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Long Ago Understanding the world

Companions

Stories and Rhymes (Literacy)

Planned term

Spring (1)

Memorable experience

Long Ago: Arrange a visit to a local museum to see exhibits from the past. Stories and Rhymes: Invite a storyteller into school.

Innovate challenge

[Long Ago] Innovate Journal - Exploring changes in our lives and environment. [Stories and Rhymes] - Nursery rhyme presentation and performance for parents.

Class texts

Long Ago: Alfie at Nursery School, Shirley Hughes; Peepo!, Janet and Allan Ahlberg; Coming to England, Floella Benjamin; The Big Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook, Shirley Hughes; The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Judith Kerr; Mog the Forgetful Cat, Judith Kerr; Major Glad, Major Dizzy, Jan Oke; Rosie's Hat, Julia Donaldson; Classic Nursery Rhymes, Chris Riddell; The History of Toys, Helen Cox Cannons; Where in the World? (Famous Buildings and Landmarks), Baby Professor; Cities Then and Now, Joe Fullman. Stories and Rhymes: The Smartest Giant in Town, Julia Donaldson; The Gingerbread Man, Mairi MacKinnon.

Communication and language

Long Ago: Black and White Photos - Explore old photos and recreate our own. Let's Find Out - Explore non-fiction books and learn about life in the past. Looking After Baby - Invite a parent and baby into school. My Grandparents - Share pictures of our Grandparents, discuss them and how they were once children. Grandparents - Invite Grandparents to visit, ask questions. Stories and Rhymes: Helping Humpty - egg breaking experiment. Polly and her dolly - doctors' surgery role play. Stories and Rhymes Day - reflect on the project.

Physical development

Long Ago: Letters and cards - Make a card to send to a family member. Portraits - Explore the properties of clay. Music - Create a dance based of music from the past.

Personal, social and emotional development

Long Ago: My Family - Explore the word unique and create a VIP family tree. Games - Explore traditional playground games. Stories and Rhymes: Horsey, Horsey - Learn the horsey, horsey song and make a showjumping course.

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Long Ago: Stories from the Past - The Tiger who Came to Tea and reflection. Time Team Explorers - tour around the school and look at photographs of it in the past. Yearly Changes - discuss seasonal changes. Putting things in order - discuss how our day is structured. How Old? - exploring antique items. Look How You've Grown! - Sharing photographs of ourselves as babies and identifying changes. As Time Goes By - Rosie's Hat and discussing how time moves. Memories - Reflect on different times in our lives and special moments. Baby Toys - Exploring baby toys, exploring materials. Family Histories - Discussing family history and differences. Family Traditions - Special events and traditions. Chinese New Year. Family Favourites - Discuss meal times and special occasions. Life Long Ago - Reflecting on how life was different in the past. Royal Tales - Share stories relating to the theme of royalty, discuss royalty in society. Clothes in the Past - Design an outfit for a child from the past. How has Life Changed? - Exploring objects from the past and their uses. Long Ago - Reflection.

Expressive arts and design

Long Ago: Nursery Rhymes - Explore the history of nursery rhymes. Toys from the Past - explore the difference between toys from the past and modern toys. Old Clothes to New Clothes - create pompoms. Lullabies - learn a range of lullabies. Stories and Rhymes: Sing a Rainbow - Singing and create a rainbow. Name that Tune - pitch and melody.



Ready Steady Grow Understanding the world

Companions

Signs of Spring Understanding the world

Planned term

Spring (2)

Memorable experience

Ready, Steady, Grow: Visit a local farm. Signs of Spring: Arrival of an incubator with 10 chicken eggs.

Innovate challenge

[Ready, Steady, Grow] Penny pig's super salad - create a salad that is healthy and colourful. [Signs of Spring] Spring is... - Create an information video all about Spring to share with another class.

Class texts

Ready, Steady, Grow: The Gigantic Turnip, Aleksei Tolstoy; Handa's Surprise, Eileen Browne; Jack and the Beanstalk (Ladybird First Favourite Tales), Iona Treahy; Rosie's Walk, Pat Hutchins. The Little Red Hen (Ladybird First Favourite Tales), Lesley Sims. Signs of Spring: The Bog Baby, Jeanne Willis; The Teeny Weeny Tadpole, Sheridan Cain and Jack Tickle.

Communication and language

Ready, Steady, Grow: Our Learning - Reflect on project. Down on the Farm - Explore stories and non-fiction books about farming. Handa's Surprise - Descriptive words for fruit. Are Carrots Orange? - Identify properties of fruit and vegetables. Plant Partners - Grow vegetable scraps and document how they change over time. Herding Sheep - Programming robot toys. Signs of Spring: Are Eggs Alive? - Chicken life cycle.

Physical development

Ready, Steady, Grow: Print it - Fruit and vegetable printing.

Personal, social and emotional development

Ready, Steady, Grow: It is Healthy? - Healthy and unhealthy food sorting. Can I Eat a Rainbow? - Create a fresh fruit salad. Sensory Challenge - Explore how foods change during cooking. Let's Get Moving - Explore how our breathing and heart rate changes when we are active. Bean Games.

Understanding the world

Ready, Grow: Remembering our Experience - Reflection on farm visit. Plant and Animal Sources - Explore where food comes from. Snack Time - Physically explore fruit and vegetables. Rosie's Walk - Explore story and create instructions. Animals and their Babies - Matching activity. Farms in the Past - Compare farms from the past and modern day. Growing Beans - Explore germination. Seed Sort - Explore seeds and sort them. Time to Grow - Visit an allotment and explore how produce grows. Signs of Spring: Froggy Fun - explore how frogspawn and tadpoles develop. Easter Traditions - Easter browsing box and explore the Easter story. Spring Celebrations - Explore Holi. Rain or Shine - Explore the weather and seasonal changes. Springtime Assembly - Celebrate learning from the project.

Expressive arts and design

Ready, Grow: Farm Songs - Sing farm-themed songs. Fruit Art - Create Fruit face or basket pictures. Tractor Trouble - Build farm vehicles. Looking Down - Painting patterns. Seed Shakers - Create seed shakers from recycled materials. Signs of Spring: Spring Music - Create springtime artwork. Spring Flowering Plants - Explore flowing plants and describe them.