



All Around the World

Year 1 Summer B 2021

For our final topic of the year, we are going on our travels (virtually) around the world! We have made a great start this week, exploring both local and London landmarks and learning about the village, town and city in our area.

English

This week, we have read the story of the Queen's Hat which flies off her head – whoosh! – and travels around London. Next week, we are going to write our own stories about another item (paper plane, beach ball, kite, etc.) that flies off from Purbrook and has an adventure around Portsmouth. The children are developing real stamina in their writing now and our stories are becoming more interesting for the reader as we think about the words we choose. Later in the half term, we will be focusing on non-fiction texts, identifying the features within them and finally writing our own book of facts about our world.

Vocabulary

Through our topic the children will be learning some new words: marvellous, country, village, town, continent, courageous, and confident. Talking about these words at home will help your child consolidate their new learning.

Maths

We are continuing to consolidate the key skills the children need to be ready to succeed in Year 2 which we shared in the last curriculum report. We are particularly focusing on these skills:

1. Using calculation strategies efficiently to calculate – for example recognising that $10-4$ is a tens fact because the children know that $6 + 4 = 10$ or $9+9$ is a double, which we have learnt. If you can practise just 2 minutes a day adding and subtracting numbers to 10, ensuring your child is not relying on their fingers, this will really support their progress
2. Positioning numbers on an unmarked number line, using their knowledge of where numbers fall in the counting sequence
3. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s; counting groups of 2, 5 or 10 objects efficiently and identifying how many groups of 10 are needed to make 70 by counting the 10s. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home will help your child to calculate confidently.
4. Finding a $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shape or quantity by sharing accurately.

Geography

Our topic has a strong geographical focus this term. The children will be learning to identify, locate and describe characteristics of the countries in the United Kingdom. Later in the term we will be learning about the continents of the world, identifying some of the oceans and exploring how life is different around the world.

PSHE

This half term, our PSHE will be focused around discussing feelings, particularly around how change makes us feel. This will support the children as they transition into Year 2 in September.

Science

We are going to be learning about how pushes and pulls make objects move. The children will use their investigative skills to see how they can move an object faster, slower or further according to the size of the force or surface.

Music

The children have had their first music lesson with Hampshire Music Service this week. They are learning to play the ukulele, and really enjoyed their first lesson. They will have the opportunity to continue this as a lunchtime club in Year 2 – you will receive details about this later this term.

Computing

Earlier this week the children used Google Earth to explore our world, visiting the landmarks from the story of the Queen's Hat and some closer to home too. We are also going to be learning to use a computer to type and format text.

Home Learning Challenge

Draw, write or make a collage about a place you have visited or wish you could visit. It can be real or imaginary – it really doesn't matter! We would love to share your ideas in class – bring it in your book bag but don't forget to tell your teacher it's there!