



		SPECIFIC AREAS								
		Literacy		Mathematics		Understanding the World		Expressive Arts & Design		
		Reading	Writing	Numbers	Shape, space & measure	People & communities	The world	Technology	Exploring & using media & materials	Being imaginative
30-50 months		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities. Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration. Recognises rhythm in spoken words. Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. Suggests how the story might end. Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Describes main story settings, events and principal characters. Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. Looks at books independently. Handles books carefully. Knows information can be relayed in the form of print. Holds books the correct way up and turns pages. Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint. Ascribes meanings to marks that they see in different places. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses some number names and number language spontaneously. Uses some number names accurately in play. Recites numbers in order to 10. Knows that numbers identify how many objects are in a set. Beginning to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures. Sometimes matches numeral and quantity correctly. Shows curiosity about numbers by offering comments or asking questions. Compares two groups of objects, saying when they have the same number. Shows an interest in number problems. Separates a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same. Shows an interest in numerals in the environment. Shows an interest in representing numbers. Realises not only objects, but anything can be counted, including steps, claps or jumps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows an interest in shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects. Shows awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment. Uses positional language. Shows interest in shape by sustained construction activity or by talking about shapes or arrangements. Shows interest in shapes in the environment. Uses shapes appropriately for tasks. Beginning to talk about the shapes of everyday objects, e.g. 'round and tall'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows interest in the lives of people who are familiar to them. Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience. Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends. Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life. Knows some of the things that make them unique, and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Talks about why things happen and how things work. Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. Shows care and concern for living things and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows how to operate simple equipment, e.g. turns on CD player and uses remote control. Shows an interest in technological toys with knobs or pulleys, or real objects such as cameras or mobile phones. Shows skill in making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images. Knows that information can be retrieved from computers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoys joining in with dancing and ring games. Sings a few familiar songs. Beginning to move rhythmically. Imitates movement in response to music. Taps out simple repeated rhythms. Explores and learns how sounds can be changed. Explores colour and how colours can be changed. Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent objects. Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things. Uses various construction materials. Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces. Joins construction pieces together to build and balance. Realises tools can be used for a purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing preferences for forms of expression. Uses movement to express feelings. Creates movement in response to music. Sings to self and makes up simple songs. Makes up rhythms. Notifies what adults do, imitating what is observed and then doing it spontaneously when the adult is not there. Engages in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences. Builds stories around toys, e.g. farm animals needing rescue from an armchair 'cliff'. Uses available resources to create props to support role-play. Captures experiences and responses with a range of media, such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words.
	40-60+ months Pre-ELG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continues a rhyming string. Hears and says the initial sound in words. Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them. Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. Begins to read words and simple sentences. Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books. Enjoys an increasing range of books. Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint. Begins to break the flow of speech into words. Continues a rhyming string. Hears and says the initial sound in words. Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together. Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence. Writes own name and other things such as labels, captions. Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise some numerals of personal significance. Recognises numerals 1 to 5. Counts up to three or four objects by saying one number name for each item. Counts actions or objects which cannot be moved. Counts objects to 10, and beginning to count beyond 10. Counts out up to six objects from a larger group. Selects the correct numeral to represent 1 to 5, then 1 to 10 objects. Counts an irregular arrangement of up to ten objects. Estimates how many objects they can see and checks by counting them. Uses the language of 'more' and 'fewer' to compare two sets of objects. Finds the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them. Says the number that is one more than a given number. Finds one more or one less from a group of up to five objects, then ten objects. In practical activities and discussion, beginning to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. Records, using marks that they can interpret and explain. Begins to identify own mathematical problems based on own interests and fascinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe shapes. Selects a particular named shape. Can describe their relative position such as 'behind' or 'next to'. Orders two or three items by length or height. Orders two items by weight or capacity. Uses familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models. Uses everyday language related to time. Beginning to use everyday language related to money. Orders and sequences familiar events. Measures short periods of time in simple ways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completes a simple program on a computer. Uses ICT hardware to interact with age-appropriate computer software. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to build a repertoire of songs and dances. Explores the different sounds of instruments. Explores what happens when they mix colours. Experiments to create different textures. Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects. Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect. Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources. Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately. Selects appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary. Selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create simple representations of events, people and objects. Initiates new combinations of movement and gesture in order to express and respond to feelings, ideas and experiences. Chooses particular colours to use for a purpose. Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play. Plays alongside other children who are engaged in the same theme. Plays cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative.
40 – 60+ months ELG	Read and understand simple sentences	Use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds	Count reliably with numbers from one to 20	Use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems	Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members	Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things	Recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools	Sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them	Use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes	
	Use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately	Write some irregular common words	Place numbers 1-20 in order	Recognise, create and describe patterns	Know that other children don't always enjoy the same things and are sensitive to this	Talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another	Select and use technology for particular purposes	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques	Represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories	
	Read some common irregular words	Write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others	Say which number is one more or one less than a given number to 20	Explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them	Know about similarities and differences between themselves and others	Make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes		Experiment with colour, design, texture, form and function		
	Demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read	In writing some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible	Using quantities and objects, add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer		Know about similarities and differences among families, communities and traditions					
			Solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing							