

The Levett School Cornerstones Curriculum September 2026

Subject area	Concept/Aspect	Nursery	Reception
Reading	Comprehension – retrieval	Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Covered x 5	Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Covered x 12
	Comprehension – understanding	Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Covered x 7	
	Comprehension – retelling and performing	Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. Covered x 6	Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. Covered x 33
	Comprehension – types of writing and conventions	Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. Covered x 9	Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. Covered x 14
Spoken language	Discussion	Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Covered x 6	
Writing	Composition – audience and purpose		Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Covered x 11
	Composition – drafting paragraphs	Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.	Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher. Covered x 29
Humankind	Human form	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 9
	Everyday products	Use everyday products, stories, pictures, interests and experiences to inspire their creations. Covered breadth	Use everyday products, stories, pictures, interests and experiences to inspire their creations. Covered x 3 breadth
Processes	Mechanisms and movement	Explore and create using a wide range of materials and components, including upcycled materials, construction kits, textiles and ingredients. Covered x 2 breadth	Explore and create using a wide range of materials and components, including upcycled materials, construction kits, textiles and ingredients. Covered x 9 breadth
	Electricity	Use pictures, interests and experiences to inspire their creations. breadth	Use pictures, interests and experiences to inspire their creations. Covered breadth
Creativity	Creation	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 2	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 20
	Evaluation	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Covered x 6
	Use of ICT	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Covered	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Covered
	Generation of ideas	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Covered x 3	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Covered x 38
	Singing	Sing a range of well known nursery rhymes and songs. Covered x 2	Sing a range of well known nursery rhymes and songs. Covered x 9
	Performance	Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. Covered x 17	Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate – try to move in time with music. Covered x 10
	Structures	Explore and create using a wide range of materials and components, including upcycled materials, construction kits, textiles and ingredients. Covered x 3 breadth	Explore and create using a wide range of materials and components, including upcycled materials, construction kits, textiles and ingredients. Covered x 28 breadth

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	Notation	Explore how percussion instruments can make different sounds, for example, loud, soft, fast, slow, high and low. breadth	Explore how percussion instruments can make different sounds, for example, loud, soft, fast, slow, high and low. Optional breadth
	Pulse and rhythm	Explore playing a variety of percussion instruments. Covered x 3 breadth	Explore playing a variety of percussion instruments. Covered breadth
	Composition	Explore playing a variety of percussion instruments. Covered x 3 breadth	Explore playing a variety of percussion instruments. Covered x 5 breadth
Investigation	Evaluation	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Covered	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Covered x 6
	Music appreciation	Listen to a variety of music and sounds. breadth	Listen to a variety of music and sounds. Covered x 4 breadth
	Listening	Listen to a variety of music and sounds. Covered x 10 breadth	Listen to a variety of music and sounds. Covered x 4 breadth
	Investigation	Test their ideas. Covered breadth	Test their ideas. Covered x 7 breadth
Materials	Malleable materials	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Take part in imaginative, creative and sensory play activities. Covered x 2 breadth	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Take part in imaginative, creative and sensory play activities. Covered x 53 breadth
	Paint and colour	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 4	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 18
	Paper, fabric, metal and plastic	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 11
	Printing	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 2	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 12
	Pencil, ink, charcoal and pen	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 3	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 14
	Materials for purpose	Explore and create using a wide range of materials and components, including upcycled materials, construction kits, textiles and ingredients. breadth	Explore and create using a wide range of materials and components, including upcycled materials, construction kits, textiles and ingredients. Covered x 6 breadth
Nature	Natural art	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 14
Place and space	Landscapes	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered	Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Covered x 5
Comparison	Compare and contrast	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.	Share their creations, explaining the process they have used. Covered x 6
Significance	Significant people, artwork and movements	Explore artwork made by great artists. Covered breadth	Explore artwork made by great artists. Covered x 4 breadth

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	Significant people	Listen to a variety of music and sounds. breadth Use pictures, interests and experiences to inspire their creations. breadth	Listen to a variety of music and sounds. breadth Use pictures, interests and experiences to inspire their creations. Covered x 2 breadth