



Westfield Nursery School Key Knowledge & Vocabulary- 2-Year-Olds

Theme: First Key Words (see signing picture cards)

Vocabulary		Books
Word	Description & Information	'That's not my...' series Meg and Mog series Variety of board books ✓ At Home ✓ First words ✓ My first learning book
apple	Round fruit (green/red skin)	
baby	Young child	
ball	Round object used for games	
banana	Long curved fruit (yellow skin)	
book	Printed pages	
car	Wheeled vehicle	
cat	Pet (meow, whiskers, fur, tail)	
cup	Container for drinking	
dog	Pet (bark, hair, tail)	
fruit	Sweet food (contains seeds)	
gone	No longer present	
goodbye	Said on parting	
hand	Part of body at end of arm	
hat	Clothing worn on head	
hello	Greeting	
milk	Drink from cows	
more	Greater amount	
nappy	Worn to 'catch' wee	
no	Not any/ negative response	
please	Asking for something politely	
soap	Used with water for washing	
shoe	Item worn on feet	
sit	Position with weight on bottom	
thank you	Polite expression	
yes	Affirmative	
water	Transparent liquid for drinking/ washing	
Challenge		Songs/ Rhymes
bubbles	Thin blown sphere	Nursery Rhymes
ear	Part of body/ for hearing	
eye	Part of body/ for looking	
feet	Part of body for walking/ running	
hair	Part of body/ on head	
jump	Move body both feet leaving ground	
nose	Part of body/ for smelling	
run	Way of moving	
tap	Turned on/ off for water	
toilet	Sit on to wee/ poo	
walk	Way of moving	
Plus descriptive words- clean, dirty, wet, dry, red, yellow, blue		
You could try...		
Peek-a-boo		
Explore new environment		
Range of familiar toys e.g. cars, Peppa Pig, blocks		
Exciting experiences e.g. bubbles		
Sensory experiences e.g. sand, water, playdough		
Using pictures/ sounds to support transitions e.g. tambourine/ visual timetable		



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Theme: Going to the toilet/ Nappy changing/ Handwashing

Vocabulary		Books
Word	Description & Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aliens love underpants ✓ Dinosaurs love underpants ✓ Pirates love underpants Various first potty books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Goldilocks and the Three Potties ✓ I don't want to wash my hands- A little princess story ✓ Wash your hands ✓ Wash, wash, wash
clean	Free from dirt	
dirty	Not clean	
nappy	Absorbent material wrapped round a baby's bottom and between its legs	
wipe	Clean or dry by rubbing with a cloth	
steps	Flat surface to move from one level to another	
up	Towards a higher place	
down	Towards a lower place	
wee	Urine	
poo	Faeces	
vagina	Where girls wee from	
bottom/ bum	Buttocks	
willy	Penis	
pants/ knickers	Underpants	
potty	Bowl used by small children as a toilet	
toilet	Sit on to wee/ poo	
wash	Clean	
hand	x2 hands at bottom of each arm	
sink	Basin for holding water	
tap	Turned on/ off for water	
water	Transparent liquid for drinking/ washing	
soap	Used with water for washing	
on	Water running	
off	No water	
towel	Cloth used to dry hands	
paper towel	Paper used to dry hands	
bin	Place to put used paper towels	
wet	Covered with water	
dry	All water removed	
Challenge		
changing table	Surface where a baby lies to have nappy changed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Toilet Time Potty and Toilet Training Song (Sung to 'Frère Jacques') ✓ Twinkle, Twinkle Potty and Toilet Training Song (Sung to 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star') ✓ Wearing Pants Now and You're Clever Potty- Training Song (Sung to 'If You're Happy and You Know It') ✓ This is the way we wash our hands
dry	Remove water	
flush	Handle to pull to wash away wee/ poo from a toilet	
toilet paper	Paper used to wipe bottom after going to the toilet	
fingers/ thumb	x5 on each hand, Tommy thumb, Peter pointer, Toby tall, Ruby ring, Baby small	
plug	Used in hole in sink to trap water	
step	Used to reach taps	
dispenser	Holds soap	

You could try... Sorting pants/ pegging pants on a washing line/ Designing and decorating pants/ Sorting things which do/ do not belong in bathroom/ Using babies with pants/ potty accessories/ Role model how to wash hands/ Looking at the handwashing poster/ Talk about how to wash hands/ Talk about when to wash hands/ Talk about why to wash hands/ Singing a song for 20 seconds to show how long to wash your hands/ Use water tray with soap dispensers/ Make homemade soap/ Learn the Wiggles handwashing song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJD9zPv2NmM>



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Theme: Colours

Vocabulary		Books
Word	Description & Information	-'Wow,' said the Owl -Brown bear, brown bear what do you see? -The mixed-up Chameleon -Elmer -Maisie's Colours -Spot looks at colours
blue	Colour of the sky/ sea (One of three primary colours)	
red	Colour of blood/ some tomatoes (One of three primary colours)	
yellow	Colour of lemons, egg yolks (One of three primary colours)	
green	Colour of the grass; Colour made by blue and yellow;	
purple	Colour of plums; Colour made by red and blue	
orange	Colour of sun/ oranges; Colour made by red and yellow	
Challenge		Songs/ Rhymes
brown	Colour of soil; Colour made by red, blue & yellow	-Sing a rainbow -Baa baa black sheep (black) -Little boy blue (blue) -Ride a cock horse (white)
grey	Colour of some clouds; Colour made by white and black	
pink	Colour of lips/ some flowers; colour made by white and red	
black	Colour of coal/ some grapes Darkest colour owing to the absence of light; the opposite of white	
white	Colour of milk, snow; opposite of black	
<p>You could try...</p> <p>Watching CBeebies colour series https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000thgy</p> <p>Colour scavenger hunt (collecting items of one colour)</p> <p>Painting</p> <p>Colour sensory tray/ box (a range of items all one colour)</p> <p>Tasting/ making coloured foods (e.g. yellow pepper or red jelly)</p> <p>Coloured rice/ pasta/ sand/ ice/ water</p> <p>Colour collage</p> <p>Colour sorting/ matching (e.g. buttons/ pom poms/ clothes/ toys)</p> <p>Challenge:</p> <p>Play colour corners (dance, find a colour when the music stops)</p>		



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Theme: Counting/ Numbers

Vocabulary		Books
Word	Description & Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Three little pigs ✓ 10 in the bed ✓ My Granny went to the market ✓ One duck stuck ✓ We all went on safari ✓ Handa's hen ✓ Hippos Go Beserk
one	Show one finger/ object/ spot etc	
two	Show two fingers/ objects/ spots etc	
three	Count three fingers/ objects/ spots etc	
four	Count four fingers/ objects/ spots etc	
five	Count five fingers/ objects/ spots etc	
		Songs/ Rhymes
Challenge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ✓ 1, 2 buckle my shoe ✓ Baa, baa black sheep ✓ 5 little peas ✓ 2 little dickie birds ✓ Hickory dickory dock ✓ Mr crocodile ✓ 5 little ducks ✓ 5 speckled frogs ✓ 5 currant buns ✓ 5 little men ✓ 5 little monkeys
more	Greater amount	
less	Smaller amount	
lots	Large amount	
few	Small amount	
fewer	Smaller amount	
		<p>You could try...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counting pom poms into cake cases Placing Cheerios on lines of numeral Counting beads on strings Posting lids into number slots Making towers with numbers of blocks Make a counting tray Roll and count (spotted dice)



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Theme: Body Parts

Vocabulary

Word	Description & Information
arm	x2 from body to hand Help us walk, run, balance
hand	x2 hands at bottom of each arm Help us hold When dirty- wash When cold- wear gloves/ mittens (Some have 1, some have none...)
finger	x5 on each hand, Tommy thumb, Peter pointer, Toby tall, Ruby ring, Baby small
leg	x2 from body to feet Help us move (walk, hop, jump) When tired- sit (If they don't work use wheelchair, walking frame, crutches) (Some have 1, some have none...)
foot	x2 at bottom of legs Help us stand & move
toes	x5 toes on each foot
back	Rear surface of body
tummy (stomach)	Front surface of body (Challenge- Tummy button)
head	Upper part of body (separated from body by neck)
face	Front part of your head
eyes	x2 Colour- blue, green, brown Help us see (If they don't work use cane, guide dog)
nose	x1 Helps us smell
mouth	x1 Helps us talk & eat
ear	X2 Help us hear (If they don't work use hearing aid or signing)
Challenge	
skin	Layer of tissue all over our bodies
eyebrow	Strip of hair above eye
eye lid/ eye lashes	Short, curved hairs growing on the edges of the eyelids Helps to protect the eyes from dust
hair	Fine strands Colour- black, brown, blond, grey, ginger (red) Length- short, long (Challenge- fringe)
neck	Joins head to body
teeth	Hard bony structures in mouth
elbow	Joint in arm Helps us move arm
knee	Joint in leg Helps us move leg
willy	Penis Boys have Helps boys/ men wee
vagina	Girls have Helps girls/ women wee
bottom, bum	At lower part of back Helps us poo

Books

-I can move
-My body
-Why do some people use wheelchairs
-Bodies
-All About Me

Songs/ Rhymes

-Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
-Hokey Cokey

You could try...

Singing Tommy thumb, Heads, shoulders, knees and toes, Happy and you know it (adapt for body part), Shake your sillies out
Looking at body part posters/ in mirrors
Painting with hands + fingers/ feet + toes
Pin the body part
Body part books/ puzzles
Play Simon says (simplified)
Moving in different ways/ dancing



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Theme: Getting Dressed

Vocabulary (Will need objects/ pictures of each of these)	
Word	Description & Information
Coat	Wear on top of clothes when cold
Trousers	Wear on bottom half x2 legs
T shirt/ top	Wear on top half x2 arms
Jumper	Made of wool, knitted, worn in colder weather
Skirt	Wear on bottom half (no legs) (can be worn by all genders)
Dress	One piece covering top/ bottom half of body
Pants/ knickers	Underpants worn under clothing
Socks	x2 worn on feet to keep them warm
Shoes	x2 worn on feet to protect from weather/ objects
Hat	Worn on head In winter to keep warm In summer to protect from sun
Gloves	x2 worn on hands to keep them warm
Scarf	Worn around neck to keep it warm
Challenge	
Sleeve/ leg	Part of clothing covering part of body (arm/ leg)
Hood	Part of clothing covering part of body (head)
Sweatshirt/ Hoodie	Warm sweater worn when relaxing/ exercising (includes hood)
Cardigan	Knitted jumper fastened down the front
Swimming costume/ trunks	Worn for swimming in pool/ sea/ at the beach/ in paddling pool
Slippers	x2 worn on feet indoors home
Trainers	x2 worn on feet for exercising
Wellies	x2 worn on feet in wet weather
Vest	Worn under clothes on upper part of body/ no sleeves
Baby grow	All in one sleep suit for babies
Bib	A piece of cloth or plastic fastened round a child's neck to keep its clothes clean while eating

Books
-My Jumper -Dinosaurs Love Underpants -Rabbit gets ready -Good Morning PB Bear
Songs/ Rhymes
-The Coat Song -On a Cold and Frosty Morning -Clothes Song (sung to Heads Shoulders, Knees & Toes)

You could try...

- Putting on coats/ hats/ gloves/ scarves
- Matching socks/ gloves/ shoes
- Sorting washing by object i.e. pants with pants/ socks with socks
- Sorting clothes by colour
- Sorting clothes by size
- Looking at/ describing different fabrics/ textures (cotton, wool, nylon etc) (Rough, soft, warm etc..)
- Clothes puzzles/ books
- Practise zips/ Velcro/ buttons
- Dress dolls/ bears
- Dressing up
- Pegging clothes on washing line
- Sort buttons (colour/ size)
- Sort winter/ summer hats/ clothes

Challenge:
Investigate special clothes/ uniforms (e.g. police/ doctor/ nurse)



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Theme: Snack time/ Kitchen/ Food

Vocabulary	
Word	Description & Information
cup	Container for drinking from
plate	Flat dish for holding food
jug	Container for pouring liquids
spoon	Tool to scoop food
milk	White liquid to drink (from cows)
water	Transparent liquid to drink
fruit	Food with seeds
apple	Round fruit, green or red in colour
orange	Round fruit, orange in colour
banana	Long fruit, yellow in colour
grape	Small green or red coloured fruit
strawberry	Small, sweet red fruit with seeds
raspberry	Small, sweet red fruit
breadstick	Long, thin, crisp piece of baked dough
cooker/ oven	Used to cook food
fork	Used to spear food
fridge	Used to keep food fresh/ not frozen
kettle	Used to boil water (for tea/ coffee)
knife	Used to cut food
saucepan	Pan used to cook food
sink	Used to wash hands/ cutlery/ crockery
toaster	Used to cook bread
Challenge	
plum	Small purple fruit
kiwi	Small green fruit
pineapple	Sweet, yellow flesh, spiky leaves
melon	Sweet round fruit (yellow/ orange flesh)
watermelon	Sweet red flesh fruit
microwave	Used to heat food quickly
freezer	Used to store food at low temperature/ frozen
pots and pans	Food is put in these to cook
teapot	Used to make tea
tumble drier	Used to dry clothes
washing machine	Used to wash clothes

Books
✓ Little mouse and the red ripe strawberry
✓ The big hungry bear
✓ The very hungry caterpillar
✓ Orange, pear, apple bear
✓ 10 red apples
Children's cookery books
✓ Today is Monday
✓ Let's pretend we are at home
Songs/ Rhymes
✓ Oranges and lemons
✓ Old Mother Hubbard

You could try...

- Touching real fruits
- Cutting real fruits
- Tasting a range of unusual fruits
- Using fruit in home corner
- Making a fruit salad
- Looking at seeds
- Role play kitchen
- Learning kitchen action words e.g. mixing, kneading, spreading, peeling, chopping by doing them
- Sorting objects from the kitchen
- Making simple recipes e.g. sandwiches, toast
- Sorting foods by colour
- Talk about the dangers



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Theme: Opposites

Vocabulary (Will need objects/ pictures of each of these)	
Word	Description & Information
big	Large in size
little	Small in size
fast	High speed
slow	Low speed
full	Containing or holding as much or as many as possible
empty	Containing nothing/ not filled
in	Inside a container, place or area
out	Away from the inside or centre
clean	Free from dirt
dirty	Covered or marked with an unclean substance
happy	Feeling or showing pleasure
sad	Feeling or showing sorrow
Challenge	
on	Physically in contact with by a surface/ into operation
off	Away from the surface/ not operating
up	At a higher level
down	At a lower level
light	A type of energy that makes it possible for us to see the world around us
dark	Little or no light
loud	Much noise/ great volume
quiet	Little or no noise
hard	Solid/ rigid
soft	Easy to mould, cut, press, or fold
rough	Uneven surface
smooth	Even surface
hot	High temperature
cold	Low temperature
long	Great distance between two points
short	Small distance between two points

Books
-My first opposites -What's Up Duck? -Little and Big -Hard and Soft -Busy as a Bee
Songs/ Rhymes
Hokey Cokey

You could try...

Using Kit & Pup resources on CBeebies

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/kit-and-pup-world-of-opposites-game>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/kit-and-pup-song>

Trying on & sorting clothes (adult/ child)

Moving in different ways (running/ creeping)

Filling/ emptying containers (beans/ sequins/ buttons)

Using boxes + a range of small world toys (to place in different positions)

Messy play (shaving foam/ paint)

Happy/ sad paper plate faces

Using a range of electronic cause and effect toys

Making a den & using torches/ light up toys

Using a range of noise makers (pots/ pans/ spoons/ instruments)

Exploring a range of textures (sensory tray)

Comparing a cold/ warm drink

Challenge:

Drawing around adult/ drawing around child

Matching opposites



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Theme: My home

Vocabulary		Books
Word	Description & Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Can't You Sleep Little Bear? ✓ I don't want to go to bed! ✓ Go to bed! ✓ Goodnight Moon ✓ 10 in the bed ✓ Let's pretend we are at home ✓ Goldilocks and the Three Bears
kitchen	Place where food is prepared	
bedroom	Place where we go to bed	
bathroom	Place where we wash and go to the toilet	
living room	Place where we relax	
dining room	Place where we eat	
garden	Place outside for plants/ play	
bed	Place to sleep	
chest of drawers	Place to store clothes	
door	Closes entrance to room	
light	Turned on to see in the dark	
pillow	Soft place to rest head when sleeping	
teddy	Soft toy to cuddle when sleeping	
toys	Things to play with	
wardrobe	Place to hang clothes/ store things	
window	Opening with glass to look out of/ let light in	
armchair	Soft seat for one person	
coffee table	Place to put things on	
sofa/ settee	Soft seat for more than one person	
shelves	Place to store or display objects	
lamp	Sits on table/ shelf and gives light when switched on	
television	Watch visual images	
Challenge		Songs/ Rhymes
bedside table	Small cupboard next to bed for storage/ place to put book or drink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Twinkl, Twinkl ✓ This is the way we go to bed ✓ Rock-a-bye baby ✓ Golden slumbers ✓ Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear ✓ Star light, star bright ✓ 10 in the bed
brush	Used on hair to look nice/ remove knots	
cot	Place where babies sleep	
curtains	Covering for window to block out the light	
duvet/ quilt cover	Warm cover on a bed	
lamp	Sits on table/ shelf and gives light when on	
mobile	Decoration over a cot	
nightlight	Light kept on out night to be able to see in the dark	
rug	Placed on floor for warm/ decoration	
blanket	Fabric used to keep warm	
bookshelf	Place to keep books	
curtains	Covering for window to block out the light	
fire	Lit to keep warm	
picture	Painting or drawing	
photographs	picture made using a camera	
remote control	Used to control television	
stool	Used to put feet on when sitting	
newspaper	Paper with information adults read to find out what's going on	
magazine	Made of paper with pictures, information and stories	

You could try...

Role play bedroom/ Sorting bedroom items/ Using dolls house & furniture/ Making a mobile
Putting teddy to bed activity/ Dark tent + exploring lights/ Watch Cbeebies bedtime stories e.g.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bs3xxx/cbeebies-bedtime-stories-662-rob-delaney-ten-in-the-bed> Role play living room/ Sorting items by room/ Making a den with blankets/ cushions

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCs0P8DoyYg>



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Theme: Animals

Vocabulary	
Word	Description & Information
cat	4 legs, 2 ears, whiskers, tail, hair, meow, live young
dog	4 legs, 2 ears, whiskers, tail, fur, bark, live young
guinea pig	short legs, small ears, no tail, squeak
rabbit	long back legs, short front legs, large eyes, long ears, fur
hamster	thick-silky fur, short tails, small ears, short legs, wide feet and large eyes
bird	A warm-blooded egg-laying animal distinguished by the possession of feathers, wings, a beak, and typically able to fly
pig	An omnivorous domesticated hoofed animal with sparse bristly hair and a flat snout for rooting in the soil, kept for its meat
cow	A fully grown female animal kept to produce milk or beef
sheep	A domesticated animal with a thick woolly coat. It is kept in flocks for its wool or meat
goat	A domesticated animal kept for milk, wool or meat
elephant	A large plant-eating animal with a trunk and large ears. It is the largest living land animal
giraffe	A large animal with a very long neck and forelegs. It is the tallest living animal
monkey	A monkey has fur, a tail, and hands and feet for gripping, which lives in trees and on the ground
fish	A limbless animal with gills and fins living in water
shark	An animal which lives in the ocean and has sharp teeth

Books
✓ Six Dinner Sid
✓ Hairy McLary
✓ Three Little Pigs
✓ Billy Goats Gruff
✓ Goldilocks and the Three Bears
✓ Shark in the Park
✓ Dear Zoo

Challenge	
tortoise	hard-protective shell, live on land, lay eggs
bird	2 legs, 2 wings, beak, lay eggs
goat	Hardy domesticated mammal that has a beard. It is kept for its milk and meat
duck	A waterbird with a broad blunt bill, short legs, webbed feet, and a waddling gait
chicken	Domestic fowl kept for its eggs or meat
lion	A large tawny-coloured cat that lives in prides, found in Africa and north-western India. The male has a flowing shaggy mane. Hunting is done by females
tiger	A very large solitary cat with an orange coat striped with black, native to the forests of Asia

Songs/ Rhymes
✓ Pussy Cat, pussy cat
✓ Old MacDonald
✓ <i>Daddy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow</i>
✓ Down in the Jungle
✓ 5 Little Monkeys
✓ Baby Shark
✓ Little Peter Rabbit
✓ Sleeping Bunnies

You could try...
 Small world scenarios
 Sorting animals by where they live (land/ water or farm/ wild)
 Looking at and making patterns
 Role playing animals at home



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Theme: Transport

Vocabulary		Books
Word	Description & Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Car, car, truck, jeep ✓ Rattletrap Car ✓ Duck in a Truck
car	A four-wheeled road vehicle that is powered by an engine and is able to carry a small number of people.	
scooter	A child's toy consisting of a footboard mounted on two wheels and a long steering handle, propelled by resting one foot on the footboard and pushing the other against the ground.	
bike	A vehicle consisting of two wheels held in a frame one behind the other, propelled by pedals and steered with handlebars attached to the front wheel.	
train	A train is a long vehicle made of connected cars that travels on railway tracks to move people or goods from one place to another.	
boat	A boat floats and carries people on water	
aeroplane	An aeroplane flies and carries people through the sky	
Challenge		Songs/ Rhymes
bus	A large motor vehicle carrying passengers by road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wheels on the Bus ✓ Row, Row, Row your Boat ✓ Driving along...
lorry (van)	A large, heavy motor vehicle for transporting goods.	
tractor	A tractor helps the farmer on the farm by digging the soil and moving heavy loads	
<p>You could try...</p> <p>Small world scenarios; Making a train track; cars and garage (add numbered parking spaces)</p> <p>Role play garage</p> <p>Taking turns with click, clack cars</p> <p>Using Beebots</p> <p>Making tracks in paint/ sand</p>		



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Theme: Shape

Vocabulary		Books
Word	Description & Information	✓ Colours and Shapes
circle	A 2d shape that is made up of a curved line. It's round, and all points on the curved line are an equal distance from the centre point.	
triangle	A 2d shape with three straight sides and three angles	
square	A 2d shape with four equal straight sides and four right angles	
Challenge		Songs/ Rhymes
rectangle	A 2d figure with four straight sides and four right angles, especially one with two long sides and two short sides	✓
side	A line that forms part of a shape	
corner	Where to sides meet	
You could try... Printing with shapes Cutting out playdough shapes Making puzzles Fitting shapes together		