	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Physical Development Gross Motor Skills	 Gradually gain control of their whole body through continual practice of large movements, such as waving, kicking, rolling, crawling and walking. Clap and stamp to music. Fit themselves into spaces, like tunnels, dens and large boxes, and move around in them. Enjoy starting to kick, throw and catch balls. Enjoy and explore their senses through sensory play (water, sand, paint, gloop, playdough, sticky/messy activities) Develop skills outdoors(walking, running, climbing, crawling, jumping, climbing stairs) 	 Build independently with a range of appropriate resources. Walk, run, jump and climb – and start to use the stairs independently. Spin, roll and independently use ropes and swings (for example, tyre swings). Sit on a push-along wheeled toy, use a scooter or ride a tricycle. More confident gross motor skills, (beginning to kick a ball, throw a ball, avoid obstacles when running) Uses blocks to build a tower of 3 or more 	 Use large and small motor skills to do things independently, for example manage buttons and zips, and pour drinks. Shows more control in holding tools (eg hammer, pencil, spade jug, spoon) Can balance and control large movements more
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Physical Development Fine Motor Skills	 Use large and small motor skills to do things independently, for example manage buttons and zips, and pour drinks. Show an increasing desire to be independent, such as wanting to feed themselves and dress or undress. 	 Develop fine motor skills and strengthen hands/fingers in preparation for early writing (posting objects, puzzles, using pegs, twisting, pushing, holding tools, dough disco/playdough) Holding crayons/pencils to make marks 	Begin to hold a pencil with fingers and thumb and show more control over their mark-making
Physical Development	 Eat finger food and develop likes and dislikes. Try a wider range of foods with different tastes and textures. Learn to use the toilet with help, and then independently. 	 Show awareness of bladder and bowel urges, begin to use potty or toilet Become more independent with self-care, hand washing, feeding/drinking, putting coat on/off 	Independence in toileting/hand-washing
Launchpad for Literacy Motor: Fine Motor	2+ Skills I explore texture and moving parts I pick up small items such as raisins or threads. I turn pages one-by-one I build a tower of five or six bricks. I make vertical, horizontal and circular marks. I thread cotton reels or big beads. I snip with scissors.		