

Links with Books at Press Resources and Cornerstones Imaginative Learning Projects

for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in England and Wales

Cornerstones Nursery Projects	Books at Press resources (book titles in bold italics)	Cornerstones Reception Projects
<p>How does that building stay up? How many windows does it have? Explore these questions and more in this project about buildings, structures, properties of materials, houses and homes.</p>	<p><i>Puddles Lends A Paw</i> Puddles visits the church and meets all the church helpers who are busy doing their different jobs around the church and the churchyard. They work together to make the church a very special place. The Reverend Freddie Fisher reminds everyone about how we should all help each other in any way that we can. As Puddles enjoys her adventure she encounters all the different aspects and features of the church.</p>	<p>Do you want to be friends? Would you like to play with me? Explore these questions and more in this project about friendship, being kind and working together.</p>
<p>Why can't I have chocolate for breakfast? Which food types are healthy? Explore these questions and more in this project about food, mealtimes and nutrition.</p>	<p><i>A Wet and Windy Harvest for Puddles</i> The Reverend Freddie Fisher reminds everyone that harvest is a time to be happy, thankful for food and for sharing with others. Cauliflowers, apples, potatoes and carrots are just some of the foods collected for the harvest display in church.</p>	<p>What do we like to eat? Are we happy to try something new? Explore these questions and more in this project about eating well, staying healthy and trying something new.</p>
<p>Are eggs alive? What are buds? Explore these questions and more in this project about the things that happen in the world around us in the season of spring.</p>	<p><i>Puddles and the Happy Easter Day</i> Puddles enjoys the spring time – flowers blossoming in the sunshine, newborn lambs, birds with their chicks, rabbits with their babies...</p> <p><i>The Baby Birds</i> The five baby birds fly from their nest for the very first time... Mummy bird watches over them but soon becomes anxious as she soon notices one of them in danger!</p> <p><i>Seven New Kittens</i> Muhammad and his friends are in awe at the wonder of the seven newly born kittens that mummy cat brings to sit on his cloak.</p>	

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<p>Why do leaves go crispy? What's inside a conker? Explore these questions and more in this project about the season of autumn.</p>	<p><i>A Wet and Windy Harvest for Puddles</i> Puddles enjoys playing in the autumn leaves – tiny green ones, shiny and smooth, red ones with crinkly edges, yellow ones that shine in the sun and crispy brown ones that stick to her paw! She joins the congregation at the church for the Harvest service and can't resist climbing up the pile of autumn fruits and vegetables!</p>	<p>Why do squirrels hide their nuts? Why do hedgehogs hibernate? Explore these questions and more in this project about the seasonal change in the natural world during late autumn and winter.</p>
<p>Why is water wet? Why does water change shape? Explore these questions and more in this project about water and its properties.</p>	<p><i>Puddles and the Christening Splash!</i> Puddles and her furry family attend the Christening service of Rosie and Ruby. Puddles and Arthur have struggled to think of a name for their little white kitten, but when she falls into the font which is filled with water, a name instantly springs to Freddie's mind!</p>	
<p>Can we explore it? Can you find me? Explore these questions and more in this project that captures children's natural curiosity about the world around them, from the smallest holes and hiding spaces to great adventures in far away places.</p>	<p><i>The Tiny Ants</i> The ants had a very busy day collecting food to take back to their nest. Suddenly they are in danger! A fire built close to them is making the air hotter and hotter and quickly they scurry in fear for their lives. Muhammad reminds everyone that all creatures no matter how big or small are all important and everyone should be careful not to harm them.</p>	<p>Why do ladybirds have spots? Why do spiders spin webs? Explore these questions and more in this project about minibeasts and their habitats.</p>
	<p><i>Puddles and the St Francis Service</i> All the villagers gather in the church for the St Francis Service. Many of them have brought their pets and animals from their farms... Mr Penyard with his pampered pig, Mr Campbell with his clumsy cow, and Miss Shearing with her shy sheep. As The Reverend Freddie Fisher gets ready to bless all the animals, the congregation begin to wonder where the two scruffy stray little kittens have come from. They are clearly in need of a home ... will they find one?</p>	<p>Do cows drink milk? Do hens lay square eggs? Explore these questions and more in this project about life on the farm and the animals that live there.</p>

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<p>Why does snow melt? Why do icicles hang down? Explore these questions and more in this project about winter.</p>	<p><i>Puddles and the Christmas Play</i> Puddles purred as she lay by the warm, cosy fireplace. She loved winter evenings as long as she was snuggled up indoors! The next morning the ground was white with frost as Puddles ventures out to visit the church where everyone is practising for the Christmas play.</p>	
<p>Why do you love me so much? What is special about me? How do we show that we care? Explore these questions and more in this project about love, families and how people are the same and different.</p>	<p><i>A Wedding Day Wish for Puddles</i> Puddles and Freddie were best friends...but then Freddie meets Mary and Puddles suddenly feels left out and lonely. Everyone seems to have someone to love and Puddles wishes she had her own special friend. Then. As Sally and Mike plan their church wedding, Puddles meets Arthur... the most handsome cat she has ever seen!</p>	
<p>How many colours in a rainbow? What happens when you mix red and blue? Explore these questions and more in this project about colours in the natural and man-made world.</p>	<p><i>Seven New Kittens</i> Mother cat cares for her seven kittens – each a different colour</p> <p><i>A Wet and Windy Harvest for Puddles</i> Puddles enjoys playing in the autumn leaves – tiny green ones, crispy brown ones, big red ones etc.</p>	
<p>Is it shiny? Does it sparkle? Explore these questions and more in this project about materials and their properties.</p>	<p><i>Puddles and the Christmas Play</i> Each Sunday of Advent, as an additional candle is lit on the Advent wreath, Puddles looks on as the Sunday school children practise for their Christmas play. The Christmas star shines over the stable, but does Puddles have a part in the Nativity scene?</p>	

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<p>Paws, Claws and Whiskers Soft fur, sharp claws and twitching whiskers... What's your favourite animal? One that meows? One that barks? Or maybe one that scurries or slithers?</p>	<p><i>Seven New Kittens</i> Muhammad and his friends are in awe at the wonder of the seven newly born kittens which mother cat brings, one by one, to sit on his cloak. As mother cat feeds her kittens, Muhammad is reminded of the awe and wonder of the natural world.</p>	
<p>The Enchanted Woodland If you go down to the woods today you're sure of a big surprise. Foxes and badgers, voles and mice, beady-eyed owls in the swaying tree tops. Beneath the leaves are tiny footprints...animal or imp? You decide! Woodland plants and creatures.</p>	<p><i>The Baby Birds</i> Muhammad and his friends were glad to rest under the big wide leaves of the palm tree. They looked around at all the lovely plants they offered shade and food for the animals... As one of the friends captures a baby bird to take a closer look, Muhammad reminds everyone to take care and not harm anything in the wonderful natural world that Allah has created.</p>	<p>The Scented garden Tiptoe through tulips as your senses discover the blooming foliage and enchanting fragrances of flowers and herbs. Round and round the mulberry bush we go, planting bulbs and seeds, and then watch them grow beneath sunshine and showers.</p>
<p>Superheroes Who's your favourite superhero? Spider-man? Wonder Woman? Maybe your heroes are ordinary people who've achieved great things. Or is those people who save lives in our emergency services that you admire most?</p>	<p><i>Puddles Lends A Paw</i> Puddles visits the village church and meets all the church helpers who are busy doing their different jobs around the church and the churchyard. Each has a different job to do to help make the church a very special place. The Reverend Freddie Fisher reads from the Bible and reminds everyone about how people should all help each other in any way that we can. As Puddles enjoys her adventure she encounters all the different aspects and features of the church. Explore places of worship in your locality and the work that people do because of their faith.</p>	<p>Street Detectives This way or that way? Where should we go? Up to the local shops or down to the playing fields? Let's learn about our local community, looking at houses old and new and finding out how our streets have changed since our mums and dads were young. Perhaps your granny or grandpa went to your school or maybe they worked in the baker's shop.</p>
	<p><i>The Tiny Ants</i> The ants had a very busy day collecting food to take back to their nest. Suddenly they are in danger! A fire built close to them is making the air hotter and hotter and quickly they scurry in fear for their lives. Muhammad reminds everyone that all creatures no matter how big or small are all important and everyone should be careful not to harm them.</p>	<p>Wriggle and Crawl Minibeasts and their habitats. Grab your coat and pooter – we're going out and about on a minibeast hunt! Sweep your nets in puddles and ponds and lift up logs to see who's home. On your belly, legs at the ready, it's time to wriggle and crawl!</p>

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<p>Memory Box Can you remember being small; Being a baby and learning to crawl? Do you recall a favourite toy, maybe a teddy bear or a best loved book? Memories are special...let's make some more! Remember a wedding or a Christening.</p>	<p><i>A Wedding Day Wish for Puddles</i> Puddles attends the wedding of Sally and Mike in Little Pond Village Church. Everyone has been getting the church ready to make it look very special for this important day. The best man, the bridesmaid, the father of the bride and of course the bride and groom all look wonderful in their wedding clothes. But for Puddles, no one look as handsome as her new special friend Arthur!</p> <p><i>Puddles and the Christening Splash!</i> Puddles and her furry family attend the Christening service of Rosie and Ruby. Puddles and Arthur have struggled to think of a name for their little white kitten, but when she falls into the font which is filled with water, a name instantly springs to Freddie's mind!</p>	
	<p><i>Holi</i> Holi is also called 'The Festival of Colours', and people celebrate the festival by smearing each other with paint and throwing coloured powder and dye around in an atmosphere of fun and laughter.</p>	<p>Muck, Mess and Mixtures Let's get messy! Muck and mess is good! In fact, it's megamarvellous! Dive in and get your hands and feet all sticky and covered in paint. Play with liquids, squish some dough and check out the slushiest and mushiest foods. Don't worry about the mess...it will always wash!</p>

