



Overview of Key Words & Phrases in Reception

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Communication & Language	Character, setting, rhyme, pattern, first, next, last Topic words linked to themes	Germinate, seedling, roots, stem, festival, tradition, lifecycle	Chrysalis, habitat, evaporation, environment, journey, transformation
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Excited, worried, angry, nervous, tired, friend, help, listen, safe, walking feet, help me, I need, hungry, hurt	Frustrated, confused, calm, proud, surprised, unsure, routine, independent, tired, healthy / unhealthy, clean / dirty, noisy / quiet	Disappointed, overwhelmed, embarrassed, confident, frustrated, calm, proud, worried (used with reasons) I don't like that, stop please, that hurt my feelings, you first / then me, fair choice, responsibility, organise, ready for Year 1, focus, concentrate, challenge, mistake / learn
Physical Development	Run, hop, skip, roll, balance, stop, start	Steer, climb, slide, twist, chase, pass, aim	Stamina, control, accuracy, navigate, coordinate, steady
Understanding The World	Past, now, then Dark, light Autumn, season Hibernate, migrate Bulb, grow Safe, danger Torch, lamp, candle	Before, after, next, yesterday Freeze, melt Frost, ice, bud, blossom Map, route, journey Habitat, hibernate, wake Float, sink Investigate, observe	Life cycle, chrysalis, cocoon Predict, explain, compare Roots, stem, leaf, flower Habitat, environment, protect Shadow, sunlight, shade Minibeast, insect World, globe, ocean
Expressive Arts & Design	Bright, dark, smooth, rough, mix, join	Blend, texture, pattern, shade, smudge	Design, adapt, technique, sculpture, evaluate