

Highworth Combined School

Nursery Medium Term Planning – Autumn 2026

Week beginning	Mathematics	Literacy	Communication and Language	Understanding the world (PKC) All About Me	PSED (Jigsaw) Being me in my world	Expressive arts and design	Physical development
1 31 st August (INSET 1 st , 2 nd 3 rd . Children return Friday 4 th Sept)							
2 7 th September	Home visits/settling in	Home visits/settling in	Home visits/settling in	Home visits/settling in	Home visits/settling in	Home visits/settling in	Home visits/settling in
3 14 th September	Number Blocks: Counting to 1 Focus: Show 'finger numbers' to 5 Sing 5 Little Ducks	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Engage in conversation about stories, learn new vocabulary	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Me!	Who – Me	Explore colour mixing by creating different skin tones when making a self-portrait. Learn songs that relate to bodies for example 'head, shoulders, knees & toes.'	Develop movement, balancing, riding & ball skills through outdoor play. Develop fine motor skills through finger gym.
4 21 st September	Number Blocks: 2 is more than 1 Focus: Show 'finger numbers' to 5 Sing 5 Little Monkeys jumping on the bed	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Engage in conversation about stories, learn new vocabulary	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Our Families	How am I feeling today	Make play dough people and paper chain people to represent your family.	Develop gross motor skills through outdoor play. Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & through manipulating play dough & scissor skills when cutting paper chain people.
5 28 th September	Number Blocks: Counting to 2 Focus: Show 'finger numbers' to 5 Sing 5 Little Speckled Frogs	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Engage in conversation about stories, learn new vocabulary	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Where I Live	Being at Nursery/Preschool	Creating maps	Develop movement, balancing, riding & ball skills through outdoor play. Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & through creating maps: drawing, cutting & sticking.
6 5 th October (Weds 7 th individual & sibling photographs)	Number Blocks: 3 is more than 2 Focus: Show 'finger numbers' to 5 Sing 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Engage in conversation about stories, learn new vocabulary	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	People Who Help Us	Gentle hands	Using junk modelling to create a vehicle they can describe. Role-play 'people who help us.'	Develop movement, balancing, riding & ball skills through outdoor play. Develop fine motor skills through finger gym and through creating vehicles: cutting & sticking.
7 12 th October	Number Blocks: Counting to 3, comparing numbers, and ordering numbers Focus: Show 'finger numbers' to 5 Sing 5 Current Buns	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Engage in conversation about stories, learn new vocabulary	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Our Community Through the Year	Our rights	Create a collage or create some leaf rubbings with a crayon and some paper.	Develop movement, balancing, riding & ball skills through outdoor play. Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & through using crayons.
8 19 th October (Fireworks event Thurs 22 nd :/ INSET Day Fri 23 rd)	Number Blocks: 4 is more than 3, counting to 4 Focus: Show 'finger numbers' to 5 Sing 5 Little Monkeys	Rhyme of the Week Focus: Engage in conversation about stories, learn new vocabulary	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Seasons - Autumn	Our responsibilities	Create autumn play dough, choose autumn colours to paint, conker painting, make a hedgehog using clay, autumn leaf dance using ribbons.	Develop movement, balancing, riding & ball skills through outdoor play. Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & through creative autumn activities.

HALF TERM

Week beginning	Mathematics	Literacy	Communication and Language	Understanding the world (PKC) Journeys	PSED (Jigsaw) Celebrating difference	Expressive arts and design	Physical development
<u>9</u> 2 nd November	Number Blocks: 5 is more than 4, counting to 5, ordering 1-5 Focus: Say one number for each item in order 1-5 Play bag of numbers	Rhyme of the Week TfW 'We're going on a Bear hunt'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Going on a Journey	What I am good at	Painting different modes of transport (cars, buses, trains, planes etc), small world transport play, building vehicles in construction area	PE Session Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & painting.
<u>10</u> 9 th November (Parent/carer consultations Tues 10 th & Thurs 12 th)	Number Blocks: Counting to 4, adding 1's Focus: Say one number for each item in order 1-5 Play bag of numbers	Rhyme of the Week TfW 'We're going on a Bear hunt'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	How people travelled in the past	I am special, I'm me	Role-play steam train journey & painting steam trains using cotton wool for steam.	PE Session Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & painting.
<u>11</u> 16 th November	Number Blocks: Counting to 5, ordering 1-5 Focus: Say one number for each item in order 1-5 Play bag of numbers	Rhyme of the Week TfW 'We're going on a Bear hunt'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Transport Today	Families	Draw or make different modes of transport: make a boat from folded paper or play dough for testing on water. Painting with wheeled vehicles.	PE Session Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & painting.
<u>12</u> 23 rd November	Number Blocks: Counting, Cardinality Focus: 'Cardinal principle' Using manipulatives, counting total number to 5	Rhyme of the Week TfW 'We're going on a Bear hunt'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Journeys Around Our Local Area	Houses and homes	Use leaves and twigs in a craft activity e.g. painting them and using them for printing, leaf rubbings etc.	PE Session Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & using mark-making tools.
<u>13</u> 30 th November	Number Blocks: Subitising Focus: Subitising 1-3, Using dice & manipulatives	Rhyme of the Week TfW 'We're going on a Bear hunt'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Journeys to Cold Places	Making friends	Explore ice in tuff tray, snow sensory play, snowflake craft.	PE Session Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & scissor skills.
<u>14</u> 7 th December	Number Blocks: Composition of numbers 1-5, Introduction to 'part- part-whole' Using model, sorting hoops & manipulatives	Rhyme of the Week TfW 'We're going on a Bear hunt'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Christmas	Standing up for yourself	Christmas crafts Sing entire songs & play instruments.	PE Session Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & scissor skills.
<u>15</u> 14 th December (School closes 2.15 Friday 18 th)	Explore Numicon	Rhyme of the Week TfW 'We're going on a Bear hunt'	Link to PKC Key Vocabulary Focus: Singing songs	Christmas	Celebrations	Christmas crafts Sing entire songs & play instruments.	PE Session Develop fine motor skills through finger gym & scissor skills.

