

OLI Nursery Literacy Overview 2025- 2026

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
RE Theme					
Ourselves	Families Birthday's	Celebrating and Gathering	Growing Easter	Occupations	Journeys
UTW Themes					
Life Story and Family History	Natural world	How things work (Light and Dark)	Growing	Vehicles	Journeys
Leading Text (*Either N1/N2 or for a 2 year cycle)					
You Choose	Stick Man	Why is the Sky Blue?	Oliver's Vegetables	When I Grow Up – Andrew Daddo	The Train Ride
Super-Duper You	Room on The Broom	Pigs Might Fly	Oliver's Fruit salad	Career Day – Ann Rockwell	The Snail and the Whale
Supplementary Texts					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Large Family • Usborne 100 First Words – various languages • Kindness Makes Us Strong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a Box • Not a Stick • On Sudden Hill • Stanley's Stick • Goodnight Little Bear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Street Below My Feet • Cosmic Machines • Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasper's Beanstalk • Kitchen Disco • Which Food will you Choose? • How Do Flowers Grow? • What is Sleep? • Why do we need Bees? • Oliver's Milkshake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Dad is a Superhero • My Mum is a Superhero • Supertato • Superkid • When I Grow Up • 199 Jobs • What People Do all Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost and Found • Starting School • Barefoot Books – We all go travelling • We're going on a Bear Hunt • Rosie's Walk

PSED					
The Huge Bag of Worries	This is Our House	Can't You Sleep Little Bear?	Michael Recycle Anywhere Farm	Once There Were Giants	The Meanies Go to School
Diversity/representation					
It's Okay to be Different Ruby's Hair Hair Love	Happy in Our Skin We are Together	Let's Celebrate! Festival poems from around the world	The Extraordinary Gardener	Superhero Hotel	Martha Maps it out Two Homes
Rhythm and Rhyme					
A Great Big Cuddle	Poems Out Loud	Zip Zam Zoom	Outside Your Window	Crazy Mayonnaise Mum	Toddle Waddle
Vocab					
Body parts Names of children and staff Naming and labelling everyday objects Time relate vocabulary to support children to follow daily routines Autumn	Names of family members Naming and labelling objects found in the home Autumn/Winter	Christening Baptism Party Celebration Winter	Growth Vegetables Lifecycles Spring	Names of vehicles and transportation Positional language Summer	Journeys and routes- physical in cars as well as in PE/outdoor play. In addition to transitional from Nursery to Reception and welcoming younger children for transition Summer holidays Sequencing the day Summer

Stimuli (roleplay, non fiction reading and mark making)					
Magazines Books about body part	Invitations Decorate tablecloths Decorations Home area Small world related to homes Shopping lists Cartoon character phone book	Recipe book Playdough recipe Books about day and night Come Outside - Street Lamps - YouTube Making slime Experiments Encyclopaedia's Materials - Come Outside - Bricks - YouTube	Café Farmers market Fruit shop Smoothie shop Gardening – make a little garden each Label plants Easter cards Mother's Day cards Teddy Bear's Picnic Lifecycles - Come Outside - Butterflies - YouTube	Car catalogues Visits from 'people who help us (in school and local community members occupations)	Atlas' Maps Travel brochures Father's Day cards Journey of a letter - Come Outside - A Letter - YouTube
Linked Rhymes (body part rhymes) Head and Shoulders Jelly on the Plate If You're Happy and you Know it One finger one thumber keep moving Tommy Thumb is Up Clap Your Hands and Wiggle Your Fingers	Linked Rhymes (number rhymes) 3 Blind Mice 5 Little Ducks and other counting rhymes Twinkle Twinkle Little Star	Linked Rhymes (weather rhymes) Incey Wincey Spider It's raining, it's Pouring I Hear Thunder	Linked Rhymes (growing and planting rhymes) Mary Mary Quite Contrary Old Macdonald There's a Worm at the Bottom of the Garden	Linked Rhymes (occupations rhymes) Pat a Cake Miss Polly Had a Dolly A Sailor went to Sea Sea Sea Doctor Foster Went to Gloster	Linked Rhymes (vehicles and journeys rhymes) Wheels on the bus Down at the Station Grand old duke of York Row Row Row Your Boat Bobby Shafto When I was one The Bear Went Over the Mountain

Linked Traditional Tale					
Goldilocks and the Three Bears	The Little Yellow Chicken Christmas Books	The Three Little Pigs	Jack and the Beanstalk	The Enormous Turnip	The Gingerbread Man
Resources					
Multicultural dolls and resources	Mud kitchen – birthday cakes	Shadows Torches cookery	Growing seeds and vegetables Fruit salad Making a healthy plate	Roleplay linked to occupations	Obstacle course in PE Suitcase with holiday clothes and props for a holiday

Useful online tools and links for stories and rhymes:

- Bug Club
- Barefoot Books [Barefoot Books - YouTube](#)
- BBC [EYFS - Early Years Foundation Stage - BBC Teach](#)
- Tiny Happy People
- Aunty Mabel and Pippin the dog
- Class Library card