

During this half term we will be focusing on different countries from around the world. We will be learning about India, Australia, China and Kenya. Each week our learning will be linked to a different country or festival.

We will be starting with Arts week where our theme will be 'The Carnival of Animals'. We will be enjoying lots of art, music and dance-based activities.

Topic Day – Around the World.

We will be having our Around the World Day on

Friday 28th November

Children are invited to come dressed in a national costume of clothes linked to a country of the world.
More details to follow.

We need you!

We would love to find out more about other countries and cultures from around the world. If you would like to share information with Year R about the country that you, or your family are from then we would like to hear from you! If you have any friends or family that might be interested sharing with us too, please pass the message on. You may wish to share by uploading pictures or information to Seesaw. Alternatively, we would really appreciate visits to school to talk to the children about your experiences. Please contact your child's class teacher so we can arrange an appropriate time for you to visit.

Around the World!

Year R

Autumn Term

2nd Half 2025



Seesaw

Don't forget you can log on to seesaw and view your child's learning journey from home. Your child's class teacher updates this weekly. If you need support with your log-in please contact your teacher through the school office. We would love to hear all about the learning experiences your children have with you at home so please feel free to upload these to seesaw at any time.

Show and Tell

Show and tell happens each Friday and pictures can be uploaded via Seesaw.

In this session, the children can talk to their class about something important to them, something they have learnt or linked to our topic. If your child has something to share please put this on seesaw and then your child will have a chance to share this at school.

P.E.

In PE this half term we will be learning about different types of dance from around the world. We will be exploring the different movements we can make and practising these to music. Grasshopper and Caterpillar PE day is **Monday** and Bumblebee and Ladybird PE day is **Wednesday**. Please remember, no earrings on PE day and that all clothes need to be labelled. Your child will need a pair of black shorts and a white t-shirt.

Maths activity at home

This half term, we will be setting a Maths activity via Seesaw for your children to complete. This will be based off the learning they have been doing in Maths that week at school and will be a fun, interactive game. If you need support logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to support you with this.

Helping at home

Thank you for your continued help with learning at home. Please make sure you write in your child's red diary whenever you read their school book or practise their words.

Here are some other ways you could help...

- Practise counting whenever you can in real-life contexts (toys, cutlery, stones, cars etc.). Order the numbers to 20.
- Look for words and numbers that your child recognises when you are out and about.
- Try food from different countries and places around the world.
- Go to the library and see if you can find out a fact about one of our focus countries - make sure you share it with your class!

Vocabulary

This half term in our foundation subject sessions we will be exploring a variety of new vocabulary. Please find below the key vocabulary and definitions we will be working on.

Science –

In Science we will be learning about animals from around the world and will learn how identify these by their appearance and traits. We will talk about why certain animals live in certain habitats and why this is too.

Key vocabulary -

Animal- a living creature that eats plants or meat.

Observation-looking carefully at something and commenting on this.



History –

In History this half term we will be learning about the past and what the past means to us. We will be thinking about how we have changed since we were babies and the differences and similarities. We will be sending a message out to ask adults to upload a baby picture of their children on to Seesaw for these lessons. More information to follow about this.

Key vocabulary -

Past-something that has already happened.

Geography –

In Geography this half term we will be learning about where we live and understanding our local environment. We will then explore further across the UK and then look at other countries. We will explore cities and compare similarities and differences between countries across the world. We will look at world maps to help us understand where we live.

Key vocabulary –

Town- a place within a country where people live and work.

Map-something we can use to travel and get to other places.



R.E –

In R.E (Religious Education) this half term we will be exploring the question 'Which festivals do Christians celebrate?'. We will be sharing what we celebrate, hearing the Christmas story as a festival Christians celebrate and know how and why Christians celebrate Christmas.

Key vocabulary -

Celebrate-a significant or happy event.

Festival-a celebration shared with others to mark an event.



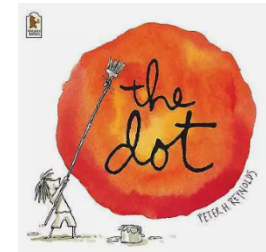
Music-

In Music this half term we will be exploring pitch and timbre within Arts Week. We will use the story 'The dot' as a stimulus and will think about different emotions and how they can be explored through different types of music. We will learn how to listen and respond to a piece of music.

Key vocabulary-

Pitch-how high or low a sound is.

Timbre-the tone or quality of a sound.



Computing –

In Computing this half term, we will be learning about digital literacy and how to take a photograph. We will learn how to hold it steady and then how to review a picture we have taken. We will also learn to use the iPad camera function to scan a QR code too. We will learn about e-safety too and how we can stay safe online.

Key vocabulary -

Camera-a function/app on the iPad to record a still image.

QR code- a special code that you can scan to find something quickly.

