

TITLE: Around The World

YEAR 2- Bay Class
Spring 1 2024-2025

FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES -

- (1) Broad, relevant and balanced-Local, Mainland, Global
- (2) Valuing all children, learning is accessible to all
- (3) Promotes independence and curiosity



KEY AREA OF LEARNING - GEOGRAPHY

Our key area of learning for Spring 1 half term will be Geography.

We will be naming and locating the world's seven continents and five oceans. Closer to home in the United Kingdom, we will study the four countries of the UK. We will continue to build on our knowledge of Physical and Human geographical features by using maps, atlases, aerial photographs and globes.

For our History we will learn all about The Great Fire of London.

SCIENCE

Our half term topics begin with Plants. The children are going to observe and investigate what plants need to help them grow and stay healthy. With a focus on light and dark.

We move on to learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. Local area habitats and world habitats

ENGLISH

Our focus texts for the Spring term include Bear, Little Brother by Carl Norac. We will write diary entries and think about contractions and writing in different tenses.

We will also be using A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. We are going to use this to write descriptions for the characters and the settings. We are using the CBeebies play version and a story version of the text.

MATHS

For this term, we will be consolidating our addition and subtractions skills and apply them to two-digit calculations. We will then progress onto Multiplication and Division. The children will be learning how to multiply and divide and strategies to solve problems. We will also be learning about length and height before moving onto mass, capacity and temperature.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework will start in homework books with spelling every week and alternate weeks of an English or Maths task.

All the homework relates to learning we have been doing in class that week.

We will hand out homework on a Friday and it will be due in the following Friday

COMPUTING

The children will be using technology to create music and digital sounds. We will also be using the computers to organize and group data by using pictogram and data software

PE

We will continue to practise our sports skills. We will be working on fundamental movement and co-ordination skills. We will look at a variety of games to help us practise these skills.

We also have a specialist dance teacher in this half term who will be teaching the children dance.

PHONICS/SPELLING

Daily phonics will continue and moving onto looking at different ways to spell sounds and words.

We will continue to review and consolidate previous graphemes and common exception words so the children are confident with them in their reading and writing.

PSHE/SMSC

The children will be thinking about and discussing our school values and setting ourselves some goals. The children will also be looking at relationships and how they belong to our community.

Forest School continues with Miss Gates. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit for the weather including waterproof trousers and their wellies.

TRIPS/VISITORS

We are planning on welcoming a local chef come and help create some food from around the world with the children.

ART

In Art we are focusing on working with clay. We will study the British sculptor Barbara Hepworth and create our own sculptures.

DT

Our Design and Technology for Spring 1 will focus on cooking and nutrition. We will learn about eating healthily and link our learning to food from around the world. Our visitors will help us to develop our technical skills too.

MUSIC

Musical Me is the focus for this half term. We will be clapping the rhythm of our names and singing melodies correctly. We continue to develop our understanding of musical notation and composing our own simple pieces of music.

RE

Our first half term RE focus is the concept of Remembering.

We will be using the Hindu religion to help us learn looking at Holi in particular.

Next half term we will be learning about the concept of Sadness to Happiness through the theme of the Easter Story.