

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.</p> <p>-Animals get their food by eating plants or other animals. Animals can be big like elephants, or small like mice. We humans are animals!</p> <p><u>Some animals you may see around you</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>-Most plants do not eat other plants or animals for food. Plants can be big like trees, or small like weeds.</p> <p><u>Some plants that you may see around you:</u></p> <p>-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.</p> <p>-The four seasons are winter, spring, summer and autumn. It is coldest in the winter and warm in summer.</p> <p>-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.</p> <p>-E.g. all of the teachers, parents and children at your school make up your <u>school community</u>.</p> <p>-Your town or village is your <u>local community</u>.</p> <p>-A <u>tradition</u> is something that people in a group or community do, that has been passed down over time.</p> <p>-E.g. eating certain foods, wearing certain clothes.</p>
	<p>Environments Sub-Area: The Natural World</p>	<p>-<u>Environments</u> are our surroundings.</p> <p>-Different people, plants and animals like to live in different environments.</p> <p>-Some examples of <u>natural environments</u> are: garden, forest, beach, desert, rainforest, polar or mountain.</p>

Local Environments

