

Around the World (part 1) Europe



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to encourage the children to be independent learners and to take responsibility for their environment. Kind, helpful and appropriate behaviours will also continue to be praised.

At home – Please encourage your child's Independence skills.

Physical Development

We will use our time in the hall to develop the children's physical skills as well as making full use of the Nursery garden. We will also offer a wide range of activities inside to help develop fine motor skills.

At home – Please keep practising all those "funky fingers" activities.

Communication & Language

We will go on a listening walk around the school, inside and outside. There will be discussions around the different ways we can travel, journeys they have made and places they have visited. The children will also have opportunities to use language in their role-play, such as a travel agents or a café.

At home – Please encourage your child to be a confident and effective communicator.

Literacy

We will be looking at a range of stories about journeys, such as "Rosie's Walk" and using non-fiction books to find out about different forms of transport and aspects of life in other countries. The children will have opportunities to write for a range of purposes such as making tickets and a passport for journeys.

At home – Please help your child to understand how a non-fiction book "works"

Mathematics

We will measure and compare our feet and play a wide range of games to consolidate our learning in all aspects of mathematics including addition. We will also use rhymes to help with counting on and back. As we look at different countries, we will try to learn to count to five in that language!

At home – Please play lots of games to help your child with number, counting and shape.

Understanding the World

We will use a globe and an atlas to help the children understand our position in relation to other countries and we may try making our own maps. We will learn about many aspects of life in the countries we study including food, festivals, famous buildings, famous people, animals, transport and the physical landscape.

At home – Work with your child to find out an interesting fact about a European country.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will have opportunities to use a range of media both independently and with an adult. We will be setting up a role-play "travel agents" where they can act out their experiences. As we look at different countries, we will attempt to learn a song from each one. We will also try out some art in the style of an artist from each country (e.g. Renoir, France, impressionism)

At home – Encourage your child to try different ways of painting.