	Autumn Term - Reception	
Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Activities/Links to Topics
Ourselves	Talk about members of their immediate family	During dedicated talk time, listen to what
Understanding the world	and	children say about their family.
History- Personal history and life events.	community.	(Family tree activities)
		Share information about your own family, giving
	Where they come from/family trees.	children time to ask questions or make
		comments.
	Name and describe people who are familiar to	(Adults could share family tree/family
	them.	photographs/explain some key events in their
		lives.)
	Chronology	Encourage children to share pictures of their
		family and listen to what they say about the
		pictures. (family timeline activities- siblings
		being born/pets/special family events)
		Using examples from real life and from books,
		show children how there are many different
		families. (your history is different to other
		people's histories)
		Talk about the history of their families jobs
		and the roles across the community.
Understanding the world	Compare and contrast characters from stories,	Frequently share texts, images, and tell oral
History	including figures from the past.	stories that help children begin to develop an
		understanding of the past and present.
		(story time activities books within a reading
		area/during Literacy work identify past and
		present)
		Feature fictional and non-fictional characters
		from a range of cultures and times in
		storytelling; listen to what children say about
		them.
		Draw out common themes from stories, such as
		bravery, difficult choices and kindness, and
		talk about children's experiences with these

themes. (Black history month activities exploring key figures within the black community that changed history eg- Martin Luther King/Rosa Parks.) In addition to storytelling, introduce characters, including those from the past using
songs, poems, puppets, role play and other storytelling methods.

	Spring Term - Reception	
Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Activities/Links to Topics
Making a map Understanding the world Geography	Draw information from a simple map. Identifying human and physical geography.	Draw children's attention to the immediate environment, introducing and modelling new vocabulary where appropriate. (look at and discuss images of around the school grounds/go on a school grounds walk and discuss what the children notice about their surroundings, buildings/trees/gates/railings/houses. Look inside the school at the geography around them within their classroom, corridor and halls) Familiarise children with the name of the road, and or village/town/city the school is located in. (Show the children pictures of the outside of the school, the names of streets, local area, shops churches. Children to go on a local walk. Children to create a simple map of their route within or out of school.) Look at aerial views of the school setting, encouraging children to comment on what they notice, recognising buildings, open space, roads and

		other simple features. (create a map of their school or local area using the aerial photographs, identify shops, churches, restaurants etc.) Offer opportunities for children to choose to draw simple maps of their immediate environment, or maps from imaginary story settings they are familiar with. (children explain the maps they draw.)
Understanding the world Geography	Explore the natural world around them.	Provide children with have frequent opportunities for outdoor play and exploration. (Children can explore the geography of the area around them, what do they notice, can they see things which are natural or that have been made by humans.) Encourage interactions with the outdoors to foster curiosity and give children freedom to touch, smell and hear the natural world around them during hands-on experiences. (Discuss what they can notice about the natural world) Create opportunities to discuss how we care for the natural world around us. (Discuss topics like global warming, climate change and how we can help on a small scale.) After close observation, draw pictures of the natural world, including animals and plants.

Summer Term - Reception		
Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Activities/Links to Topics
The world-Focus on Africa	Recognise some similarities and differences	Handa's surprise book
Understanding the world	between life in this country and life in other	Teach children about places in the world that
History and Geography	countries.	contrast with locations they know well.
	Comparison	(Africa and the UK, atlas work, google
	Contrasting	earth, use the globe to show the children
		where Africa is and where the UK is.
		Discuss differences between the two places)
		Use relevant, specific vocabulary to describe
		contrasting locations.
		(Vocabulary from the book, key vocabulary
		for African traditions.)
		Use images, video clips, shared texts and
		other resources to bring the wider world into
		the classroom.

		(Can the children notice any differences or similarities between these two places.) Listen to what children say about what they see. Avoid stereotyping and explain how children's lives in other countries may be similar or different in terms of how they travel to school, what they eat, where they live, and so on. (compare and contrast differences in culture, school, food. Compare what they notice is different in the story to what we have to do if we take a present to a friend.)
Comparison of Transport- Past and present	Comment on images of familiar situations in the	Present children with pictures, stories,
Understanding the world History	past.	artefacts and accounts from the past, explaining similarities and differences.
·	Chronology	(Comparison of photographs of transport/themselves as they have grown up
	Comparison	2's, nursery and reception. Talk with adults about differences and similarities of
	Recognition	schools.) Offer hands-on experiences that deepen
	Ordering	children's understanding, such as visiting a local area that has historical importance. (Discussion of the theatre royal from the pantomime visit and the history of the building. Use images from the visit to support.) Show images of familiar situations in the past, such as homes, schools, and transport. (Their journey through life so far, look at photographs changes in themselves and the things around them.) Look for opportunities to observe children

talking about experiences that are familiar to
them and how these may have differed in the
past.
(2's/nursery/reception)
Offer opportunities for children to begin to
organise events using basic chronology,
recognising that things happened before they
were born.
(Activities of sorting images from their own
past/ from the past during the year at
school eg the school production/ poppy
day/any visitors or key events. Timeline
work together as a class or within books
during adult led. The addition of
siblings/pets or occasions before they were
born)