

Highworth Combined School

Medium Term Planning – Spring Term 1 2026: Nursery

Week beginning	Mathematics	Literacy	Communication and language	Understanding the world (PKC) Dinosaurs	PSED (JIGSAW) Jigsaw – Goals & Dreams	Expressive arts and design (Friday Music - exploring percussion instruments & singing)	Physical Development
1 5th January	Number Blocks: Partitioning 4 Focus: Show 'finger numbers' to 5 Sing a number rhyme	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 1: Environmental Sounds T4W 'Dinosaur Roar!'	Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Settling in/Share our holiday news	Dreams & Goals Piece 1 - I understand what a challenge means	Paintings/drawings of holiday news Dinosaur Role play area	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE - Use different travelling actions Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & scissor skills.
2 12th January	Number Blocks: Addition & subtraction of 1, number bonds to 5 Focus: Say one number for each item in order 1-5 Model adding 1 & subtracting 1	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 1: Environmental Sounds T4W 'Dinosaur Roar!'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Past & Present	Dreams & Goals Piece 2 – I can keep trying until I can do something	Paper plate Brontosaurus, play dough dinos, dino masks, decorate a dino with printed dinosaurs & collage.	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE - To work with others and play as a group Dinosaur crafts focusing on fine motor skills
3 19th January	Number Blocks: Addition & subtraction of numbers to 5, number bonds to 5 Focus: 'Cardinal Principle' Model with number pebbles & manipulatives	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 4: Rhythm & Rhyme T4W 'Dinosaur Roar!'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Tyrannosaurs Rex & Stegosaurus	Dreams & Goals Piece 3 - I can set a goal & work towards it.	Trex painting with sponges/stencils, create a stegosaurus dinner with different craft materials.	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE - Rolling, bouncing and stopping a ball Children look at shape & pattern whilst using fine motor skills.
4 26th January	Number Blocks: Counting 1-6, subitising dice patterns Focus: 'Subitising'	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 4: Rhythm & Rhyme T4W 'Dinosaur Roar!'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Palaeontologists & Fossils	Dreams & Goals Piece 4 – I know some kind words to encourage people with.	Chinese New Year crafts	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE – Throwing to a target Create Clay & Salt dough fossils – strengthening fingers
5 2nd February	Number Blocks: 7 is more than 6, counting 1-7 Focus: Recite numbers past 5 Play bag of numbers & order together	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 5: Alliteration T4W 'Dinosaur Roar!'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Pterosaurs & Plesiosaurs	Dreams & Goals Piece 5 – I can start to think about the jobs I might like to do when I am older.	Plesiosaurs/pterosaurs habitat collage with different craft materials.	. PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE - Catching a ball Rescuing the dinosaurs from slimy swamp with tweezers
6 9th February (Pancake Day Within holiday 17/2/26)	Number Blocks: Counting 1-8, 8 is more than 7, subitising to 8 Focus: Link numerals & amounts Model with number pebbles & manipulatives	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 6: Voice Sounds T4W 'Dinosaur Roar!'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	We can learn about dinosaurs from... & What do we know about dinosaurs.	Dreams & Goals Piece 6 – I can feel proud when I achieve a goal.	Make puppets and join in singing dinosaur songs and role-play.	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE – Dribbling with feet Supporting development of fine motor skills through making dinosaur masks

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7 23rd February	Number Blocks: Counting 1-9 Focus: Recite numbers past 5 Use manipulatives and number pebbles	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 4: Rhythm & Rhyme T4W 'The Little Red Hen'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Seasons & Change Chinese New Year Year of the Horse	Healthy Me Piece 1 – Everybody's Body	Leaf rubbings, printing with leaves, making natural confetti by cutting leaves, make a 'nature' collage. Music – Vivaldi 'The Four Seasons' – Paint to Music	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE - Use different travelling actions Develop fine motor skills through nature crafts.
8 2nd March	Number Blocks: Counting 1-10 Focus: Recite numbers past 5 Use manipulatives and number pebbles	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 5: Alliteration T4W 'The Little Red Hen'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Growing Plants	Healthy Me Piece 2 – We like to move, move it...	Painting flowers inspired by Vincent van Gogh Role Play Garden centre	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE - To work with others and play as a group Develop fine motor skills through planting activity & geoboards
9 9th March Mother's Day 15/3/26	Number Blocks: Counting 1-10, adding 1 Focus: Compare quantities using language Demonstrate using manipulatives	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 5: Alliteration T4W 'The Little Red Hen'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Animals	Healthy Me Piece 3 – Food Glorious Food	Vet role-play, design & create butterflies/caterpillars using different craft materials, make play dough caterpillars.	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE - Rolling, bouncing and stopping a ball Develop fine motor skills through creative activities
10 16th March	Number Blocks: Count back from 10 to 1, number bonds that total 10 Focus: Explore the composition of numbers to 10	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 6: Voice Sounds T4W 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Food & Farming We can grow food to eat Farmers harvest crops for us to eat.	Healthy Me Piece 4 – Sweet Dreams	Vegetable printing	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE – Throwing to a target Develop fine motor skills through making a fruit salad
11 23rd March	Focus: 2D Shapes Play bag of shapes in small groups	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Develop phonological awareness Aspect 7: Oral Blending & Segmenting T4W 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Explore sound discrimination through weekly music session Singing songs to develop vocabulary	Food & Farming We grow & change over time When we become adults there are many different things we can do.	Healthy Me Piece 5 – Keeping Clean Piece 6 – Stranger Danger	Imaginative play exploring different jobs Easter Crafts	PE - Move around safely and sensibly in a space PE - Catching a ball Develop fine motor skills through drawing