



TITLE: My Island!



**YEAR 2- Bay Class, Sky Class
Autumn Term 2024**

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

Our focus this term is Geography. The children will use maps and atlases to identify significant countries. They will start locally with the Island, 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. In our History, we will find out about our local history and the history of the West Wight.

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

ENGLISH

We start Year Two reading **Here We Are** by Oliver Jeffers. This book has amazing illustrations and links to our values that will inspire the children's writing and develop their comprehension skills. Our next focus text will be **'The Day the Crayons Quit'** by Drew Daywalt. The children will be learning how to write letters; identifying features and uses before writing their own letters. The children will also use our daily poems to write their own and learn some by heart. After half term the children will be reading and exploring some mixed-up fairy tales and alternative traditional tales. They will then write their own mixed-up traditional tale!

MATHS

This term we will focus on numbers to 100: counting forwards and backwards, place value and calculation skills. The children will be practicing and developing their number skills and number facts to help them become fluent with their addition and subtraction strategies. We will then move onto addition and subtraction of two, two-digit numbers which will consolidate and strengthen the children's place value and number fact knowledge.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework will be coming home once the children have settled in. There will be reading and a variety of home tasks that you may like to do with your child to enhance their learning at home. These are not compulsory and there will be a few different activities.

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 then move on to looking closely at uses of IT in places of work like shops.

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 for when the weather turns colder.

Phonics

Daily phonics 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 and identify actions that are right and wrong. Forest School continues with Miss Gates. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit for the weather.

TRIPS/VISITOR

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 drawing skills. They will explore shading, lines, patterns and shapes as well as using different surfaces to draw on. They will explore collage and then move onto Sculptures where they will use clay and appropriate tools.

DT

This term our DT is creating a landmark from the UK. The children will need to decide how they are going to make it and think about the materials they will use. We will also be inviting you in to take part in a DT afternoon where we will create things for Christmas!

MUSIC

In music this term the children are going to be travelling around the UK, using the British Isles as our inspiration. We will be thinking about the sounds we hear and how to use music to recreate them. The children will be using tuned and untuned instruments as well as using body percussion.

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.