

International Primary Curriculum

Year 1

Who am I?

'Ourselves' is a wonderful theme at any age, but with children of 5-7 it is especially exciting because they are at a stage in their lives when they are just beginning to feel 'grown up' as they learn important adult skills such as reading, writing and mathematics. They are also finding out the skills they need to be part of a group and are moving away from the self-centred picture of themselves that dominates the first few years of their life to a realisation that their 'self' is not just about them but is also defined by their relationships with others. Above all, we should celebrate our differences whilst seeing our similarities to our group members. So, we are individuals as well as important members of a wider community.

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- About the different groups we belong to
- About the things that make us feel happy
- How to deal with anger
- How to stay safe
- How to make an emergency phone call

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to draw portraits and self-portraits
- How to take a portrait photograph
- About portraits by famous painters and sculptors
- How to design a favourite menu

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- About how our hearts work
- About how we are similar to and different from other people
- About different types of foods

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- Which countries we or our ancestors have come from
- How to find our local area on a map
- About different countries we have lived in

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About the way children in our host country and home countries live

Time Travellers

To step back in time we have to become a history detective. We have to find and solve the clues to unlock the mysteries and meaning of past events.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- How to create a timeline

- About events that are important to us
- How to use objects to find out more about an event
- About important events that happened in our local area
- How we can find out about an event by interviewing someone who was there
- How to use different sources to learn about a national event
- About events of global significance by asking and answering questions

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About different festivals from around the world
- How we can compare different festivals from around the world

Our world

Our world is where we live- out home, our family, our school. It is the places that we go, the people that we meet, the things that we can see, smell, hear, taste and touch. Our world is important, because we share it with lots of other living things. We need to treat our world with respect- to ensure that it is well looked after- so that every person, animal and plant can live healthily and enjoy it.

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to create artwork using natural materials
- How to make a tree collage
- How to make a silhouette of our local skyline
- How to design and create our own sensory garden

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- About the animals, plants and birds in our local environment
- About the best soil conditions to grow seeds
- How we can recycle and reuse materials to help our environment
- How we can set up our own composting club

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About different wildlife habitats in our local environment
- About the animals and insects that share our local environment
- How our local environment compares with other locations around the world

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to make model gardens
- How to design and make our own bird feeders

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How to create our own sound journey around our school
- About music and songs, written about the weather

In International, we'll be finding out:

- How to make a fact file about our home country to share with others

Water world

Water is important to all living things- without water there would be no life on Earth. We use water every day. We depend on water to stay clean and healthy, just like the many plants and animals we share our world with. Not everyone in the world has clean, fresh water- but we can help to change that, because water is for everyone.

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- How much of our planet is water and how much is land
- How water can provide a habitat for different living things
- What it might be like to live somewhere where there is not much water

In International, we'll be finding out:

- How some people around the world do not have access to clean water
- How we can help to improve the lives of people in poorer countries

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How water helps plants to grow
- How water can change, from a solid to a liquid to a gas
- How much water we need to drink to stay fit and healthy
- Why it is important to wash our hands to keep them clean

What's it made of?

Materials are all around us. Everything we touch is made up of a materials: wood, plastic, fabric, glass, gold, steel, etc. We use different materials to make different objects. Why? Because each material has its own special quality (or property) and we are going to find out what this is.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- What objects are made of
- How we use different materials
- How to test materials
- How we can group materials
- How to choose materials for specific uses
- Where materials come from

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to plan and design a classroom makeover

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About the materials used to build our homes