International Primary Curriculum

Year 2

Hooray...Let's go on a holiday!

Holidays are special days when we take a rest from school and work. Our holidays in the past were very different from holidays today. Now that travel to all parts of the world and even space is possible, who knows where we will go for our holidays in the future?

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- The places people go to on holiday
- How they get to their holiday destination
- Some of the things people do on holiday
- What people wear on holiday
- How tourism can spoil holiday places

In History, we'll be finding out:

- The holidays that we have had in our own past
- The holidays that our families and other people had in the past
- What is the same and what is different between holidays in the past and today
- About some of the wonders of the world

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to create a sand art sculpture
- About some of the pictures that are used to record holidays
- How we can record our holidays
- About the designs of some holiday souvenirs

In ICT, we'll be finding out:

• How to use mapping software

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- How to stay safe on holiday
- What a pilgrimage is

In International, we'll be finding out:

- What is the same and what is different between the lives and home countries of the different children in our class
- How to greet people in different languages

About future holidays in space

Super Humans!

Your body is a bundle of bones, muscles, senses and nerves all connected together to make you a human. But do you know how these parts of your body work with your brain? Let's find out.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- What the main external parts of the body are called
- What the five human senses are
- How we can see, hear, smell, taste and touch
- How the brain connects to other body parts
- How to eat healthily and get enough exercise
- How and why we use medicines
- Why body hygiene is important

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

How to plan and prepare a healthy meal

In International, we'll be finding out:

What malaria is and how we can prevent it

People of the Past

History is one big story, filled with important people who did many great things - scientists, rulers, artists, writers, explorers. By learning about these people and what they did, we can find out more about the qualities that make someone great.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the different decisions that rulers had to make in the past
- How to use a living graph to explore how a person from history might have been feeling
- About the life of a famous explorer using maps and role play
- How to compare the lives of two different explorers
- About the achievements of important scientists and inventors
- About what life was like at different times in the past

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- About the life and music of a famous composer
- How to use music to tell the story of our famous composer

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- What we can learn about a person from their portrait
- How to create a portrait of a friend
- About the work of famous artists
- How to paint a scene in the style of a famous artist

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About the idea of 'fairness' and what it means
- Why some people in the past wanted to make change

Let's Celebrate

Celebrations are an important part of human life. They are one of the things that make us uniquely human. All peoples and cultures, from every part of the world, take part in and hold celebrations to mark special events and special times in someone's life.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- How people in our families celebrated in the recent past
- How particular past events are still celebrated

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to plan for a celebration
- How to design and make a product for a celebration

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How decoration is used in celebrations
- How the work of artists is used in celebrations
- How to make artefacts and images that could be used in celebrations

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How songs and music are used in celebrations in our own and other countries
- How to compose our own music for a celebration

In Physical Education, we'll be finding out:

- How to create a celebration dance
- How to improve the performance of our dance

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- How different groups of people celebrate different events
- How different groups of people have different rules

In International, we'll be finding out:

- What is the same and what is different between the celebrations in the home countries of the different children in our class
- How to work and celebrate with each other

Earth-Our Home

All living things - plants, animals and people - have a home or somewhere to live that we call a 'habitat'. A habitat can be huge like the ocean or small like a leaf. A habitat could be a forest on the other side of the world or it could be a tree in our local area. Do you know any habitats?

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- About the plants and animals living in forests
- About different types of trees
- About plants and animals that live in other habitats
- How to sort living things into different groups
- What a micro-habitat is and what creatures live there
- How animals are adapted to their environment
- How living things depend on each other

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

How to make a habitat and nesting box for bees

In International, we'll be finding out:

• About the loss of the world's forest habitats

What's it made of?

Materials are all around us. Everything we touch is made up of a material: 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

Green Fingers

Plants are living things - they grow when we give them enough sunlight, food and water. Plants give us food to eat, clean air to breathe and materials to build our houses and furniture. We can use plants to make clothes and medicines, and to decorate our gardens.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- About plants that grow in our local area
- About the different parts of a plant
- What plants need in order to grow
- How to care for a plant

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

• How to make a watering device

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

• About plants that grow in other countries

In International, we'll be finding out:

• How people in different countries use plants

Look and Listen!

Have you ever wondered how you can hear and how you can see? You can hear a dog barking and you can see it wag its tail. You can hear me talking and you can see me smiling at you. What makes hearing and seeing possible? Let's find out!

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- Where sound and light come from
- How we can make sounds with our body
- What sounds we can make with objects
- What happens when sounds enter our ears
- How animals use their sense of sight and sound
- How we can change sounds

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

How to design and make a drum

In Music, we'll be finding out:

• How to play a drum rhythm

In International, we'll be finding out:

• How languages are made up of different sounds

Freeze it!

We are going to investigate the science of freezing to make our own ice lollies and ice desserts. By doing this, we will learn all about solids and liquids and how a liquid can be cooled to make a solid and how a solid can be heated to make a liquid!

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- All about ice and water
- At what temperature water freezes
- How long ice takes to melt
- What happens when we freeze other liquids
- How we can turn ice into a healthy food
- Which materials will keep ice cool

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

• How to design and make an ice-cooler

In International, we'll be finding out:

• About the differences between hot and cold countries