**The Curriculum**

The three FSN nurseries implement a play- based learning curriculum which includes the different ways in which children learn about themselves, other people and the world. Through interacting with children during play the early-years practitioner will teach the skills and knowledge needed to be ready for school at the age of 5.

*“We like play because it allows children to learn without worrying about getting it right or wrong.”*

We use some of the language in the Early Years Foundation Stage to help us think and talk about the different areas of child development [Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2) and we use the Development Matters guidance [Development Matters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/development-matters--2) in our activity planning.

**Routines:**

**R**outines help all children to feel secure in knowing what is happening and what is going to happen next and it also helps children begin to organize their thoughts and develop their memory.

**Lunch-time:**

Lunch-timeis part of the curriculum and is therefore a teaching and learning time for children. The key learning intentions are: To learn the cultural norms of sitting at the table to eat; develop good hygiene practice such as washing hands and oral health; to be able to talk about food being eaten; to learn independent skills according to ability such as; managing lunch boxes and learning how to take care of the environment through recycling.

**Small group work for 3-5 year olds:**

Small group work focus for 3-5 year olds are planned learning- activities designed to teach different areas of learning according to developmental need.

**Circle-time**

Circle-time is designed to develop children’s love of language, literacy, rhymes and songs by learning the FSN core books and rhymes. See below:

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| **Terms &**  **Themes** | **Core books & stories for 2 year olds** | **Core songs & rhymes for 2 year old** | **Core books & stories for 3-4 year olds** | Core songs &  rhymes for  3-4 year olds | Helpful Makaton signs |
| **Sep-Oct:**  **Transitions**  **Feelings**  **All about me**  **Making new friends** | ‘Monkey Puzzle’ by Julia Donaldson.  ‘*Brown Bear, Brown Bear’* by Eric Carle.  ‘*The Very Lonely Firefly’* by Eric Carle.  ‘*Banana by’*  Ed Vere.  ‘*Betty goes Bananas’* by Steve Antony. | ‘*Build a house with 5 bricks’*  *‘This is the way we wash our hands’*  *‘This is the way we clear our teeth’*  *‘Head, shoulders, knees and toes’* | [Makaton Signed Story: I Love Animals by Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tE_LrAYgihs) | ‘*Hello song’*  *‘Goodbye song’*  *‘Tidy away song’*  *‘This is the way we wash our hands’*  *‘Build a house with 5 bricks’*  *‘Head, shoulders, knees & toes’* | [Makaton Topic - ROOMS IN MY HOME - Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQalfc8fW5E)  [Makaton Topic - FAMILY - Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPu7z_zEJ94)  [Makaton Topic - PETS - Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSlfHBj3fzo)  [Makaton Signed Story: The Same but Different Too - Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdXc0iqUFfU)  [Makaton Topic - FEELINGS / EMOTIONS - Singing Hands (ft Dave Benson-Phillips) - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfrJriE5Hwg) |
| **Oct-Dec:**  **Autumn**  **Family celebrations** | *‘I’m a little pumpkin’*  *‘Bonfire burning rhyme’*  *‘Autumn leave’s*  *‘Dingle Dangle Scarecrow’*  *‘Autumn colours song’*  *‘Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas star’*  *‘We wish you a merry Christmas’* | *‘Dear Santa’* by Rob Campbell.  *‘The twinkle, twinkle nativity’* book by Sam Tablin. | [My First Festivals: Vesak - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/my-first-festivals-vesak)  [My First Festivals: Eid - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/my-first-festivals-eid)  [My First Festivals: Hanukkah - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/my-first-festival-hanukkah)  [My First Festivals: Diwali - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/my-first-festivals-diwali)  [Diwali - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali)  [Celebrating Carnival - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-carnival2)  [Chinese and Lunar New Year - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/chinese-new-year)  [St David's Day - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-st-davids-day)  [St Patrick's Day - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-st-patricks-day)  [St George's Day - CBeebies - BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-st-georges-day)  [Nativity Story - Kids Version - Bing video](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=nativity+story+for+kids+free&&view=detail&mid=52A5A413AA76BEAA745152A5A413AA76BEAA7451&&FORM=VDRVSR) | ‘I’m a little pumpkin’  ‘Bon Fire Action Song’  ‘Bonfire burning rhyme’  ‘Autumn leaves’  ‘Autumn colours song’ |  |
| **Jan-Feb:**  **Winter**  **Staying healthy**  **The natural world**  **Changing states** | ‘*The Animal Boogie’*  by Debbie Harter.  *‘A bit lost’* by Chris Haughton  *‘Big Green Crocodile’* by Jane Newberry | ‘Winter cokey rhyme’  ‘Here we go round the mulberry bush’  ‘I can sing a rainbow’ | [One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth I Read aloud I Books about friendship (youtube.com)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVroMLDQR8s)  [❄️ Robin's Winter Song by Suzanne Barton (Preschool Story time) - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7NW7Oi2jOQ)  [Genevieve O'Reilly reads The Snowflake by Benji Davies - Feed the Hill DEC20 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXjA7RSWRNI) | ‘*If you’re happy and you know it****’***  *‘2 little dickie birds’*  *‘I am a little robin’*  *‘The winter cokey rhyme’* | [Makaton Topic - WEATHER - Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0t9Tt_JlYd8) |
| **Mar- Apr:**  **People who help us & learning to play together** | *Car, car truck jeep’*  By Katrina Charman  *‘Down by the station’* by Jess Stockham  *‘The wheels on the bus’* by Anne Kubler *‘We’re going on a bear’* hunt by **Michael Rosen** | ‘*I am a fire-fighter’*  *‘999 emergency song’*  *‘Being helpful song’*  *‘Special helpers song’*  *‘There are lots of people to help us song’* | Mr Grumpy’s outing  [NEW + My Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham Read Aloud Books for Childrens NEW AUDIO - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h23yQOafu4Y)  Not now Bernard  <https://youtu.be/fiHGi7ZQyKM>  [This is Our House by Michael Rosen from Candlewick Press on Vimeo](https://player.vimeo.com/video/58214461)  [Little Miss Bossy And The Magic Word ✨ | Story Book Read Aloud For Kids - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oD3kBNplmFU)  [Charlie and Lola story | YOU can be MY FRIEND read aloud for kids - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rsfxh5tee3k) | ‘*I am a fire-fighter’*  *‘999 emergency song’*  *‘Being helpful song’*  *‘Special helpers song’*  *‘There are lots of people to help us song’* | [Makaton Signed Story: Mr Gumpy's Outing by Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQmOuL64D_E) |
| **May-Jun**  **Spring**  **The natural world** | *‘Maybe’* by Chris Haughton  ‘Rosie’s Walk’ by Pat Hutchings  Books by Eric Carle:  *‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’*  ‘*The very busy spider’*  ‘*The very clumsy click beetle & the grouchy ladybug’* ‘Stomp Chomp Big Roars!’ Here comes the Dinosaurs by Kaye Umansky, | *‘The finger daffodil song’**‘Spring is here song’**‘Mini beast nursery rhymes’* | The gigantic turnip  <https://youtu.be/l5Wob-H-5uY>  **The hungry caterpillar** (changing states) [The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Animated Film - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY)  [Orange Pear Apple Bear - Emily Gravett read aloud by Children's Books Read Aloud - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXfY-O8d1HM)  [Oliver's Vegetables - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axu1ZCZynRg) | ‘*Daffodil’s finger song’*  *‘Spring is here song’*  *‘Spring song’* | [Makaton Topic - VEGETABLES - Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lp0jFLJPWEg)  [Makaton Signed Story: The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Singing Hands - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQNxBrONqaA) |
| **Jun – July**  **Moving on** | *‘Be Brave Little Penguin’* by Giles Andrea  *‘Don’t worry little crab’* by Chris Haughton  *‘The Drum’* by Ken Wilson Max |  | [I AM TOO ABSOLUTELY SMALL FOR SCHOOL (Charlie and Lola) - Read Along With Judy - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTzce0G-TnE) | **‘***End of year poem’*  *‘Leaving nursery poem’* |  |