

PSHE progression of knowledge, skills and vocabulary EYFS, KS1 and KS2

	Units of work	Key knowledge	Key skills	Key vocabulary
2- plus	Mini-theme 1: Settling-in/ Emotions / Family Mini-theme 2: Family and friends (Hug & Owl Babies) Mini-theme 3: Road safety Mini-theme 4: Animal care	Be increasingly able to talk about and manage their emotions Notice and ask questions about differences, such as skin colour, types of hair, gender, special needs and disabilities, and so on Develop friendships with other children Safely explore emotions beyond their normal range through play and stories Are talking about their feelings in more elaborated ways: "I'm sad because" or "I love it when" Make connections between the features of their family and other families Notice differences between people	 Find ways to calm themselves, through being calmed and comforted by their key person Establish their sense of self Express preferences and decisions. They also try new things and start establishing their autonomy Engage with others through gestures, gaze and talk Find ways of managing transitions, for example from their parent to their key person Thrive as they develop self-assurance Play with increasing confidence on their own and with other children, because they know their key person is nearby and available Feel confident when taken out around the local neighbourhood and enjoy exploring new places with their key person Feel strong enough to express a range of emotions Grow in independence, rejecting help ("me do it"). Sometimes this leads to feelings of frustration and tantrums Begin to show 'effortful control'. For example, waiting for a turn and resisting the strong impulse to grab what they want or push their way to the front Learn to use the toilet with help, and then independently. 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 Start eating independently and learning how to use a knife and fork 	Mini-theme 1: happy, sad, angry, worried, help, kind, friend Mini-theme 2: calm, feel, help, talk, come back, home time Mini-theme 3: road, safe, careful, stay, walk, hold hands, listen Mini-theme 4: kind, gentle, touch, ask, stroke, safe, care
Nursery	Year A • Mini-theme 1: Settling-in / Emotions / Family • Mini-theme 2: Working with others • Mini-theme 3: Emotions through music • Mini-theme 4: Treasure hunts / Pirate role-play • Mini-theme 5: Shop role-play / Visiting the shop • Mini-theme 6: How to care for pets	Remember rules without needing an adult to remind them Talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried' Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history Show interest in different occupations	 knife and fork Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or friend, using words as well as actions Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. This helps them to achieve a goal they have chosen or one which is suggested to them Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting Show more confidence in new social situations 	Year A and Year B (vocabulary is the same): Mini-theme 1: nursery, safe, adult, care, rules, listen, happy, sad, worried, angry Mini-theme 2: share, help, take turns, help, ask, kind, wait, try again Mini-theme 3: happy, sad, worried, silly, frustrated, angry, green zone, blue zone, yellow zone, red zone

	Year B • Mini-theme 1: Settling-in / Emotions / Family • Mini-theme 2: Working with others • Mini-theme 3: Songs about emotions • Mini-theme 4: Excavation play • Mini-theme 5: Different job roles / Stranger danger • Mini-theme 6: Safari camp role-play	Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people Understand gradually how others might be feeling	 Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas Help to find solutions to conflicts and rivalries. For example, accepting that not everyone can be Spider-Man in the game, and suggesting other ideas Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important Develop appropriate ways of being assertive Talk with others to solve conflicts Be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g. brushing teeth, using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed. For example, putting coats on and doing up zips 	Mini-theme 4: important, listen, ideas, take turns, share, work together Mini-theme 5: safety, rules, adult, stranger, healthy, job, help, choice Mini-theme 6: animals, care, feelings, respect, look after, gentle, kind
Reception	• Mini-theme 1: Settling-in / Emotions / Family / Similarities & differences • Mini-theme 2: Special toys / Everywhere Bear (class bear) • Mini-theme 3: Healthy eating / Cooking • Mini-theme 4: Stranger danger • Mini-theme 5: Caring for the environment / Caring for creatures • Mini-theme 6: Local adventures	Develop social phrases See themselves as a valuable individual Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: regular physical activity, healthy eating, toothbrushing, sensible amounts of 'screen time', having a good sleep routine, being a safe pedestrian Talk about members of their immediate family and community Name and describe people who are familiar to them Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly Talk about the lives of people around them and their roles in society	 Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen Build constructive and respectful relationships Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge Further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: lining up and queuing, mealtimes Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. Show sensitivity to their own and others' needs Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others 	Mini-theme 1: happy, sad, worried, silly, frustrated, angry, calm down, green zone, blue zone, yellow zone, red zone, respect, look after Mini-theme 2: special, unique, valuable, same, different, belong, care, share Mini-theme 3: healthy, unhealthy, fruit, vegetables, sugar, table manners, hygiene, clean, germs, toothbrushing, decay, dentist Mini-theme 4: stranger, careful, safe, trust, aware, protect, responsible Mini-theme 5: environment, recycle, reuse, reduce, plastic, paper, cardboard, glass Mini-theme 6: pedestrian, crossing, road, aware, stop, look, listen, passenger, seatbelt

Year 1/2

Year A

- Unit 1: Mental health and emotional wellbeing: Friendship
- Unit 2: Identity, society and equality: Me and others
- Unit 3: Physical health and wellbeing: Fun times
- Unit 4: Keeping safe and managing risk: Feeling safe
- Unit 5: Drug, alcohol and tobacco education: What do we put into and onto our bodies?
- Unit 6: YEAR 2 ONLY: Relationships and health education: Boys and girls, families

Year B

- Unit 1: Mental health and emotional wellbeing: Feelings
- Unit 2: Keeping safe and managing risk: Indoors and outdoors
- Unit 3: Careers, financial capability and economic

wellbeing: My money

- Unit 4: Drug, alcohol and tobacco education: Medicines and me
- Unit 5: YEAR 2 ONLY: Relationships and health education: Boys and girls, families

Note – only one unit in Year B spring half-term (there are less You, Me, PSHE units in KS1 compared to KS2)

Health and Wellbeing:

- Understanding the importance of personal hygiene (e.g. washing hands, brushing teeth)
- Basic awareness of healthy eating and exercise
- Recognising emotions (happy, sad, angry, scared) and basic ways to manage them
- Knowing who to ask for help when feeling worried or unsafe
- Understanding basic safety rules at home, school, and in the community

Relationships:

- Recognising different types of families and friendships
- Understanding kindness and the impact of words and actions on others
- Recognising personal boundaries and learning to say "no" when uncomfortable
- Knowing the difference between secrets and surprises (and when to tell an adult)
- Identifying trusted adults at school and home

Living in the Wider World:

- Understanding classroom rules and why they are important
- Recognising right and wrong and making simple choices
- Basic understanding of money (coins, spending, saving)
- Awareness of different jobs and roles in the community

- **Self-awareness:** Recognising and naming emotions in themselves and others
- **Communication:** Expressing feelings and needs in a simple way
- **Decision-making:** Making safe choices in everyday situations
- Empathy: Identifying how actions affect others
- **Resilience:** Trying again after making mistakes

Year A

Unit 1: care, excluded, difficult, problems, resolve Unit 2: challenge, co-operative, different, dilemma, helpful, responsibility, unhelpful Unit 3: celebration, choice, countries, cultures, damage, protect, safety Unit 4: community, danger, imaginary, private, real, touch, trust, unsafe, worried Unit 5: absorb, cream, dangerous, feelings, harmful, lotion, medicine, rules, substance Unit 6: male, female, new life cycle, birth, body parts, timeline, order, vagina, penis

Year B

Unit 1: angry, challenge, different, emotion, excited, loss, nervous, worried Unit 2: emergency, responsible, rules, hazards, road safety, fire safety, danger Unit 3: earn, win, presents, pocket, borrow, benefits, save, choices, jobs Unit 4: medicine, healthy, pharmacy, doctor, safety, asthma, instructions Unit 5: male, female, new, life cycle, birth, body parts, timeline, order, vagina, penis

Year 3/4

Year A

- Unit 1: Mental health and emotional wellbeing: Strengths and challenges
- Unit 2: Physical health and wellbeing: What is important to me?
- Unit 3: Keeping safe and managing risk: Playing safe
- Unit 4: Identity, society and equality: Celebrating difference
- **Unit 5:** Drug, alcohol and tobacco education: **Making choices**
- Unit 6: YEAR 4 ONLY: Sex and relationship education: **Growing up** and changing

Year B

- **Unit 1:** Drug, alcohol and tobacco education: **Tobacco is a drug**
- Unit 2: Keeping safe and managing risk: Bullying see it, say it, stop it
- Unit 3: Identity, society and equality: **Democracy**
- Unit 4: Careers, financial capability and economic

wellbeing: Saving, spending and budgeting

- Unit 5: Physical health and wellbeing: What helps me choose?
- Unit 6: YEAR 4 ONLY: Sex and relationship education: Growing up and changing

Health and Wellbeing:

- Understanding how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, including diet, sleep, and exercise
- Recognising more complex emotions (frustration, jealousy, nervousness) and strategies to manage them
- Knowing the importance of mental wellbeing and simple relaxation techniques
- Understanding personal space and the concept of consent in friendships
- Developing awareness of online safety, including recognising dangers and seeking help

Relationships:

- Understanding different types of relationships, including friendships, family, and online connections
- Recognising and managing conflicts in friendships
- Developing an understanding of fairness, respect, and inclusion
- Identifying peer pressure and understanding how to make independent choices
- Knowing strategies for asking for help and supporting others

Living in the Wider World:

- Understanding rights and responsibilities in school and the local community
- Recognising diversity in cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs
- Developing an understanding of money management (earning, spending, and saving)
- Recognising the impact of the environment and how to take responsibility for sustainability

- Emotional regulation: Identifying triggers for emotions and practising calming strategies
- Communication: Expressing thoughts and feelings clearly and respectfully
- Conflict resolution: Using positive strategies to resolve disagreements
- Critical thinking: Assessing risks in online and offline situations
- **Independence:** Making responsible choices and resisting peer pressure

Year A

Unit 1: achievement, goal, setback, putdown, overcome, resilience, community, group Unit 2: value, qualities, diverse, admire, influence, cultural, ethical, fair trade, seasonality, consumers, wellbeing
Unit 3: classification, pressure, habits, hazards, emergency, first aid, fire brigade, ambulance Unit 4: identity, community, cultural, peers, value
Unit 5: drugs, alcohol, caffeine, guidelines, consumption, risk
Unit 6: vagina, penis, menstruation, wet dreams, puberty, hygiene,

Year B

stereotypes

Unit 1: addiction, alcohol, caffeine, drugs, nicotine, substance, tobacco
Unit 2: acceptance, bully, bullying, bystander, courage, empathy
Unit 3: citizen, democracy, election, government, vote Unit 4: budget, value, save, cost, wage
Unit 5: branding, physical activity, informed choice, influence, value
Unit 6: vagina, penis, menstruation, wet dreams, puberty, hygiene, stereotypes

Year 5/6

Year A

- Unit 1: Physical health and wellbeing: In the Media
- Unit 2: Drug, alcohol and tobacco education (DATE): Different influences
- Unit 3: Identity, society and equality: Human rights
- Unit 4: Mental health and emotional wellbeing: Dealing with feelings
- Unit 5: Keeping safe and managing risk: Keeping safe out and about
- Unit 6: YEAR 6 ONLY: Sex and relationship education: Healthy relationships How a baby is made

Year B

- Unit 1: Identity, society and equality: Stereotypes, discrimination and prejudice
- Unit 2: Keeping safe and managing risk: When things go wrong
- Unit 3: Mental health and emotional wellbeing: Healthy minds
- Unit 4: Drug, alcohol and tobacco education (DATE): Weighing up risk
- Unit 5: Careers, financial capability and economic wellbeing: Borrowing and earning money
- Unit 6: Sex and relationship education: Healthy relationships How a baby is made

Health and Wellbeing:

- Understanding how lifestyle choices affect long-term health (e.g. sleep, diet, exercise)
- Recognising mental health concerns, stress management techniques, and where to seek help
- Understanding how bodies change during puberty and how to manage these changes
- Developing an awareness of body image and self-esteem
- Knowing the dangers of substances like smoking, alcohol, and drugs
- Deepening knowledge of online safety, including social media risks and cyberbullying

Relationships:

- Understanding healthy and unhealthy relationships (including friendships and romantic relationships)
- Developing awareness of consent, personal boundaries, and respecting others
- Recognising different family structures and the importance of diversity
- Understanding the influence of peer pressure, media, and advertising on choices
- Learning strategies for managing conflict, including assertiveness

Living in the Wider World:

- Understanding democracy, rules, and laws in society
- Developing financial literacy, including budgeting and the value of money
- Exploring career aspirations and different pathways for future education
- Recognising media influence and developing critical thinking about news and social media
- Understanding sustainability and the impact of human choices on the planet

- **Self-management:** Setting goals and making informed decisions about health and wellbeing
- Empathy & respect: Understanding different perspectives and cultures
- Resilience: Coping with setbacks and seeking support when needed
- Assertiveness: Expressing opinions confidently while respecting others
- **Problem-solving:** Thinking critically about challenges and making responsible choices

Year A

Unit 1: advertisement, consumers, manipulate, media, marketing, misleading, reality, slogan Unit 2: cannabis, cigarette, drugs, ecigarette, influence, nicotine, risks, shisha, solvents, substance, tobacco, vaping Unit 3: accommodation, financial, homelessness, human right, intergovernmental, migrant, migration, refugee, statutory, temporary, UN (United Nations), UNICEF **Unit 4**: anxiety, bereavement, emotion, grief, intensity, loss, mental, physical **Unit 5:** antisocial, behaviour, consequence, gangs, independent, law, peer pressure, protected, youths **Unit 6:** sex, sexuality, penis, vagina, ovaries, testicles, uterus, breasts, conception, contraception, HIV

Year B

Unit 1: blended family, disability, discrimination, diverse, gay, homeless, homophobic, lesbian, prejudice, sexist, stereotype, transgender, transphobic Unit 2: abuse, domestic, peer pressure, trustworthy, relationship, risk, violence Unit 3: discrimination, mental health, stigma, strategies, support **Unit 4:** restrictions, alcohol, drugs, nicotine, risks, solvents, support, tobacco **Unit 5:** career, credit card, debt, enterprise, hire purchase, influence, loan, manageable, reliable, salary, unmanageable Unit 6: sex, sexuality, penis, vagina, ovaries, testicles, uterus, breasts, conception, contraception, HIV