

TITLE: AROUND THE WORLD

YEAR 2- Bay Class
Spring 1 2025 - 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

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.

Bay Class will also learn about *The Great Fire of London* in History

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 - this links very closely to our status as an Ocean Friendly School.

ENGLISH

Our focus texts for the Spring term include Frozen Planet as our Non-Fiction text. We will write a fact file about the Arctic and Polar Bears. Bear, Little Brother by Carl Norac. We will write diary entries and think about contractions and writing in different tenses.

Mole's sunrise by Jeanne Willis. This beautiful text will help when writing descriptions and similes. We will improve our noun phrases as well as cleverly linking reading to art.

MATHS

For this term, we will be completing and applying our addition and subtraction skills before moving onto the main focus this term of 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 continue 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 continue to hand out homework on a Friday and it will be due in the following Friday

COMPUTING

As with every half term, we will continue to learn about e-safety and staying safe online. The children will be presenting data and then using technology and programming language to learn about simple programming. They will design instructions and control floor robots.

P.E.

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.

P.E. is on Mondays and Tuesdays and the P.E. kit is a blue t-shirt with black shorts or jogging bottoms for sport outside.

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 is with Mr McCarty. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit for the weather including waterproof trousers and their wellies. Our Forest School days are every other Wednesday

TRIPS/VISITORS

We are planning on welcoming a local chef to cook some dishes from around the world with the children - look out for your invitation (and some delicious treats).

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.

R.E.

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*.