



Carle Class (Resource Base) Caterpillars Curriculum Map Term 1 2025-2026

Theme: Magical Me!



Communication and Language

- Little Wandle tailored phonics sessions
- Core Word Programme
- Mark making using sensory materials
- Sharing books sensory stories, listening to stories in a group/1:1
- Speech and Language 1:1 personalised targets
- Learning/signing new **key vocabulary** words
- Sharing attention, developing communication and social interaction skills in a small group
- Playing in the role play area with/alongside others
- Developing communication, making requests and choices (Total Communication approach - visuals, objects Makaton sign, core boards and picture exchanges)
- Bucket Time (Attention Autism)/Curiosity Programme and Intensive Interaction.

Maths

- Daily counting songs and rhymes
- Multi-sensory activities incorporating early skills
- Matching, sorting and comparison activities
- Puzzles and patterns
- Number based activities focusing on 0-3, then 0-5
- Early number recognition and formation.

Literacy

- Core Word Programme
- Sensory stories
- Daily story sharing sessions and exploring picture books
- Nursery rhymes, alphabet and other songs
- Beginning to explore letters and letter formation
- Free mark-making opportunities
- Exposure to letter sounds
- Multi-sensory approach.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Whole class singing with actions and Makaton signing.
- Sing Up music scheme - using core boards to choose instruments and quiet/loud play
- Structured sensory activities
- Role play area and opportunities for small word play
- Play Scheme opportunities
- Creative sessions linked to the term's theme, 'Magical Me!'

Key Vocabulary

Topic words to be learnt:

me

face

eyes

nose

mouth

ears

body

PE lessons are on Thursdays in Term 1.

Please ensure that your child has a fully named PE kit in school.

Please remember to use Class Dojo to share info about your child or share pictures/stories for our weekly story sessions!

Understanding the World

- Daily weather calendar
- Name different types of weather/seasons (daily)
- Learning the days of the week through song and sign
- Exploring the natural world and outside area
- Exploring cause and effect through toys and games
- Learning to name and identify parts of the face through verbal, visual and sign
- Learning to recognise our own features and how these are different to those around us
- Exploring our likes and dislikes and how these are different to others.

Physical Development

- Weekly PE sessions – kicking, throwing and catching
- Using bikes, trikes & large outdoor equipment
- Fine & gross motor skills activities
- Letter formation
- Developing independence in self-care skills including hand washing, changing, feeding and toileting
- Practicing cutting and threading skills
- Developing gross and fine motor skills during sensory exploratory play
- Exploring different mark making materials
- Movement breaks and sensory circuits
- Yoga sessions.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development & Life Skills

- Developing sitting, listening and attention skills
- Play/social skills sessions in small groups
- Attention Autism/Curiosity Programme/Intensive Interaction
- Developing skills of sharing, waiting/ taking turns
- Developing understanding of emotions and regulation strategies
- Life Skills – self-care skills focus.