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# Provision Rotation System

A sustainable half-term plan

## The honest problem

The classic EYFS burnout: every week the team feels they should completely refresh every area with new themed enhancements, beautifully presented, in line with whatever theme the school is running. Within 4 weeks, everyone is exhausted. This system solves it. Different areas refresh at different rhythms. Some weekly, some fortnightly, some termly. The thinking is done once at the start of the half term, then rolled out predictably. The goal: children always meet something new each week, but staff aren't producing 12 new enhancements in a Sunday-evening panic.

## Refresh rhythm by area

Area	Refresh rhythm	Why
Mark Making	Weekly	Children habituate fast. Different paper, different prompt, different audience
Role Play	Fortnightly	Theme can carry 2 weeks. New theme = real shift in vocabulary and play
Investigation	Weekly	Whole point is novelty. Single tray of one curiosity
Maths	Weekly	Tied to current focus skill (counting, shapes, pattern, etc.)
Small World	Fortnightly	Set up a world, let children develop it for 2 weeks



Area	Refresh rhythm	Why
Fine Motor	Fortnightly	Same skill (e.g. pincer) different resource (tweezers, pegs, threading)
Construction	Termly with weekly add-ons	Core blocks stay; weekly add a card challenge or photo prompt
Sand / Water	Termly with weekly add-ons	Core resources stay; weekly add a tool, container or prompt
Books	Half-termly	Refresh the displayed-out books with the new theme; rotation across year ensures variety
Creative	Termly with weekly add-ons	Core open-ended materials stay; weekly invitation card adds focus
Outdoor	Half-termly	Big setup; weekly maintenance

## The 'half-term plan' approach

BEFORE half term starts (one Sunday afternoon, or a staff meeting): 1. List the 7 weeks (allow for one term of 7 weeks; adjust for shorter terms). 2. For each WEEKLY area, sketch what each week will look like — just a phrase per week. 3. For each FORTNIGHTLY area, sketch the two cycles. 4. For TERMLY areas, decide the core setup and the 7 weekly 'enhancements'. 5. Pin the plan on the staffroom wall. During the half-term, you don't re-plan. You DELIVER the plan. Tweak based on observation tracker findings. At end of half-term, 30 minutes to review what worked, then plan the next 7 weeks.

### Worked example — autumn 1 (7 weeks)

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### Hooking back to interests

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