



TITLE : Home and Away

YEAR 2- Sky Class

Spring 2020-2021

FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES

1. Broad, relevant and balanced-Local, Mainland, Global
2. Promotes independence and curiosity
3. Valuing all learning is accessible to all
4. Coherent learning links and pathways



KEY AREA OF LEARNING - GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

Our key area of learning this term will be Geography.

We are going to be using maps and atlases to identify significant countries around the world. We will be starting locally with the Island, and then moving onto the UK before naming and locating the world's seven continents and five oceans. We will locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. We will use our knowledge of places around the world to understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of the Isle of Wight, and a contrasting country. We have chosen Australia as the children will be able to make some good comparisons to be made. We will identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. In history, we will identify famous landmarks around the UK and find out about their history.

SCIENCE

This term we will be learning about all living things and their habitats before we move onto plants after half term. The children will be finding out all about different habitats and what might live in them. They will find out how habitats provide the basic needs for different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other. When the children move onto plants they will observe and investigate how plants grow and what they need to grow and stay healthy.

ENGLISH

Our focus texts for the first half of the Spring term is Big Bear, Little Brother by Carl Norac. We will use it as inspiration to write a diary entry. We will think about contractions and writing in the past and present tense. The book also has some great reading comprehension links especially when discussing the characters and making inferences on what is being said and done.

For the second half term, we will be using The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers. This book has wonderful illustrations so again leads itself to some good comprehension tasks. We are going to use the story to write a newspaper report before moving on to writing a story based on it.

MATHS

For this term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division, again recapping previous strategies to ensure we have a good understanding. We will use a variety of ways to represent multiplication and division including using practical resources and pictorial methods such as arrays. Another area we are focusing on this half term is fractions. We will be learning about fractions of shape and numbers and work out how to find a fraction of a number.

We will then also learn about statistics, geometry and measurements.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework will continue in their homework books with spelling every week and alternate weeks of an English task or a maths task.

All the homework relates to learning we have been doing in that week. We will continue to hand out homework on a Friday and it will be due in the following Wednesday.

COMPUTING

As with every half term, we will continue to learn about e-safety and staying safe online. The children will then learn about how data is represented in charts and use the computers to create their own before we move onto investigating how to combine text and images by choosing and using different fonts and changing the size of pictures. The children will then use the i-Pads to create an animation.

PE

Still taking the Covid-19 guidelines and precautions in place, we will continue to practise our sports skills. We will be working on game and athletics skills. If it is dry, the children WILL be going outside for PE so please make sure they have an appropriate outdoor PE Kit. We will continue doing weekly forest school sessions. Please remember that the children need

Phonics

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

For our PSHE this half term our learning focuses on the themes of Going for Goals. Through this, we will think about the choices we make and planning goals and how to reach them. This also links into our School value of Determination. Next half term our learning focus is good to be me where we will be discussing and finding out about ourselves and how we can communicate how we feel and how we might deal with those emotions. This links in with our school value of Respect.

TRIPS/VISITORS

Unfortunately, we cannot go on trips or have visitors in school at the moment. As soon as we can, we will get a trip organized.

ART

We are going to use our Island as our inspiration. We will find out about a local artist who uses collage. Using this as a starting point, we will create our own collages of the Isle of Wight. Then to link in with our Geography we are going to look at famous landmarks and sculptures in the UK and Australia, then using clay recreate one of them!

DT

In DT, the children are going to design and make a lighthouse. They are going to think about what they are going to make it from and how they will put it together. They will then evaluate what they have made and think about what they might change next time

MUSIC

In music this term, we are focusing on our vocal and instrumental skills. We will start with vocal skills and some traditional songs and nursery rhymes from around the UK and the world singing them with expression. We will then follow on with using musical instruments to play one of the songs. The children will learn how to control the sounds by making them louder, softer, faster, or slower.

RE

Our first half term RE focus is the concept of Change, through the theme of People Jesus Met. This looks at how people make choices in their lives. Next half term we will be learning about the concept of Sadness to Happiness through the theme of the Easter Story.