

# Journey Around the Globe

Year 2

Terms 5 and 6

## Geography

We will be identifying natural and man-made features at the seaside such as cliff, rock and harbour.

Through the theme 'Journey Around the Globe', we will look at the contrasting environments around the world of cities, savannahs, deserts, jungles and coastal regions. We will be investigating types of animals and plants that live there.

We will look at Madagascar and Australia with a more detailed focus. We will identify and locate the seven continents and five oceans around the world.

## Topic Vocabulary:

*globe  
continents  
oceans  
country  
island  
river  
mountain  
north / south  
east / west*

## Music

We will be using a wide range of percussion instruments and our voices to perform to an audience. We will be focusing on musical terms we have learned; dynamics, rhythm, beat and pulse. We will be learning songs to sing at the end of term performance.

## History

We will learn about how the Great Fire of London changed our capital city and investigate what made the fire spread so rapidly. We will also look at the popularity and development of seaside holidays from Victorian times to the present day. We will be discussing the life of Grace Darling.

## PSHE

We will be investigating the effects that the media has on our lives and how it makes us feel. Through our whole school theme 'Sun Smart', we will be learning how to keep safe this summer.

## RE

We will continue learning about the religion of Islam and studying how Muslims live. We will continue studying the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam, comparing special books, places of worship, stories, and celebrations and recognise that different religions have different beliefs.

## PE

We will be composing dances using a variety of music as a stimulus. We will be practising athletics to improve our fitness, stamina and co-ordination in preparation for Sport's Day.

## Science

We will be learning about how medicines affect our bodies and how we can live a healthy lifestyle through healthy food and exercise.

We will investigate variation in animals including humans. We will also look at classification in the animal kingdom and learn about features which affect the growth of plants around the world.

## Computing

We will be using the I-pads with increasing skill in word processing and drawing programs. We will continue to learn about how to find information on the internet and also how to stay safe while we do this.

We will create our own folders to be able to save and edit our own work. We will continue to use 'beebots' and programme simple algorithms to send them on planned routes around the World map.

## Mathematics

We will continue to develop a greater understanding of our number system through counting, partitioning, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will further develop the strategies which we can apply to solving problems in all areas of Maths.

We will continue to develop our data handling skills and use money and measure in increasing amounts.

We will be trying hard to memorise our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

## Art

We will be using our theme of 'Journey Around the Globe' to produce prints, mobiles, pictures and collages using a variety of materials and experimenting with different techniques. We will evaluate our art work and discuss ways to improve our sense of colour and design.

## English

As we continue to improve our writing, reading and comprehension skills we will look at stories from different cultures, poetry and non-fiction texts.

Good spelling, punctuation, grammar and joined handwriting will continue to be a focus as we extend the vocabulary, content and presentation of our written work.

We will also learn about play scripts and how to present a drama as we prepare for our end of term performance.

*Topic Books you may want to share with your child:*

**The Lighthouse Keeper  
Stories**

**The Night Pirates  
The Pirates Next Door**

*You can help your child by...*

- \* Listening to them read on a regular basis and encouraging them to read a wide variety of texts.
- \* Helping with spellings.
- \* Helping to count in steps of 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's.
- \* Help them to look for information on the internet and in books.
- \* Log in to Purple Mash to access a variety of activities.
- \* Log in to 'Go Noodle' and complete a 'Coalway Blast' challenge.