



Reception Spring Term 1 Curriculum Map Topic: Around the World



Phonics

This half term we will be beginning to learn our phase 3 sounds and consolidating our phase 2 learning. We use Pearson's Bug Club Phonics to do this. Within these lessons we will practice our letter formation, blend sounds together to read words and write dictated sentences.

English/ Communication and Language

Most of our English is covered in our phonics lesson. To coincide with our topic we will have core texts that we will explore. These will include 'Martha Maps it out', 'Look Up', 'Maisy's Chinese New Year' and 'I am Henry Finch'. We will also be reading many other stories, poetry and rhymes together. We will be continuing to focus of our listening skills and our comprehension of stories. We will be continuing to develop our letter formation, writing CVC words and continue to develop on phonetical awareness.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on subitising to 5 with a focus on die patterns, the composition of 5, ordering numbers and looking at numbers 6 and 7 in a 'five and a bit' structure.

Music (Expressive Arts)

In their first unit 'Up and down', we will sing songs in steps, using accompanying actions, and will go on to compose new lyrics and play simple melodies on pitched instruments. Their second unit 'Five Bumble bees', we will learn to sing a song in call-and-response, and there are opportunities for adding percussion and creating minibeast soundscapes.

PSHE

Both Mrs Mason and Miss Hole will be teaching us PSHE. This half terms topic is all about 'Keeping Safe'. We will be discussing how to stay safe, people how help to keep us safe, what is safe to go onto and in our bodies and how to stay safe online. We will be continuing to explore our feelings, learning different ways we can manage our emotions and develop our independence.

Understanding the World

Around the World - We will be starting from places we know; our houses, our street our school and looking outwards to our country, our continent and the world. We will be exploring maps, looking at different countries and exploring different cultures.

Space - We will further learning about the world to thinking **beyond it!** We will be exploring light and dark, the moon, astronauts and looking at the planets.

Chinese New Year - We will be learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and comparing this to different celebrations from around the world.

Physical Development

In our PE sessions we will be focusing on the different ways we can move our bodies through gymnastics.

We will be also be focussing on using a comfortable pencil grip with good control, being healthy, moving with balance and control, negotiating space and making recognisable letter shapes.

RE

Within RE we will be looking at how people celebrate the New Year. We will think about how we celebrate and compare that to celebrations from around the world.

Art and DT (Expressive Arts)

This half term we will be doing DT. We will be exploring healthy eating and using different skills to make a range of foods, including biscuits, fruit salad and sandwiches.

How you can support at home

Each week your child will come home with a reading book for them to read to you, please sit with your child and support them in sounding out and blending the words as well as discussing the story. They will also bring a sharing book, this is for you to read to your child and enjoy together. The flashcards with the sounds and CVC words we have learnt so far are great for playing lots of games, maybe you can take turns being the teacher or hide them around the house and try to find them. We add sounds to them as we learn them so please ensure they are put back in their book bags along with their books so we can update them.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting half term!

