Year 2, Term 1

Around Our School

Programme of study

In this unit, children use investigative tasks to look at their local area. They study the human and physical geography of the local environment and make informed decisions on the strengths and areas for improvement. They locate their local area within the context of England and of the United Kingdom.

End of Year Expectations

Pupils should be taught about:

- name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas
- use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key
- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its . Walk around the local area and record and surrounding environment

Vocabulary

- words related to location address, near, far, travel, journey, routes, Capital city, United Kingdom, country, border
- words related to human geography features, attractive, buildings, offices, church, shop, houses, flats, garage, factory, leisure, playground, park

Learning Intentions

Children should learn:

- To understand that they have an address and to locate this address using Google Maps.
- Complete a survey on modes of travel to school, and to record and make conclusions based on this research.
- Draw a map showing their route to school, including a key
- Describe their route to school
- Recognise where places are within the school and draw these on a simple plan outline.
- Identify human / man-made and physical / natural features of the local area; being able to recognise these in person and on a map/aerial view.
- Understand the purpose of buildings and leisure facilities
- comment on observations
- Comment on what they like and dislike about the local area
- To know what makes somewhere 'nice' or 'nastv'.
- To name the countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities.
- To locate the countries of the United Kingdom on a map.
- Learn about and research key facts about each country.
- Taste and make traditional foods from each country in the UK.