



Roehampton Church Forest School - EYFS Core Texts and Topics Overview



At Roehampton Church Forest School, the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) runs a 2-year cycle of topics and texts. As all the children in EYFS are following each cycle so that we are immersing all children in the learning that is taking place, allowing for free-flow between Nursery and Reception to be more inclusive.

Cycle A (2024-2025)

| Term | Topic | Topic Breakdown | Core Texts |
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| Autumn 1 | All About Me | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Starting school + What do I like? + My all about me box + My family | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Owl Babies - Martin Waddell + So Much- Trish Cooke + Who Are You? - Smriti Halls + Maisy Goes to Nursery - Lucy Cousins + Peace at Last - Jill Murphy + All Kinds of People - Emma Damon + Family and Me - Michaela Dias-Hayes + Lulu's First Day - Anna McQuinn |
| Autumn 2 | Celebrations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + What do I celebrate? + What do other people celebrate? + Christmas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Kipper's Birthday - Mick Inkpen + My Presents - Rod Campbell + The Story of The Nativity - Elena Pasquali + The Story of Diwali - Katie Daynes + Alfie's Christmas - Shirley Hughes + Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah - Sylvia Rouss + Dear Father Christmas - Alan Durant + Elmer's Birthday - David McKee |
| Spring 1 | Food | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Foods that are healthy + Foods that are unhealthy + Chinese New Year + Looking after your teeth + Shopping | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Shopping with Dad- Matt Harvey + The Tiger Who Came to Tea- Judith Kerr + Ketchup on Your Cornflakes- Nick Sharratt + Lima's Red-Hot Chilli- David Mills + Dim Sum for Everyone - Grace Lin + The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac- Christopher Corr + My First Chinese New Year- Karen Katz + Why Should I Brush My Teeth? - Katie Daynes |
| Spring 2 | Growing: Plants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Planting + Life cycle of a plant + Looking after plants + I can plant anywhere + Duckling or chicks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Titch- Pat Hutchins + Jack and the Beanstalk + Errol's Garden- Gillian Hibbs + Jasper's Beanstalk- Nick Butterworth + Sam Plants a Sunflower- Kate Petty + The Amazing Life Cycle of Plants- Kay Barnham |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The Life Cycle of a Bean- Ruth Thomson ✚ Sunflower Shoots and Muddy Boots; A Child's Guide to Gardening- Katherine Halligan |
| Summer 1 | Minibeasts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ What is a minibeast ✚ Minibeast hunts ✚ Close observations of minibeasts ✚ Making a bug hotel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The Bad -Tempered Ladybird- Eric Carle ✚ The Very Busy Spider- Eric Carle ✚ Mad About Minibeasts! - Giles Andreae ✚ Aaarghh! Spider! - Lydia Monks ✚ Ten Little Ladybirds- Melanie Gerth ✚ The Big Book of Bugs- Yuval Zommer ✚ Do You Love Bugs? - Matt Robertson |
| Summer 2 | Growing: Animals including Humans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ From baby to adult humans ✚ What I could do when I was a baby ✚ What I can do now I am 4 or 5 ✚ Growing up and occupations ✚ Animals and their babies ✚ Life cycle of a butterfly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The Very Hungry Caterpillar- Eric Carle ✚ Once There Were Giants- Martin Waddell ✚ Lollipop and Grandpa and the Wobbly Tooth- Penelope Harper ✚ Where's My Mom? - Julia Donaldson ✚ Rosa Explores Life Cycles- Jessica Spanyol ✚ The Body Book- Hannah Alice ✚ What Do People Do All Day? - Richard Scarry |

Cycle B (2025-2026)

| Term | Topic | Topic Breakdown | Core Texts |
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| Autumn 1 | Ourselves | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Starting school ✚ What I like and what I'm good at ✚ Sharing ✚ My body ✚ Oral hygiene ✚ Night time routines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Marvellous Me - Lisa Bullard ✚ My First Big Book of the Human Body - Rikki O'Neill ✚ The Baby Who Wouldn't Go to Bed - Helen Cooper ✚ This Is Our House - Michael Rosen ✚ The Colour Monster Goes to School - Anna Llenas ✚ My Nose, Your Nose - Melanie Walsh ✚ My Hair - Hannah Lee |
| Autumn 2 | Festivals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Looking at festivals and linking similarities and differences ✚ Birthday ✚ Diwali ✚ Christmas ✚ Hanukah ✚ Eid ✚ Fireworks/fire safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Lighting a Lamp - Jonny Zucker ✚ Happy Birthday, Blue Kangaroo! - Emma Chichester Clark ✚ Dear Santa - Rod Campbell ✚ Katie's London Christmas - James Mayhew ✚ The Story of The Nativity - Elena Pasquali ✚ The Best Diwali Ever - Sonali Shah ✚ Eid al-Fitr (Festivals Around the World) - Grace Jones ✚ Hanukkah (Festivals Around the World)- Grace Jones |

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| Spring 1 | Transport | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Transport past and present ✚ How I get to school ✚ Different types of transport | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The Train Ride - June Crebbin ✚ Hello London! - Megan McKean ✚ Look Inside Cars (Usborne Look Inside) - Rob Lloyd Jones ✚ Lost and Found - Oliver Jeffers ✚ The Hundred Decker Bus - Mike Smith ✚ The Little Blue Truck - Alice Schertle ✚ My Big Book of Transport - Moira Butterfield ✚ Things That Go (My First Search and Find) - Neiko Ng |
| Spring 2 | People Who Help Us | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ People who help us at school ✚ People who help animals ✚ People who help us in emergencies ✚ People who help us at home and our everyday lives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Hairy Maclary's Rumpus at the Vet - Lynley Dodd ✚ Firefighters (Usborne Beginners) - Katie Daynes ✚ The Snail and the Whale - Julia Donaldson ✚ The People Who Help Us Series - Rebecca Hunter ✚ A Superhero Like You - Dr Ranj Singh ✚ Real Superheroes - Julia Seal ✚ Busy People Series - Lucy M. George |
| Summer 1 | Traditional Tales | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Retelling the story using Pie Corbett actions ✚ Acting out story in role play ✚ Materials ✚ Building bridges - The structure of Traditional Tales | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Jack and the Beanstalk ✚ The Three Little Pigs ✚ The Three Billy Goats Gruff ✚ Goldilocks and The Three Bears ✚ The Gingerbread Man ✚ Little Red Riding Hood ✚ We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen |
| Summer 2 | Farm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Animals you find on a farm ✚ Jobs you do on a farm ✚ What do we get from a farm? ✚ Maps ✚ Duckling or chicks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ What the Ladybird Heard Next - Julia Donaldson ✚ The Pig in the Pond - Martin Waddell ✚ Chicken Licken ✚ Duck in the Truck - Jez Alborough ✚ The Scarecrows' Wedding - Julia Donaldson ✚ Farmer Duck - Martin Waddell ✚ Look Inside a Farm (Usborne Look Inside) - Katie Daynes ✚ Farm Animals - Katie Daynes ✚ My First Farm: Let's Get Working - DK ✚ Farmer (People Who Help Us) - Rebecca Hunter ✚ Duckling Duckling (Life Cycle Books) - Cammie Ho |