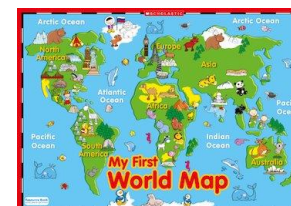




During this half term, our theme is
Why are maps magical?



Curriculum Area	Overview	Extra activities to be done at home
English	Our English work this half term will be linked to the books 'The Little Polar Bear' and 'Dear Greenpeace'. We shall be writing a letter and retelling a story. We shall be focussing on including conjunctions, putting commas in lists and looking at word classes (verbs, adjectives and nouns).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could your child write and post a letter to a family member or friend? • Continue to give your child opportunities to read at home every night – remember the more you read the more prizes you earn!
Mathematics	Over the half term we will be learning about multiplication and division, statistics, fractions, money and time. There will be a big focus on children learning to tell the time. The children will practice reading analogue and digital clocks. It is really important for the children to know the times tables really well so please encourage your child to recite the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables regularly. Show your child analogue and digital clocks when it is o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times to emphasise telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to tell the time every time they see a clock face. • Practise counting in 2's, 3's 5's and 10's. • Learn and regularly practise the x2, x5 and x10 times tables.
Geography	Our geography topic this half term is called 'Why are maps magical?' We will be learning about maps and what they can show us. We shall also look at keys and how to use these. We shall be looking at the geographical features of places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You could look at maps of the local area or share maps of places you have visited. • Create your own key for a map.
Science	In Science we will be learning about animals including humans. We shall be noticing that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults, finding out about and describing the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) and describing the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the internet to carry out extra research to bring to school to really impress the class. Look at books based on different types of materials. Can you make a product out of a recycled item?
Computing	We are zoologists! Children will sort and classify a group of items by answering questions, collect data using tick charts or tally charts and use simple charting software to produce pictograms and other basic charts. Learn how to use Teams, investigate the 'mute', 'unmute' and 'hands up' icons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how to use the internet safely at home. • Look at maps on the internet of our local area (linked to our Geography topic).

Religious Education		We will be continuing our learning about Christianity and sharing different Bible stories. The children will be learning about why the Bible is so important to Christians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage conversations at home about the subject. Share your own views honestly and discuss the importance of respecting the beliefs of others. You could visit a local church to find out more.
Physical Education		We will be doing PE With Joe on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will be enjoying Cosmic Yoga on Tuesday and Thursday. We will also taking part in many different challenges over the coming weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search YouTube for The Body Coach TV and Cosmic Yoga. 60 second PE challenges will be emailed to you. Mr Taskivator and Fit4Life workouts will also be sent to you.
Art		We will be Learning Outside of the Classroom and will be looking at the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We will use natural resources to design and recreate Arcimboldo's fruit picture. The children will carry out treasure hunts outside to learn more about him and then will make frames for their finished work using natural materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You could research Arcimboldo and try and recreate another famous painting of theirs using natural or artistic materials.
Design and Technology		We will be researching, designing, making and evaluating fruit products. The children will decide what kind of fruit product they would like to make, this could be a kebab, smoothie or fruit salad. The children will try new fruits and decide which fruits are their favourite. As part of this topic the children will spend time learning about food hygiene and safety in the kitchen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could you encourage your child to chop and prepare fruit at home? Talk to your child about keeping safe in the kitchen and how to make sure we are hygienic.
Music		We will be learning about pulse. We will be learning to understand pulse, create simple patterns, maintaining pulse and finding the strong beats and identifying tempo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen out for pulse and beats in different songs. Log into https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/pulse-769c
Relationships Education		The children will be discussing eating healthy food and making good choices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to your child about their diet and making sensible and healthy choices.