



SUMMER TERM 2 -2020—Curriculum Newsletter YEAR 2

Dear Parents and Carers, thank you for your continued support with learning at home. We will continue to follow government guidance on the return of more pupils to school throughout the Summer Term. In the meantime, we have prepared a Curriculum Newsletter based on learning being at home. We will make any necessary changes to plans if and when we return to school and communicate these through our weekly newsletters.

This half term, our Geography topic is called 'Race Across the World!' and we will be focussing our learning around the key question: *Where could a journey across the world take us?*

Our '**Stunning Start**' to launch our topic will be:

We are going to be finding out our challenge set by Phileas Fogg in the first Geography lesson. He is going to set us a challenge to race him across the world! To get ready, you could make your own model of the world. You could use papier mache and a balloon or draw a picture.

Please see suggested links and conversation topics to help enhance '**Cultural Capital**' below. You could also explore the suggested websites on the next page to find out more about this topic and any other topic that interests you.

A '**Showstopper**' project which you could work towards at the end of the topic could be:

- design your own planet with continents, countries and rivers
- get a map and plan a journey naming places along the way.

Your '**Shared Outcome**' to communicate your 'Showstopper' with others could be posted on the Pinner Wood Facebook page or shared with your teacher on DB Primary.





Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through work set online. Please get in touch with your teacher via DB Primary if you are ever unsure of what to do or do not understand something.

English:

In English, children will be planning and innovating their own story linked to a key text. They will then learn, recite and create their own poems, write diary entries and information texts. Alongside writing activities, there will be weekly reading tasks, reading comprehensions and SPAG activities.

Maths:

In Maths this half term, we will be consolidating multiplication and division skills. This will be followed by looking at measurement, data handling and shape. Please ensure your child is completing the mental maths activity each week on the slides.

Science:

This half term our key question will be 'What do plants need?' Children will begin by observing different types of seeds and drawing what they see. Children will then plant two different types of seed and compare them as they grow. They will record changes in their plants in words and observational drawings to show the growth of the two plants. Children will also set up a comparative experiment to observe what plants need to grow well, and watch the germination process first hand by growing cress. We will also be looking at the lifecycle of flowering plants.

Geography:

This half term we will revisit our knowledge of the seven continents and five oceans. Then we will plan a journey across the world learning about different counties, cities and rivers. We will learn about the compass points and how to use different kinds of maps. Our key questions is 'Where could a journey across the world take us?'

Please also see knowledge organisers (sent via ParentMail and on school website)

• Websites to visit

National Geographic - a specific children's section on the National Geographic Website with games, learning activities and map skills.

Ordnance Survey - a detailed website containing useful information on map skills, symbols including Mapzone an online mapping programme for children!

Google Maps

Science:

A trip to a local park or woodland to identify different types of plants and flowers.

Plant a fruit or vegetable patch at home and grow food to eat at home.

Miss Margrave Story Sessions

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQcfB8bRcmFPVEpUxwS9K4w>

Read Write Inc

- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFClq9GdxtQ

• Key words and concepts to research and discuss

Science:

Seeds, plant, observe, compare, predict, water, sunlight, warmth, wilt, healthy, unhealthy

Geography:

Antarctica, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Southern Ocean, map, globe, journey, travel, country, city, river, continent

