of people
different jobs people	happened to me throughout my	happened within my family's	familiar with.	around them and their role in
do.	life from a baby to now.	lifetimes e.g. talking to grandparents about holidays etc.		society.
Name some	Talk about my family and who I			
members of my	live with.			
family and talk				
about them.	Talk about people in the			
	community and their roles			
Talk about the roles	including jobs.			
of people in society				
Talk about myself	Become more aware of the past	Talk about the past e.g. no	Discuss similarities and differences	Know some similarities and
and some of the	linked to myself and my family	television, different toys/ clothes	between the past and now.	differences between things in the
ways I have	and how it has changed.	using photos and physical		past and now, drawing on their
changed		artefacts.		experiences and what has been read
				in class.
	Talk about what I can see in	Talk about what I have heard and	Talk about the past using books and	Understand the past through
	pictures of the past.	seen in stories and picture books	stories talking about the characters,	settings, characters and events
		and how this is different/ the	settings and events.	encountered in books and
		same.		storytelling.



People, cultures and communities

Prior Knowledge - Development Matters - 3 - 4 Year Olds:

- Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people.
- · Show interest in different occupations
- Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.
- · Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things
- · Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.

Baseline	Autumn	Spring	Summer	ELG's
Explore the world	Make detailed observations of the	Explore and talk about the natural	Can describe the school environment	Describe their immediate
around me with all	world around me thinking about	world using what I know from	and the environment around it using	environment using knowledge from
my senses.	my senses- feel, hear, see, smell.	stories/ non-fiction.	what I know from Observation	observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps.
	Starting to explore the natural	Draw information from a simple	Discussion	
	world of where I live and the	map and use the correct	• Stories/ non-fiction	
	environment around school.	vocabulary such as road, village/town/city	• Maps	
Talk about a festival that they have been a part of. Are accepting of others differences.	Talk about how people from different countries celebrate Christmas and other festivals such as harvest festival and Diwali.	Talk about some special places such as where people worship in our and other communities. Talk about different features in places of worship.	Talk about religion and culture within my country and explore different customs such as who they worship and how this is celebrated. (UK)	Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read.
Know there are different countries in the world.	Can start to use stories and pictures to talk about differences in life in other countries.	Can draw information from a simple map where my school is situated. Can start to talk about the differences in lives in other countries	Can talk about what is the same and different in life in this country and in other countries.	Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, nonfiction texts and maps.



The natural world

Prior Knowledge - Development Matters - 3 - 4 Year Olds Check Point

- Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
- Explore how things work.
- Use all their senses in hands on experiences of the natural world
- Plant seeds and care for growing plants.
- Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.
- Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.
- Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.

Baseline	Autumn	Spring	Summer	ELG's
Can talk about	Can describe what they can see,	Can describe different types of	Can make observations of animals	Explore the natural world around
what they can see	hear and feel outside when	animals whilst looking at countries	and plants and use these	them, making observations and
outside using a wide	exploring the natural world and	around the world.	observations to draw pictures which	drawing pictures of animals and
vocabulary.	environment around them		will include detail of the natural	plants.
	including where they live and at school.		world around us.	
			Can talk about the different habitats	
			where animals live and talk about	
			the reasons why.	
			Can talk about and label the life	
			cycle of different animals.	
			Can talk about what a plant needs to	
			survive and why.	
			Can observe and talk about how	
			animals behave differently as the	
			seasons change such as hibernation,	
			having babies, changes in their body	
			such as shedding hair.	



	Can talk about the area they live in, including the weather etc. Can talk about the weather changes the environment.	Can describe their own environment and local area. Can describe another environment which is different to ours that we live in e.g. desert, Artic etc.	Can contrast the natural world around them with different environments. Can talk about and notice what is happening to our world with Global goals and how we can protect our	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.
Can change materials e.g. adding water to cornflour, mixing paint etc, and talking about what has changed.	Can talk about forces they feel e.g. push, pull etc. Can use magnets to show materials that are magnetic and not.	Can explore and observe what happens to the different states of matter. Can explore the state of matter when baking. They can talk about and notice what happens to the mixture when the milk is added to the flour. Can explore through play what happens to the state of matter when a different material is added such as paint mixing and mud play.	planet. Can talk about the weather linked to seasonal change and name all the seasons. Can talk about changes of the states of matter of freezing and melting — and relate it to the Iceland and the ice caps.	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.