



Theme Based Enhanced Provision

When it comes to enhancing the learning environment linked to a theme or to a child's interest, it is vital the practitioner considers how they are going to encourage the children's imagination whilst creating an environment that children will be able to access and learn through without an adult present.

The A-Z of Early Years Themes provides practitioners with theme-based provision enhancement planners, which can be used as a start point for planning your learning environment. It is always important to remember what your observations are telling you about children's interests and to consider factors of early child development stages.

At Literacy Shed we believe your curriculum should grow up with the children you educate and so have included a suggested order of teaching for the themes listed.

This order is based on elements of child development to enable children to build on their knowledge by returning to things they know, understand and are familiar with.

Young children are primed to learn specific things at specific stages – what matters to young children can be very different due to how their brain is developing.

Children's interests are rooted in familiarity – starting with themselves and their family, moving onto the world around them, extending to the wider world and then beginning to understand fictional and make-believe worlds. It is based on these stages that Literacy Shed have created the suggested order of teaching for the A-Z of themes.

FICTIONAL & MAKE BELIEVE WORLDS
THE WIDER WORLD
THE WORLD AROUND ME
ME & MY FAMILY





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Autumn Term

Suggested Theme	Celebrations / Special Occasions
All About Me	Autumn
I am Special	Christmas
Only One Me	Diwali
Starting School	Eid <small>(check annual calendar)</small>
My Family	Halloween
Birthdays	Hanukkah
Family & Friends	Remembrance
Food	Winter
Gardening	
Green Fingers	
Home	
My House	
My Community	
Nursery Rhymes	
Toys	
Traditional Tales	
Understanding Emotions / Feelings	
Classic Stories	
Once Upon a Time	
Twist	
My Special Day	
Pets	
My Amazing Body	
Teeth	

Spring Term

Suggested Theme	Celebrations / Special Occasions
Animals	Chinese New Year
Building	Easter
Construction	Mother's Day
Colours	New Year
Farm	St. Patrick
Growing	Shrove Tuesday
Kicks!	Spring
Kites	St. Valentine
Mini-Beasts	
Creepy Crawlies	
Materials	
Night & Day	
Weather	
Life Cycles	
Splish Splash!	
Journeys	
Transport	
People Who Help Us	
Woodland	
Vehicles	
Numbers	
Shapes	
Exercise	
Keeping Fit	
Sports	

Summer Term

Suggested Theme	Celebrations / Special Occasions
The Beach	Father's Day
The Seaside	Summer
Circus	Yom Kippur
Dinosaurs	St George
Frozen Planet	The Olympics
Polar Regions	
Jungle	
Monsters	
Pirates	
The Queen	
Recycling	
Safari	
Space	
Superheroes	
Under the Sea	
Wonderful World	
Big Wide World	
X Marks the Spot (maps)	
The Zoo	
Looking Closely	
Castles	
Knights	
Princesses	