Understanding the World Skills Progression

UW – Past & Present					
2 Year Olds	Pre-School	Rec Autumn Term	Rec Spring Term	Rec Summer Term	Year 1
Show an interest in past photographs of themselves and familiar people in their lives. Shows an interest in present photographs of themselves.	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.	Compare and contract characters from stories, including figures from the past.	Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.	
SEND Provision:	Picture prompts to support with Use of Makaton/Communicatio understanding Use familiar sto				

UW – People, Culture & Communities							
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In their play act out experiences from their own lives. Has a sense of their immediate family and pets. Have their own friends. Begin to understand they have similarities and differences to others.	Begin to make sense of their own lifestory and family's history. Show interest in different occupations. Explore how things work. Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people. Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. Draw information from a simple map.	Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them. Recognise some similarities and differences between religions and civilisations.	Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate different times in different ways.	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, nonfiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.			
SEND Provision:	Picture prompts to support with under Use of Makaton/Communication boar Videos/books to develop understanding	ds to ensure pupils can explain their un	nderstanding				

UW – The Natural World							
2 Year Olds	Pre-School	Rec Autumn Term	Rec Spring Term	Rec Summer Term			
Curious to explore both new	Use all their senses in hands-	Draw information from a simple	Describe what they see, hear and feel	Explore the natural world around			
and familiar experiences –	on exploration of natural	map.	whilst outside.	them, making observations and			
puddles, mud, plants.	materials.	Explore the natural world around	Understand the effect of changing seasons	drawing pictures of animals and			
	Explore collections of	them.	on the natural world around them.	plants.			
Explore objects in a range of	materials with similar		Recognise some environments that are	Know some similarities and			
ways – hitting, shaking,	and/or different properties.		different to the one in which they live.	differences between the natural world			
poking.	Talk about what they see,			around them and contrasting			
Natabaa abia da da 45	using a wide vocabulary.			environments, drawing on their			
Matches objects that fit	Plant seeds and care for growing plants.			experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important			
together.	Understand the key features of the			processes and changes in the natural			
Use small world to build on	life cycle of a plant and an animal.			world around them, including the			
first hand experiences.	Begin to understand the need to			seasons and changing states of			
mat hand expenences.	respect and care for the natural			matter.			
Talk about things they have	environment and all living things.						
seen in the environment.	Explore and talk about different						
	forces they can feel.						
	Talk about the differences						
	between materials and changes						
	they notice.						
SEND Provision:	Picture prompts to support with ur						
	Use of Makaton/Communication boards to ensure pupils can explain their understanding Ensure pupils have sensory opportunities to explore world around						
	them appropriately Real life oppor	tunities					