Donhead Prep School – Pre-school 2025 - 2026



	Michaelmas 1	Michaelmas 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Trinity 1	Trinity 2
Main theme	Wonderful Me!	Colours	Traditional tales	Yummy Food/ Easter	Adventures and	Animals
(but not limited to)					Journeys: our	
,					Interests	
Possible Ideas/Lines of	Wek 1	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1 Superworm
enquiry	Settling in 3 days	Wow said the Owl: colours	The enormous turnip	The very hungry caterpillar	Leo the Knight who	
	Week 2	around us/ Fireworks night	Week 2	Week 2	wouldn't fight	Week2: Walking through the
These may change or be	All are welcome!	Week 2	Goldilocks and the three	Oliver's vegetables		Jungle
replaced depending on	Week 3	Brown bear, brown bear	bears	Week 3	Week 2	
child interest.	My favourite clothes, things	what do you see? / Diwali	Week 3	The Runaway pea	The dinosaur who lost his	Week3: What the ladybird heard
	I like	Week 3	3 Little pigs	Week 4	Roar	
	Week 4	Colour and Me	Week 4	Kitchen Disco		Week4: The Great Pet Sale
	My emotions	Week 4	Gingerbread Man	Week 5	Week 3: Stars and Moon	
	Week 5	A colour of his own	Week 5	Handa's Surprise		Week5: Dear zoo
	My Family	Week 5	Little Red Hen	Week 6	Week 4: Pirates and	
	Week 6	Nativity story	Week 6	Easter story	mermaids	
	My friends and me	Week 6	Jack and the Beanstalk			Week6: Commotion in the
	Week 7	Stick man/ Christmas			Week 5 transports	Ocean/ The odd fish
	Autumn/ Harvest					
					Week 6 fairytales	
Trips and Experiences	Settling into the new school	Fireworks night 5 th November	Chinese New Year	Trip to Canizaro park to	Polka theater	Visit farm in school or Little City
	year.	Diwali 13/11/24	Pancake day 13 th February	explore nature in our	play/workshops in School	workshop (enhancement)
	Photos of my Family and		Baking gingerbread man	neighborhood	for EYFS	
	myself in my favourite	Christmas nativity	biscuits			(TBC)
	clothes.			Mother's Day performance	(TBC)	
	Autumns/ Sounds Walk	Father Christmas letters: walk				
	Harvest festival Celebration	to the letter box		Planting vegetables seeds		

	Monster Phonics Phase 1	Monster Phonics Phase 1	Monster Phonics Phase 1	Monster Phonics Phase 2	Phonics phase sounds	Phase 2 Phonics
	Tuning into Sounds	Instrumental:		initial sounds		
		Activity 1-10 Monster	Aspect 4		Voice sounds:	Oral blending and segmenting:
	Week 1: Environmental	phonics programme	Activity 1-10	Tune into sounds		
Phonics	Sounds Activity 1/2		Monster Phonics	To develop understanding of	to distinguish between the	To develop oral blending and
	Week 2: environmental	To develop children's	Programme	alliteration	differences in vocal	segmenting of sounds in words.
	sounds	listening skills and awareness			sounds, including oral	
	Week3: Environmental 3/4	of sounds in the	Understanding when	Activity 1-10	blending and segmenting.	Pre-phase 2
	Week4: Environmental 4/5 Week5: Environment 5/6	environment.	words rhyme.	Pre-Phase 2		
	Week 6: environmental 6/7	Hearing initial sounds in your	Pre-phase 2	Fie-Filase 2	Children will begin to work	Children will begin to work on
	Week of environmental of 7	own name.	The phase 2	Children will begin to work	on initial sounds through	initial sounds through games and
			Children will begin to work	on initial sounds through	games and activities.	activities. (Ongoing)
		Hearing initial sounds in	on initial sounds through	games and activities.	(Ongoing)	(5 5)
		some words.	games and activities.	(Ongoing)		
			(ongoing)			
Literacy	Joining in with rhymes and	Retell stories related to	Encourage children to	Ordering and retelling events	Talk about the story we	Can draw pictures of characters
Literacy	showing an interest in	events through acting/role	record stories through	from a story.	read.	in a story.
Comprehension	stories with repeated	play.	picture drawing/mark	Trom a story.	What does Leo prefer to	iii a story.
	refrains. Environment print.	[/·	making.	Learning the names of the	do instead of fighting?	Listen to stories, accurately
	Having a favourite	Enjoys an increasing range of	C .	days of the week.	Why?	anticipating key events &
	story/rhyme.	books.	Beginning to answer to		Use your words to talk	respond to what they hear with
	Understand the five key		why? What? Who?	Trace over provided words to	about how characters	relevant comments, questions
	concepts about print: - print	Beginning to answer why?	Questions in relation to a	form a short sentence.	might feel in the story.	and reactions.
	has meaning - print can have	What? Who? Questions in	story.		5 11	
	different purposes - we read	relation to a story.		Use well-formed short sentences to talk about	Predict and retell story	Beginning to understand that a
	English text from left to right and from top to bottom -		Use recently introduced vocabulary during	favourite part of a story.	events.	non-fiction is a nonstory- it gives information instead. Fiction
	the names of the different		discussions about stories	lavounte part of a story.	Spot and suggest rhymes.	means story. Can point to front
	parts of a book.		and during role-play.		Spot and suggest mymes.	cover, back cover, spine, blurb,
	Remembering parts of a		and adming role play.			illustration, illustrator, author
	story.					and title.
	Sequencing familiar stories					
	using pictures.					

Literacy Writing	Show a preference for a dominant hand. Beginning to understand that marks can have a meaning. Making independent marks to convey a meaning during independent learning and play.	My Name letter tracing Enjoy making marks during child-led learning. Beginning to trace over provided lines.	Orally compose sentences Begin to trace over provided lines, to form CvC words. Some children may begin to form letters independently, especially letters of their own names. Beginning to recognise the initial letter of your own name.	Orally compose sentences Begin to trace over provided lines, to form CvC words. Some children may begin to form letters independently, especially letters of their own names. Beginning to recognise the initial letter of your own name.	Begin to trace over provided lines, to form CvC words. Some children may begin to form letters independently, especially letters of their own names. Some children might begin to form CvC words independently. Support and encourage correct letter formation. Beginning to recognise the initial letter of your own name.	Being able to sequence a series of events. Looking listening and enjoying a range of books. Continue to give meaning to own marks Independent letter formation in writing.
Key story books (can be adapted and changed each year)	All are welcome! We all belong Monster Clothes Hello Friend Where is Lenny? Colour Monster Amazing Autumn	Wow! Said the Owl! Brown bear, Brown bear, what do you see? A colour of his own Colour and me The Nativity story Stick Man	The enormous turnip Goldilock and the three bears 3 little pigs Gingerbread Man Little red hen	The very hungry caterpillar Oliver's Vegetables Supertato/ The runaway pea Kitchen Disco Handa's Surprise Easter story	Leo the knight who wouldn't fight The dinosaur who lost his roar How to catch a star/ whatever next? Oi Frog? Noisy Poems You can't let an elephant drive a digger. / Mr Gumpy's outing PSED: the Growing Story	PSED: Pink is for boys Superworm Walking through the Jungle What the ladybird heard The Great pet sale The journey home Commotion in the Ocean/ The odd fish
Mathematics (White Rose Maths) Numbers Shapes	More than, fewer than, same Explore and build with shapes and objects Hear and say number names I see 1, 2, 3 Explore repeats Join in with repeats		Explore position and sp Compare and sort colle Begin to order number Show me 1, 2, 3 Move and label 1, 2, 3 Explore position and ro	ections names	Take and give 1, 2, 3 Talk about dots Show me 5 Stop at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Make games and action Match, sort, compare	ns (subitising)

Communication and		Enjoy listening to longer	Listen to stories to build	use a wide range of	Retelling stories with an	Listen out for rhymes in stories
Communication and Language	Listening to stories with increasing attention. Retelling simple events from a story using own words. Beginning to express own ideas using 4/5 words in a sentence. Adults modelling language throughout the day "Thank you!" "Good morning!" "How are you?" "Please could you pass me?" Weekly show and tell Understand two-part instructions.	Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens. Pay attention to more than one thing at a time. Use a wider range of vocabulary. Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, Learning descriptive vocabulary. Continuing to practise expressing ideas in a group. Make links to festivals that the children celebrate and talk about shared experiences. Listening to stories and developing vocabulary. Songs — Nativity and Christmas songs.	Listen to stories to build familiarity, understanding and increase vocabulary. Ability to speak in sentences using language to develop relationships. Retelling a story using story language. Asking and answering how and why questions Sharing Christmas holiday news.	use a wide range of vocabulary, understand why questions, be able to express a point of view. Sustained focus when listening to a story. Understanding and using question words such as what, where, who Articulate ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences	Retelling stories with an increased knowledge of story language and vocabulary. Relate the stories they have listened to their lives and in their role-play. Make up their own stories with beginning, middle and end. Sharing Easter holiday news.	Listen out for rhymes in stories, to play initial rhyming games during carpet times. Listening to and talking about stories we listen to in class.
Understanding the World	-Focus on 'Myself' and what makes me a unique and valued individual – my body,	-Bonfire night - Firework safety	Where do vegetables grow? (underground/ plants) Make porridge (consistency/	Healthy and unhealthy foods/	Understanding growing and changes in human life cycle	- explore far animals at Bocketts farm
Past and Present	things I like, my family. -Explore and share special family events.	-Diwali explores the festival of lights! Explore the Diwali celebration in Hindu families	how does it taste? Follow the recipe instructions. Talk about taste and consistency by using your 5 senses.	butterfly lifecycle Seeds planting (tomatoes/	Learning about Volcanoes learning about planets and	-Fathers Day Explore our garden and look for
People, Culture and	Tairing events.	-Animals habitats / Seasons	by using your 5 senses.	potatoes/ cress)	Space	minibeasts
Communities	Getting to know my school.	-Christmas now and	Materials: explore and talk about different construction	Bean life cycle/experiment Learn about the difference	Ships and Sea	
	-Signs of Autumn - 5 senses	then/toys	materials: wood, brick, metal, plastic, cardboard.	between fruits and	Transport in our city and transport from the past	Explore Summer season: what are the changes in the
	and how we learn through	- Nativity story	Floating/ sinking (biscuits	vegetables. Which	transport from the past	environment around us?
The Natural World	these.	Christmas season – explore Catholic Faith	break in water?? Why? Science investigation	vegetables and fruits grow in the UK? And around the		At the seaside: learn facts about the seaside.
	-Harvest Festival – change in	as we celebrate different		world?		
	seasons and states of matter	festivals and events.	Where does bread come from? Different types of bread around the world			
			bread around the world	-Mother's Day		
				-Wother 3 Day		

			Chinasa Naw Yeer			
			-Chinese New Year –			
			Exploring the Chinese			
			culture.			
			-Valentine's day			
Expressive Arts and	Explore different materials	Explore colour mixing		Develop own ideas and		
Design	to create a portrait of	Explore colour mixing	Take part in pretend play,	decide which material to	Begin to develop complex	Painting your favourite farm
Design	•	I to be a become as for attende				
Consider a codale consider	ourselves.	Link colours to festivals	using objects to represent	use to express them.	stories using small world	animal
Creating with materials	E.mlana and annual	E.m.l. a. A. alaniana and A. ala	something else.	Latin different mark and also	equipment	NATION OF THE BUILDING STATE OF THE STATE OF
	Explores colours and	Explore techniques and tools		Join different materials		Make a walk through the jungle
	materials.	to make firework picture –		and explore different		scene in a shoe box/ model
	Show different emotions in		Begin to develop complex	textures.		plasticine to make your own
	their drawings and paintings,	Manipulate salt dough to	stories using small world		Take part in pretend play,	jungle animal.
	like happiness, sadness etc	make a diva lamp for Diwali.	equipment.		using objects to represent	
					something else.	Create worms using cheerios
	Explore different art	Christmas craft: Christmas	Explore different materials	Activities examples:		
	techniques and materials	wooden decorations.	freely to express and			
	freely, to develop their ideas		develop own ideas.	Design your hungry	Join different materials	Create a map from the story:
	and create their own		Explore colour and colour	caterpillar using pom	and explore different	What the ladybird heard
	artwork.		mixing.	poms and paper leaves.	textures	
				Paint your favourite fruit.		
	Learn how to paint a self-		Activities example:	Collage your favourite		Free creations with junk
	portrait – thinking about			vegetable.	Activities examples:	modelling and art resources in
	colours, shapes and features		Chinese New Year crafts –	Design your Supertato		class.
			make lanterns.	potato	Make princesses crowns	
	Autumn activities; leaves		Make Goldilocks and the	Playdough fruits	and knight shields.	Summer bracelets: make
	painting/ salt dough		bears figurine using paper,		Dinosaur painting	threading colorful beads.
	hedgehog or leaf painting		wool, and paint.		Stars decoration or alien	
			Making houses for the pigs		creations	
			using sticks, hay and painted		Mermaid creation: scaly	Create jellyfish under the sea
			Lego bricks.		tail and child's face /	topic.
					pirate hats/ pirates	Make igloos for artic animals
			Design our gingerbread		treasure map making with	
			man/ playdough/ paint		teabags	
					Vehicle design with junk	
			Make bread out of		modelling and lego	
			playdough or hen decoration			
			with wool/ feathers.			

	Singing songs and learning	Christmas songs.			Small world play	Role play
Being Imaginative and	some familiar songs.	Performing the Nativity.	Remember and sing entire	Remember entire songs	Sitiali World play	Dance to songs
Expressive	Some familiar songs.	Terrorining the Nativity.	songs/rhymes	and rhymes.	Role play in the role play	Listen with increased attention
Expressive	Las maissants adaptation	Dala alau Chaistean ann at	songs/mymes	and mymes.	. , , , , ,	
	Learning to develop	Role-play – Christmas post			area	to sounds.
	storylines in their pretend	office, Santa's Workshop		Create their own song or		
	play.		Play instruments with	improvise a song.	Outdoors role play props	Make imaginative and complex
	Poem recital		increasing control to express		to encourage acting out of	small world with blocks and
			feelings.	Play instruments with	stories	construction.
	Take part in pretend play,			control.		
	using objects to represent		Role-playing the story –	Sing along to nursery		
	something else.		Make up own versions,	rhymes.		
			Enormous Carrot			
	Role-play – home corner.		Finger puppets to tell the			
			story of Goldilocks and the			
	Small world play		Three bears and the Three			
			little pigs.			
			Constructions site outdoors			
			for the three little pigs			
			houses.			
			Houses.			
			Learning and singing			
			Goldilocks song.			
			Create a jack Beanstalk in			
			class and use it for children			
			to retell the story.			
Physical Development	Fine motor activities -	Continue to develop fine	Continue to develop fine	Continue to develop fine	Continue to develop fine	Continue to develop fine motor
	threading, cutting,	motor skills through	motor activities as needed,	motor activities as needed,	motor activities as	activities as needed, threading
Fine motor	playdough, tweezers	threading, cutting, weaving,	threading beads on pipe	threading, cutting,	needed, threading beads	beads on pipe cleaners, cutting,
		playdough, tweezers.	cleaners, cutting, weaving,	weaving, playdough	on pipe cleaners, cutting,	weaving, playdough, tweezers
	Manipulate objects with		playdough, tweezers with		weaving, playdough,	with small pompoms
	good fine motor skills.	Develop muscle tone to put	small pompoms	playdough	tweezers with small	Begin to form some letters
		pencil pressure on paper.	Begin to form some letters	Threading, tracing over	pompoms	correctly.
	Draw lines and circles using		correctly.	lines, building with Lego	Begin to form some letters	
	gross motor movements	Use tools to effect changes to	·	bricks, turning coins with	correctly.	Encourage children to draw
		materials.	Encourage children to draw	pinchy fingers.		freely.
	Hold pencil/paint brush	Beginning to show	freely.	. , ,	Encourage children to	,
	practising a tripod grip.	preference for dominant	'		draw freely.	Cutting with Scissors
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	hand.	Cutting with Scissors		,	
	Sky writing games	Continue to practise cutting			Cutting with Scissors	Beginning to write letters of own
		skills.				name.
	Pouring, scouping up				Beginning to write letters	
	activities using sand, lentils,	Mark making in flour, sand,			of own name.	
	rice, water.	lentils. Continue to develop			of own name.	
	rice, water.	·				
		fine motors through small				

Physical Development Gross motor	Proprioception and space awareness games. Stop and go songs and games. Running, balancing and climbing on outdoor equipment. Different ways of moving to be explored with children. Help individual children to	peg and holes activities, Duplo and Lego blocks. Ball skills- throwing and catching. Provide a range of wheeled resources for children to balance, sit or ride on, or pull and push. Pedal bikes and two-wheeled scooters.	Ball skills - pushing, throwing & catching, patting, or kicking. Dance and move to music. Make obstacle courses to practise balancing.	balancing on blocks, running safely and negotiate space, yoga, Air tracing dance with ribbons, tricycles and balancing bikes	balancing on blocks, running safely and negotiate space, yoga, Air tracing dance with ribbons, tricycles and balancing bikes	. Skipping ropes Obstacle circuits Vehicles available on playground Different ways of moving to be explored with children: move like animals do.
RHE /PSHE SCARF Coram life education	develop good personal hygiene. Me and my relationships -What makes me special People close to me Getting help Keeping myself safe -Healthy Eating-Importance of exercise	Similarities and differences. Celebrating differences Showing kindness Listening to my feelings -Self regulation – zones	Keeping my body safe People who help us stay safe	Looking after myself Looking after others Looking after my environment	-I can keep trying -I can do it! - what does my body need?	Growing and changing in nature When I was a baby Girls/Boys
RE SoW RE programme	-Branch 1: Creation and Convenant	-Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise	Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem	Branch 4: desert to garden	Branch 5: to the ends of the earth	Branch 6: Dialogue and encounter
JPP	Attentive and Discerning	Compassionate and loving	Faith filled and hopeful	Eloquent and truthful	1 Learned and Wise	2 Curious and Active