

Geography in EYFS

Overview

Geography

- In Geography, we learn about the Earth and its people.
 - We look at the different natural things that are found on Earth, for example rivers and mountains.
 - We also look at how people live in different parts of the world.
- In EYFS, we learn about the world and the people around us, (our 'familiar world')
- Almost all of the early Geography learning can be found in 'Understanding the World', one of the 7 learning areas.



Understanding the World

Our World

- Our world is a planet called Earth. It is one of a number of planets that go around the Sun.
- On Earth, there are many different countries. In each country, there are cities, towns and villages.
- Which country do you live in? Which town/city?



Natural and Man-Made

- Humans share the planet with lots of other things, including plants and animals, mountains, rivers, and oceans. None of these things are made by people. They are a part of nature – they are natural.
- There are also things that people have made in the world (man-made). Examples include buildings, cars, benches, tables, televisions, and toys!

Similarities and Differences

- We learn about how some environments are different.
- We look at how the weather changes with the seasons. We go outside to play and learn in all weathers!

Key Vocabulary

- The World
- Earth
- People/ Humans
- Animals
- Plants
- Nature
- Man-made
- Environment
- Community
- Tradition

Understanding the World

	<p>Living Things - Animals Sub-Area: The Natural World</p>	<p>-Animals are living things. -Animals get their food by eating plants or other animals. Animals can be big like elephants, or small like mice. We humans are animals! <u>Some animals you may see around you</u> Cats Dogs Rabbits Lizards Bees Flies Cows Horses Sheep Pigs Goats Chickens Pigeons Worms Beetles Badgers</p>
	<p>Living Things - Plants Sub-Area: The Natural World</p>	<p>-Plants are also living things. -Most plants do not eat other plants or animals for food. Plants can be big like trees, or small like weeds. <u>Some plants that you may see around you:</u> -Grass -Weeds -Trees -Bushes -Flowers -Stinging Nettles -Dandelions -Daisies</p>
	<p>The Seasons - Sub-Area: The Natural World</p>	<p>-The weather changes at different times in the year. -The four seasons are winter, spring, summer and autumn. It is coldest in the winter and warm in summer. -We can see different plants and animals in the different seasons.</p>

Extended Learning

	<p>Communities & Traditions Sub-Area: People, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>-A <u>community</u> is a group of people who live in a particular place or have something in common. -E.g. all of the teachers, parents and children at your school make up your <u>school community</u>. -Your town or village is your <u>local community</u>. -A <u>tradition</u> is something that people in a group or community do, that has been passed down over time. -E.g. eating certain foods, wearing certain clothes.</p>
	<p>Environments Sub-Area: The Natural World</p>	<p>-<u>Environments</u> are our surroundings. -Different people, plants and animals like to live in different environments. -Some examples of <u>natural environments</u> are: garden, forest, beach, desert, rainforest, polar or mountain.</p>

Local Environments

