Nursery Science Builder – The Natural World

(by the end of)

End of Nursery:	For Example:
Uses all their senses in hands- on exploration of natural materials Talk about what they see, using wide vocabulary	Topics Autumn- observing leaves colour changes nature small world- dry and fresh leaves, soil, logs, pebbles and small animals mud kitchen- outdoor area bark rubbing Winter- melting ice, playing in snow
Explore different materials with similar and /or different properties	Collage art activities Sorting – magnet in water/ sand Using magnifying glasses- exploring the things around them Focus teaching- exploring waterproof/non-waterproof materials Cooking- making dough/bread/cupcakes etc Melting ice- continues provision Torches- making shadows
Plants seeds and care for growing plants	Growing- cress/ grass Watering plant pots outside in the playground Story- Jasper's Beanstalk
Expectations entering Reception: -talk about what they see, using specific vocabulary -show understanding of concept of growth, change and decay with natural materials Nursery themes Everyday Material/ seasonal changes/ animals, growing including humans/ plants	