



TITLE: My Island!

YEAR 2- Bay Class, Sky Class
Autumn Term 2026

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/HISTORY

MY ISLAND: The children will use maps and atlases to identify significant countries. They will start locally with the Island, asking the question 'Why do we have forests?' moving onto the UK before locating the world's seven continents and five oceans. The children will also explore the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. They will then use their knowledge to understand geographical similarities and differences through contrasting the IOW with another country. Our big History question is: 'Why do we have forts and castles on the IOW?'.

SCIENCE

This term we focus on *Animals' Needs for Survival*. The children will find out how habitats provide the basic needs for different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other. They will explore how to classify animals and learn about basic human development. They will also describe a simple food chain and learn how animals obtain their food from other plants and animals. We will move on to studying Materials and in particular plastic and its impact on our world and environment. With this in mind we are planning on carrying out a litter pick in our local area.

ENGLISH

Our Reading and Writing Journeys in Year Two are closely linked to the wider curriculum and cover a range of genres and subject matter:
READING: All Are Welcome – Alexandra Penfold
 Lunchbox: The Story of Your Food – Chris Butterworth
 Out and About – Shirley Hughes poetry
 Traditional Tales linked to Christmas.
WRITING: The Day the Crayons Quit – Drew Daywalt
 TRIP recount – write about our local area trip
 Traditional Tales linked to Christmas

MATHS

We are following the 'Mastering Number' programme which gives the children strong and positive Maths foundations and will enable them to build on their learning in greater depth and with confidence. The Autumn Term covers the following:
Doubling to 10, composition of 20, known facts, + and - within 20, adding 3 numbers, add 2 numbers bridging 10, missing number additions, subtracting bridging 10, count in 10s, parts/wholes, reasoning about bonds to 20.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework will be coming home once the children have settled in. There will be reading of course and spellings. We will consolidate learning completed in school and introduce new learning. Please continue to read with your child as often as possible.

COMPUTING

We will revisit e-safety and staying safe online. The children will then learn about Information Technology around us. They will identify and explore IT in school and home and look closely at uses of IT in places of work like shops. We move on to Digital Photography using the iPads.

P.E.

The children will be developing and practising their multi-skills and games skills. If it is dry P.E will be outside so please make sure your child has an appropriate outdoor P.E Kit of tracksuit bottoms, top and trainers.

Phonics/Spelling

Daily phonics/Spelling will continue and the children will move 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 friendships and kindness to others. They will also think about themselves, family and change. Forest School continues with Mr McCarty. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit for the weather.

TRIPS/VISITORS

We are planning on taking an autumn walk in our local environment this term and we hope to welcome visitors who can help us to learn about our area. If you have any expertise related to our Topic and would like to visit us please let us know!

ART

Through our Art the children are going to develop their collage skills. They will study the collage artist Maria Rivans and then move onto textiles where they will study Mandy Bangerter; using a range of materials and appropriate tools.

DT

This term the children will build an IOW landmark – the windmill or castle. They will design, make and evaluate their product. We will move on to create their own stuffed toy linked to Christmas and their artist study for Autumn ii.

MUSIC

In music this term the children are going to be travelling around the world! They will be listening to different styles of music and then creating their own rhythms based on the style of music they have experienced. The children will also learn about orchestral instruments and compose a simple piece of their own music.

RE

Our first half term RE focus is the concept of Special through the theme of Special Places with particular focus on Hindu Mandirs. Next half term we will be learning about the concept of Waiting through Advent leading up to our Christmas learning and celebrations.