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At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.	
Year R	**Term – Spring 2 2026 – Spring Has Sprung!**
Subject	**Areas Covered**
Learning Enrichment	Planting, growing and tasting our own food. Finding out about allotments. Discovering tasty recipes.
Personal, Social, Emotional development	My happy mind – Relate We will be learning how to be a good friend, as well as learning how to get on with others and why it is important to be a good friend.
Communication and language	Developing our listening skills Learn what a question is, how to ask questions and different ways to find out answers. Exploring new words and vocabulary from our brilliant books. Learning new rhymes, poems and songs to share and perform. Learn a new sign every week.
Physical development	PE – through stories, learning balance and agility. Weekly fine motor exercises to strengthen our arms, hand and fingers in order to write. Using our writing scheme kinetic letters – practising shape and letter formation. Learning our 'animal positions' to help develop strong bodies for writing eg. strong bear sitting, long lizards.
Literacy	**<u>Phonics</u>** Learning a wider range of digraphs - 2 letters that join together to make 1 sound. (e.g. ur, ai, oa) Blending (reading) and segmenting (spelling) words with 3 graphemes (sounds), e.g. map, top, dip and moving onto words which contain digraphs (eg. ship, chop). Building on our knowledge of high frequency words (common words we see regularly in books such as the, was, she) Reading simple words and sentences. Writing simple words and sentences. **<u>Literacy</u>** Each week we will focus on a new story, so that we can practise skills for blending (reading) or segmenting (spelling). We will learn new words and phrases to extend our vocabulary, composing sentences orally to help retell stories. We will practise writing CVC words and begin to write simple sentences. **<u>Brilliant books</u>**

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	This term our brilliant books are: Bird builds a nest - Martin Jenkins, Rabunzel - Gareth P Jones & Loretta Schauer, Mr Wolf's pancakes - Jan Fearnley, I am a Tiger - Karl Newson & Ross Collins, & The 10 Little… book series. Rhyme time Oi frog - Kes Gray & Jim Field **Drawing club** This term the stories we will be learning include We're going on a bear hunt, Gingerbread man, the Flintstones, Dear zoo & Goldilocks and the three bears.
Mathematics	**Mastering number focus** Counting, ordering and understanding the value of numbers (cardinality) Comparing numbers **Maths lessons** Finding, comparing and representing numbers More and less Learning number doubles 3D shapes
Understanding of the world	Far away Friday – Banjo Robinson will be visiting countries including Greece, China and others. Exploring different types of seeds. Planting, harvesting, tasting our own food. Following recipes and experimenting with flavours. Finding out about Easter.
Expressive Arts and Design	Learning about and enjoying different artists and musicians Practise playing musical instruments, finding out about tempo and dynamics. Creating different role play scenarios in the home corner, in the builder's area and our role play florist. Use a range of art and craft materials and loose parts to develop our own creations.

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