



	Ongoing Throughout the Year	Observation Check Point
Communication and Language	Listening and Attention: Single channelled attention; can shift to a different task if attention fully obtained — using child's name helps focus. Listens to others in one-to-one or small groups, when conversation interests them Listens to familiar stories of increasing length with increasing attention and recall Sing a large repertoire of songs. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories Focusing attention — can still listen or do, but can change their own focus of attention Can follow directions (if not intently focused) Understanding: Understands different situations — able to follow routine events and activities using nonverbal cues. Develop understanding of simple concepts (e.g. fast/slow, good/bad). Pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult. Use a wider range of vocabulary. Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as: "Get your coat and wait at the door". Begin to understand simple 'why' and 'how' questions. Develop their communication but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'. Shows understanding of prepositions such as, under, on top, behind by carrying out an action or selecting the correct picture. Speaking: Able to use language in recalling past experiences Develop their pronunciation but may have problems saying some sounds: r, j, th, ch, and sh Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns. Use stalk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus you sit there I'll be the driver." Uses talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus you sit there I'll be the driver." Use se longer sentences of four to six words. Use a variety of questions (e.g. what, where, who). Talks more extensively about things that are of particular importance to them. Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences. Be able to express a po	 Around the age of 3, can the child shift from one task to another if you fully obtain their attention, for example, by using their name? Around the age of 4, is the child using sentences of four to six words – "I want to play with cars" or "What's that thing called?"? Can the child use sentences joined up with words like 'because', 'or', 'and'? For example: "I like ice cream because it makes my tongue shiver". Is the child using the future and past tense: "I am going to the park" and "I went to the shop"? Can the child answer simple 'why' questions?
	Vocabulary: Safe, rules, feelings, emotions, happy, sad, angry, worried, excited, valuable, respectful, resilient, share, take turns, different, similar, resolve, friendship	, confident, challenge, respect





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Personal,	Making Relationships	Making Relationships	Making Relationships	Making Relationships	Making Relationships	Making Relationships	Around the Age of 3
Social and	Asserts their own ideas	Become more outgoing	Shows some	Shows empathy and	Seeks out others to	Seek out	The child sometimes manages to share or take
Emotional	and preferences and	with unfamiliar people,	understanding that	concern for people who	share experiences with	companionship with	turns with others.
Development	takes notice of other	in the safe context of	other people have	are special to them by	and may choose to play	adults and other	With adult guidance and understanding 'yours'
	people's responses.	their setting.	perspectives, ideas and needs that are different	partially matching others' feelings with	with a familiar friend or a child who has similar	children, sharing experiences and play	and 'mine'.
	Is becoming more able	Enjoys playing alone,	to theirs, e.g. may turn	their own, e.g. may	interest.	ideas.	The child settles to some activities for a while.
	to separate from their	alongside and with	a book to face you so	offer a child a toy they	miterest.	lucas.	Avound the Age of A
	close carers and explore	others, inviting others	you can see it.	know they like.	Sense of Self	Uses their experiences	Around the Age of 4 Does the child play alongside others or do they
	new situations with	to play and attempting	you can see it.	mion and men	Is aware of being	of adult behaviours to	always want to play alone?
	support and	to join others' play.	Shows more confidence	Is beginning to be able	evaluated by others and	guide their social	Does the child take part in pretend play (for
	encouragement from		in new social situations.	to cooperate in	begin to develop ideas	relationships and	example, being 'mummy' or 'daddy'?)
	another familiar adult.	Sense of Self		favourable situations,	about themselves	interactions.	Does the child take part in other pretend play
		Is gradually learning	Sense of Self	such as with familiar	according to the		with different roles – being the Gruffalo, for
	Sense of Self	that actions have	Experiments with their	people and	messages they hear	Sense of Self	example?
	Knows their own name,	consequences but not	own and other people's	environments and	from others.	Shows confidence in	Can the child generally negotiate solutions to
	their preferences and	always the	views of who they are	when free from anxiety.		speaking to others	conflicts in their play? Note: watch out for
	interests and is	consequences the child	through their play,		Shows their confidence	about their own needs,	children who seem worried, sad or angry for
	becoming aware of	hopes for.	through trying out	Sense of Self	and self-esteem	wants, interests and	much of the time, children who seem to flit from
	their unique abilities.		different behaviours,	Enjoys a sense of	through being outgoing	opinions in a familiar	one thing to the next or children who seem to
		Select and use activities	and the way they talk	belonging through	towards people, taking	group.	stay for over-long periods doing the same thing,
	Is developing an	and resources, with	about themselves.	being involved in daily	risks and trying new		and become distressed if they are encouraged to
	understanding of and	help when needed. This	11 - 1 1 1	tasks.	things or new social	Has a clear idea about	do something different – you will need to work
	interest in differences	helps them to achieve a	Understanding Emotions	Is becoming more	situations and being able to express their	what they want to do in their play and how they	closely with parents and other agencies to find
	of gender, ethnicity and ability.	goal they have chosen, or one which is	May recognise that	Is becoming more aware of the similarities	needs and ask adults for	want to go about it.	out more about these developmental difficulties.
	ability.	suggested to them.	some actions can hurt	and differences	help.	want to go about it.	Look out for children who appear to be
	Enjoys a sense of	Juggested to them.	or harm others and	between themselves	ncip.	Understanding	overweight or to have poor dental health, where
	belonging through	Understanding	begins to stop	and others in more	Understanding	Emotions	this has not been picked up and acted on at an
	being involved in daily	Emotions	themselves from	detailed ways and	Emotions	Talks about how others	earlier health check. Discuss this sensitively with
	tasks.	Is becoming able to	doing something, they	identifies themselves in	Find solutions to	might be feeling and	parents and involve the child's health visitor.
		think about their	should not do, in	relation to social groups	conflicts and rivalries.	responds according to	Adapt activities to suit their particular needs, so
	Increasingly follow	feelings as	favourable conditions.	and to their peers.	For example, accepting	their understanding of	all children feel confident to move and take part
	rules, understanding	their brain starts to			that not everyone can	the other person's	in physical play.
	why they are important.	develop the	Expresses the self-	Understanding	be Spider-Man in the	needs and wants.	Most, but not all, children are reliably dry during the day by the are of 1. Support shildren who are
		connections that help	aware emotions of	Emotions	game, and suggesting		the day by the age of 4. Support children who are struggling with toilet training, in partnership with
	Understanding	them manage their	pride and	Participates more in	other ideas.	Is more able to	their parents. Seek medical advice, if necessary,
	Emotions	emotions	embarrassment as well	collective cooperation		recognise the impact of	from a health visitor or GP.
	Seeks comfort from	Channa in ana anti-	as a wide range of other	as their experience of	Develop their sense of	their her	Sin a realent visitor of Gr.
	familiar adults when	Shows increasing	feeling.	routines and	responsibility and	choices and	
	needed and distracts	consideration of other	Pogin to talk shout the	understanding of some	membership of a	behaviours/ actions on	
	themselves with a	people's needs and	Begin to talk about their feelings using words	boundaries grows.	community.	others and knows that some actions and words	
	comfort object when upset.	gradually more impulse control in favourable	like "happy", "sad",	Practises skills of	Begin to talk more	can hurt others'	
	upset.	conditions, e.g. giving	"angry".	assertion, negotiation	independently about	feelings.	
	Begin to adapt to	up a toy to another who	ungly .	and compromise and	their feelings using	iccinigs.	
	changes in routine,	wants it.		looks to a supportive	words like "happy",		
	different events and			adult for help in	"sad", "angry".		
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social situations.	resolving conflict with	
	peers.	
Is aware of others'		
feelings and is		
beginning		
to show empathy by		
offering a comfort		
object to another child		
or sharing in another		
child's excitement.		





	Autumn One	Autumn Two	Spring One	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two	Observation Check Point
Physical	Moving and Handling	Moving and Handling	Moving and Handling	Moving and Handling	Moving and Handling	Moving and Handling	Age 3 - 4
Development	Sits comfortably on a	Continue to develop	Match their	Collaborate with	Runs with spatial	Has a preference for	Look out for children who find it difficult to sit
•	chair with both feet	their movement,	developing physical	others to manage	awareness and	a dominant hand.	comfortably on chairs. They may need help to
	on the ground.	balancing, riding	skills to tasks and	large items, such as	negotiates space		develop their core muscles. You can help them by
		(scooters, trikes and	activities in the	moving a long plank	successfully,	Can balance on one	encouraging them to scoot on sit-down trikes
	Jumps up into the air	bikes) and ball skills.	setting. For example,	safely, carrying large	adjusting speed or	foot or in a squat	without pedals and jump on soft-play equipment.
	with both feet leaving		they decide whether	hollow blocks.	direction to avoid	momentarily, shifting	
	the floor and can	Go up steps and	to crawl, walk or run		obstacles.	body weight to	Showing a preference for a dominant hand and
	jump forward a small	stairs, or climb up	across a plank,	Climbs stairs, steps		improve stability.	beginning to develop a comfortable pencil grip.
	distance.	apparatus, using	depending on its	and moves across	Choose the right		
		alternate feet.	length and width.	climbing	resources to carry out	Can grasp and release	
	Can walk, run and	1		equipment using	their own plan. For	with two hands to	
	climb on different	Use large-muscle	Skip, hop, stand on	alternate feet.	example, choosing a	throw and catch a	
	levels and surfaces	movements.	one leg and hold a	Maintains balance	spade to enlarge a	large ball, beanbag or	
	with increasing	Danis to use and	pose for a game like	using hands and body	small hole they dug	an object.	
	confidence.	Begin to use one- handed tools and	musical statues.	to stabilise.	with a trowel.	Use one-handed tools	
	Vicks a stationary hall	equipment, for		Walks down steps or	Increasingly he able	and equipment, for	
	Kicks a stationary ball with either foot,	example, making		slopes whilst carrying	Increasingly be able to use and remember	example, making	
	throws a ball with	snips in paper with		a small object,	sequences and	snips in paper with	
	increasing force and	scissors with		maintaining balance	patterns of	scissors with	
	accuracy and starts	increasing control.		and stability.	movements which	increasing control.	
	to catch a large ball	increasing control			are related to music	moreasing control	
	by using two hands	Begin to develop a		Health and Self-Care	and rhythm.	Use a comfortable	
	and their chest to	comfortable grip with		Willing to try a range	, ,	grip with good	
	trap it.	good control when		of different textures	Start taking part in	control when holding	
		holding pens and		and tastes and	some group activities	pens and pencils.	
	Turns pages in a	pencils.		expresses a	which they make up		
	book, sometimes			preference.	for themselves, or in	Manipulates a range	
	several at once.	Begin to show a			teams.	of tools and	
		preference for a				equipment in one	
	Shows increasing	dominant hand.			Health and Self-Care	hand, tools include	
	control in holding,				Takes practical action	paintbrushes,	
	using and	Health and Self-Care			to reduce risk,	scissors,	
	manipulating a range	Can wash and can dry			showing their	hairbrushes,	
	of tools and objects	hands effectively and			understanding that	toothbrush, scarves	
	such as tambourines,	understands why this			equipment and tools	or ribbons.	
	jugs, hammers, and	is important.			can be used safely.		
	mark making tools.					Be increasingly	
	Health and Calf Corr	Gains more bowel				independent as they	
	Health and Self-Care	and bladder control				get dressed and	
	Can tell adults when	and can attend to				undressed, for	
	hungry, full up or	toileting needs most				example, putting	
	tired or when they want to rest, sleep or	of the time themselves.				coats on and doing up zips.	
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	Dresses with help,
	e.g. puts arms into
	open fronted coat or
	shirt when held up,
	pulls up own
	trousers, and pulls up
	zipper once it is
	fastened at the
	bottom.





Autumn One	Autumn Two	Spring One	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two	Observation Check Point
Autumn One Reading Begins to understand that print has meaning. Beginning to understand that print can have different purposes. Read English text from left to right and from	Autumn Two Reading Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. Little Wandle	Reading Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. Humpty Dumpty sat on a Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name, advertising logos and screen icons.	Reading Looks at and enjoys print and digital books independently. Begins to be aware of the way stories are structured, and to tell own stories. Enjoys rhythmic and	Reading Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name, advertising logos and screen icons. Looks at and enjoys print and digital books independently. Engage in extended	Reading Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: • Spot and suggest rhymes. • Count or clap syllables in a word. • Recognise words with the same initial sound,	Observation Check Point Age 3 To give meaning to the marks they have made. Hear the initial sound in their name and other familiar words. Age 4 To write their own first name independently. To begin to add recognisable details to their pictures and drawing.
top to bottom. Begins to join in with actions and sounds in familiar song and book sharing experience. Little Wandle Rhyme time games covering: Listening Syllables Rhyming Alliteration Sound knowledge Writing We sometimes give meaning to the marks we make. Enjoys drawing and writing on paper, on screen and on different textures, such as in sand or playdough and through using touch-screen technology.	Rhyme time games covering: Listening Syllables Rhyming Alliteration Sound knowledge Writing Distinguishes between the different marks they make. We are beginning to make letter-type shapes to represent the initial sound of our name and other familiar words.	Talks about events and principal characters in stories and suggests how the story might end. Little Wandle Rhyme time games covering: • Listening • Syllables • Rhyming • Alliteration • Sound knowledge Writing Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; writing 'm' for mummy.	musical activity with percussion instruments, actions, rhymes and songs, clapping along with the beat and joining in with words of familiar songs and nursery rhyme Little Wandle Rhyme time games covering: Listening Syllables Rhyming Alliteration Sound knowledge Writing We attempt to write our own name or other words.	conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. Is able to name different parts of a book and understands page sequencing. Little Wandle: Rhyme time games covering: Listening Syllables Rhyming Alliteration Sound knowledge Writing Understand the five key concepts about print: - print has meaning - the names of the different parts of a book - print can have different purposes - page sequencing - we read English text from left to right and top to bottom. Write some letters accurately.	such as money and mother. Little Wandle Rhyme time games covering: • Listening • Syllables • Rhyming • Alliteration • Sound knowledge Writing Write some or all of their first name.	To be able to begin to orally segment and blend cvc words.





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Mathematics	Begins to explore	Explores number 1 and	Explore numbers 3, 4	Consolidate numbers	Sequencing - describe a	We are beginning to	Age 3 - 4
	matching and sorting objects.	2.	and 5.	1-5.	sequence of events.	know that numbers up to 5 can be made with	To subitise up to 5 objects
	Talks about and	Joins in and anticipates repeated sound and	Explores differences in size, length, weight and	Explore number 6.	Compare quantities using language: 'more	smaller amounts.	Can recognise numerals to 5.
	identifies the patterns around them.	action patterns.	capacity.	Make comparisons between objects	than', 'fewer than'.		Can match numerals to objects up to 5.
		Is interested in what		relating	Talk about and explore		
	Beginning to notice	happens next using the		to size, length, weight	2D and 3D shapes (for		
	numerals (number	pattern of everyday		and capacity.	example, circles,		
	symbols).	routines.			rectangles, triangles		
					and cuboids) using		
	Begins to say numbers				informal and		
	in order, some of which				mathematical language:		
	are in the right order.				'sides', 'corners';		
					'straight', 'flat', 'round'.		





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Understanding the World	People and Communities Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history. Is interested in photographs of themselves and other familiar people and objects. Has a sense of own immediate family and relations and pets. The World Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Enjoys playing with small world reconstructions, building on first-hand experiences, e.g. visiting farms, garages, train tracks, walking by river or lake. Technology Seeks to acquire basic skills in turning on and operating some digital equipment. Operates mechanical toys, e.g. turns the knob on a wind-up toy or pulls back on a friction car.	People and Communities Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect to, and distinguish them from, others. In pretend play, imitates everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background, e.g. making and drinking tea, going to the barbers, being a cat, dog or bird. The World Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Technology Plays with water to investigate "low technology" such as washing and cleaning. Uses pipes, funnels and other tools to carry/ transport water from one place to another.	People and Communities Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines. Enjoys stories about people and nature (birds, bees, snails, cats, dogs, etc) and is interested in photographs of themselves with these. The World Begin to talks about why things happen and how things work. Explore collections of materials with similar and/ or different properties. Technology Shows an interest in technological toys with knobs or pulleys, real objects such as cameras, and touch screen devices such as mobile phones and tablets.	People and Communities Begins to remember and talks about significant events in their own experience. The World Begins to develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to shows care and concern for living things and the environment Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice. Technology Knows that information can be retrieved from digital devices and the internet.	People and Communities Begin to explore some of the things that make them unique, and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family. Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends. The World Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Explore and talk about different forces they can feel using a wide vocabulary. Technology Knows how to operate simple equipment, e.g. turns on CD player, uses a remote control, can navigate touch-capable technology with support.	People and Communities Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people. The World Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Technology Plays with a range of materials to learn cause and effect, for example, makes a string puppet using dowels and string to suspend the puppet.	Age 3-4 Can identify some difference between themselves and other. Shows interest in and develops positive attitudes towards other cultures and beliefs. Talks about and shows interest in the environment and natural world around them.



