Understanding of the World

Core Experiences	Texts
Grandparents Morning- Looking at family history, children to look and comment on	Kippers Birthday
similarities and differences.	Dear Zoo
Bathing a baby- looking at the human life cycle	That's not my books
Plant a seed	Out and About- Shirley Hughes
Watch a living creature grow- Caterpillars/tadpoles	Growing Frog
Forest School on the field – looking at changes in the trees throughout the years and seasons	Caterpillar Butterfly
Walk around the village and get to know Reepham is a village.	The Tiny Seed
Walk to the local post office.	
Use Digimaps	Learning about the past:
Visit to library in Cherry Willingham	- Peepo
Visits from police, air, sea rescue, doctor/nurse, vicar, lollypop lady, dentist.	- The Little Red Hen
Learning about festivals-Diwali, Chinese New Year, Easter, Christmas, Bonfire Night	- Dogger
Visitor in to talk about Diwali	- Mr Grumpy's Motorcar
Chinese new year visitor	- Oi get off our train!
Reception Wedding	- When I Was Little Like You-Jill Walsh
Travel on a bus (children usually walk or come in the car to school, not many have	- Once there were giants
experienced public transport-a bus)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STwCfjVajys
Visit to the see Santa at sundown (experience a coach, use a map to get around the park)	
Visit Woodside Wildlife park (experience a coach, use a map to get around the park and look	Learning about people, cultures and communities :
at wild animals)	- Handa's Surprise
Tasting Chinese/Indian food	My Hair- Hannah Lee
Baking	- We All Went on Safari
British values	- From My Window- Otavio Junior
	- Cleversticks-Bernard Ashley
	- Christmas Story-Nativity
	- Story of Rama and Sita
	- Story of creation (Hindu and Christian)

Reception

Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.

Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.

Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.

Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.

Show interest in different occupations.

Explore how things work.

Plant seeds and care for growing plants.

Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.

Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.

Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.

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

Talk about members of their immediate family and community.

Name and describe people who are familiar to them.

Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.

Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.

Draw information from a simple map.

Understand that some places are special to members of their community.

Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways

Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

Explore the natural world around them.

Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.

Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.

Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.