

Reception Topic Overview - Spring 1

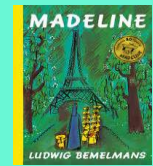
Topic: Around the World

Quality Texts:

Lost & Found, Giraffes Can't Dance, Anansi the Spider, Madeline, Everybody, Bonjours, This is Paris, Anatole

Vocabulary:

Adventure, journey, habitat, diet, similar, different, travel, lost, South Pole, Antarctica, harbour, ship, rowboat, float, sink, mistake, lonely



Communication and Language:

- Answering how and why questions in response to our stories and offering ideas for why things happen
- Using talk to explore ways we could help characters from our stories
- Using newly learnt vocabulary in the retelling of our stories and our own story maps

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Recapping the zones of regulation and learning about tools to help us return back to green
- Exploring our value of resilience and how it helps us to learn
- Exploring the perspectives of others through stories and circle time activities

Physical Development:

- Continuing our fine motor activities to strengthen the small muscles in hands
- Practising moving at different speeds, changing direction and stopping promptly in outdoor games
- Playing throwing and catching games to improve our skills and coordination

Literacy:

- Using non-fiction texts to discover more about penguins and Antarctica
- Labelling our drawings inspired by our journey stories
- Writing postcards home from the countries we visit in our imaginations



Mathematics:

- Continuing to work on our subitising skills, looking at larger numbers and identifying sub-groups within the different arrangements
- Using a number track to play dice based games
- Using blocks and squares to order quantities and discovering that each number has a value of one more than the previous number



Understanding of The World:

- Exploring a map of the world on Google Earth and locating different countries and continents
- Using our imaginations to travel to different countries and learn about the different cultures
- Learning about how travel was different in the past and how it has changed over time



Expressive Arts & Design:

- Exploring the art of Henri Matisse and creating artwork inspired by him
- Learning songs and dances from different countries on our journey
- Refining our drawing, painting and collage skills as we create our topic based artwork

