		Theme: Growing				
Spring 2						
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		Prime Areas				
CL	 Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some exact repetition and some in their own words Listen to and talk about selected non- fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary 	 Use new vocabulary throughout the day Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them 	 Understand how to listen and why listening is important Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives 			
PSED	 Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others 	 Manage their own needs (personal hygiene) Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing (regular physical activity, healthy eating, toothbrushing, sleep routine) 	 Think about the perspectives of others See themselves as a valuable individual 			
PD	 Develop overall body strength, balance, coordination and agility Develop small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently 	 Further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting and aiming Use their core muscle strength to achieve good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor 	 Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools completely, safely and confidently (knives, forks and spoons) Progress towards a more fluence style of moving, developing control and grace 			

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		Specific Areas			
L	 Form lower-case and capital letters correctly Re-read books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment 	 Form lower-case and capital letters correctly Spell words by identifying the sounds and writing the sounds with letter/s Write short sentences with words with known sound letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stops 	 Form lower-case and capital letters correctly Read simple phrases and sentences made up of known letter-sound correspondence and, where necessary, a few exception words 		
Μ	 Understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers Compare numbers Counting beyond 10 	 Explore composition of numbers to 10 Subitise Compare length 	 Automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0-5 and some to 10. Compare weight 		
UW	 Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside 	 Understand that some places are special to members of their community Name a describe people who are familiar to them 	 Draw information from a simple map Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past 		
EAD	 Develop storylines in their pretend play Watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing their feelings and responses 	 Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings 	 Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources and skills Develop storylines in their pretend play 		
Characteristics of Effective Learning					
	Playing and Exploring	Active Learning	Creating and Thinking Critically		

All Characteris tics should be observed throughout the year, but focus on these within Spring 2	 Bring their own interests and fascinations into early years settings. This helps them to develop their learning. Respond to new experiences that you bring to their attention. 	 Keep on trying when things are difficult. Begin to correct their mistakes themselves 	 Review their progress as they try to achieve a goal. Check how well they are doing. Concentrate on achieving something that's important to them. They are increasingly able to control their attention and ignore distractions.
		Ideas	
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	L – TFW retell the story L – label a farm scene. LA – intial sound, MA - words HA – sentences CL – farm small world L - What can you see on the farm Sensory trays – ducks in water – number M – count the farm animals PSED – circle time, pass the small world animal, what do you like about the story EAD- role play farm house PSED – I went to the farm and I saw EAD- dress up PD – animal movements M – egg number matching M – lost eggs counting game M – 2D shape animals M – weigh animals	L – sentences about themselves e.g. I am I like UW – Grow cress PD – playdoh mats M- measure cubes height of things	L – read sentences to order making a sandwich. LA order pictures and verbally tell EAD – make a jam sandwich

UW – what do animal produce? Food/babies UW/T – draw a farm map on IWD UW – caterpillar to butterfly EAD – instruments for animal sounds EAD – farm house construction	
Sensory – sand farm story stones	

Supporting texts additional to the Focus Book