EYFS Statutory Educational Programme: Understanding the World

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

At Saracens Broadfields, our children arrive with diverse experiences and interests. We value their unique contribution and see our role in opening the rest of the world to the children through the curriculum that we co-construct with them. We want our children to ask 'big questions' as they make sense of the world that they live in. We foster curiosity, fascination and nurture enquiring minds. We are respectful of children's social and cultural contexts and reflect these within our teaching. Values of appreciation, respect, tolerance, compassion, inclusion and acceptance of all are at the heart of this learning.

Our Golden threads form a sequenced structure to support children's unique pathways to strong attainment. In this way we are able to co-construct our curriculum with our children's interests whilst still ensuring that children are offered the essential knowledge for future success. Our Golden Threads inform our assessment processes and help identify if any child is in need of additional support.

Golden Threads	FEE2 On Entry	FEE2 Exit	Nursery Exit	REC Exit	ELG for reference
of Knowledge		Nursery On Entry	Rec on Entry	year 1 On Entry	
Finding out	At all developmental stages we expect to see children developing skills, through first hand experiences, which enable				ELG: Past and Present Talk about
and exploring	them to: • explore				the lives of the people around them and their roles in society; -
Using Technology	 experiment 				Know some similarities and
Asking questions	observe				differences between things in
Observing using	 problem solve 				the past and now, drawing on
sources of information	predict				their experiences and what has
including maps	 to think critica 	ally			been read in class; - Understand
	 to make decisi 	ions			the past through settings,
	 to discuss. 				characters and events
					encountered in books read in
					class and storytelling.

My World	To be able to notice difference between themselves and others	To be able to make connections between the features of their family and other families To be able to Notice and celebrate differences between people	To have a growing understanding of what makes them different but yet the same as their peers.	To be able to talk confidently about the important people within their lives.	ELG: People, Culture and Communities Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps; - Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences
Other Peoples in my World	To be able to notice difference between themselves and others	To be able to make connections between the features of their family and other families To notice and celebrate differences between people To be able to show interest in different occupations through role play i.e., doctors, postman, refuse collectors.	To respect the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing personal beliefs on others To be able to talk about different beliefs and different celebrations that occur throughout the year To respect the values, ideas and beliefs of others whilst not imposing personal beliefs on others To be able to talk about different beliefs and different celebrations that the school community has celebrated.	To be able to celebrate diversity within their community and talk about one another's differences and the different ways in which people live their lives and celebrate.	and what has been read in class; - Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps. ELG: The Natural World Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; 15 - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world

My world in the past		Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience.	Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience. To understand that there are days of the week that repeat and go in order; To have a developing understanding for how humans grow and change from being a baby, a child and an adult.	To be able to comment on images of the past. To be able to recognise pictures of themselves from the past. To be able to talk about significant past events in their life.	seasons and changing states of matter.
The world around me	To happily explore and respond to natural phenomena in their environment	To explore collections of materials and make simple observations. To have a growing vocabulary of the natural world and the things they observe.	To be able to explore the natural world around them and talk about changes they see. To know how to care for the natural environment and living things in the sea (Science Blology) To have an understanding of the need to care for the world around them.	To understand the purpose and use of a map. To have a developing understanding of the similarities and differences in other countries. To use an ever growing vocabulary to describe what they can see, hear and feel around them	