Communication & Language

Listening and Attention/Understanding
Listening and responding to a variety of
stories. Taking part in a sound walk as part
of exploring our senses. Listening to the
ideas of others.

Speaking

Using language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in the classroom role play area and through small world play.
Using talk to share ideas, thoughts and

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feelings relating to specific topic areas.

Christian Values

To learn about our school Christian values. To learn our school prayer.

God's World

To know that God is a name and share the story of Creation.

Expressive Arts & Design

Creating with Materials

Exploring colour and texture to create self-portraits, skeletons and sketches of toys. Show different emotions in their art work e.g. happiness and sadness.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

Learning songs and rhymes with actions and dance e.g. 'Dem Bones'.
Children will take part in a range of role play activities in the 'home corner' role play, herb kitchen and imaginative small world scenarios.

Physical Development

Health and Self-Care

To recognise the importance of keeping healthy, looking at healthy snacks and learning about parts of the body. To develop independence with toileting and dressing.

Moving and Handling – fine motor

Using small tools, scissors and tweezers to develop fine motor skills. Developing pencil grip and learning how to form letters and numbers correctly.

Moving and Handling - gross motor

Music and movement theme 'Myself.' Exploring a range of movement activities during gymnastics and developing throwing land catching skills during weekly P.E. sessions.

Willow Class - All about me / Toys
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Understanding the World

People, Culture and Communities

Describe a familiar route to an adult or friend. Create a map, which shows our journey around Sparsholt village.

Enjoy learning about different festivals

and celebrations from around the world.

Natural World

Explore how the human body works.

Describe what they see, hear and feel
while they are outside. Understand the
changes that happen as we move through
the seasons.

Past and Present

Learn about the human life cycle.
Explore the similarities and differences
between ourselves now and in the past.
Look at toys from the past to present
day.

English

Reading

Developing an interest in reading through shared class and group reading sessions as well as individual reading books. Topic related texts including 'The Colour Monster', 'The Adventures of Binky Bear' and 'Funny Bones'.

Writing

Experimenting with mark making and using identifiable letters to make lists and write our names. Write about our families and ourselves. Draw and label a picture of our favourite toys. Practise writing learned sounds during phonics.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Making Relationships

Meeting new friends and teachers and learning to play cooperatively.

Self-Confidence and Awareness

Learning the routines of the classroom and accessing resources.

Managing Feelings and Behaviour

Talking about our feelings and those of others. Through our topic exploring our similarities, differences and what makes us unique.

Developing an understanding of the school and classroom rules and expectations.

Phonics

Encouraging children to tune in to the sounds around them and the initial sounds of words. Focus on rhythm and rhyme activities. Begin to learn Set 1 phonic sounds.

Mathematical Development

Number

To recognise numbers 1-5. Ordering numbers and counting out the corresponding amount of objects.

Forming each number correctly.

- Match and sort
- Measure and patterns
- 1,2,3,4,5
- Circles and triangles and 4 sided shapes