

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

### WHAT DO WE OFFER

- We ensure that resources reflect the diversity of life in modern Britain.
- Encourage children to talk about the differences they notice between different families and communities
- Celebrate and value cultural, religious and community events and experiences. Learn about different celebrations around the world such as Diwali, Bonfire Night, Luna New Year
- Teach the children that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.
- Learn about the community and the school grounds – use simple maps
- Learn about London – a city and compare it with the village
- Take part in daily worships
- Learn about what Christians believe and listen to Christian stories



### Understanding the World (Geography/Religion)

#### ELG: People, Culture and Communities

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps;
- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps

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	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Past &amp; Present</b> Links to History KS1	<u>Talk about jobs of people in Wrotham community</u> Sing to elderly residents in local care home. Discuss roles of people who help us	<u>Understand the past through events</u> Armistice Day Pay respect to those who have lost their lives at war. Look at war heroes and discuss their roles.		<u>Comment on familiar situations from the past</u> Use photos of vehicles from the past for comparison. Place events on a timeline and understand things happened before they were born	<u>Understand the past through events</u> Explore dinosaurs, how they became extinct. How the planet looked, how we have found out information from the ground. Use timeline	
<b>New vocabulary</b>	Old Elderly	Past War Soldier		Timeline History Future	Extinct Fossils Prehistoric	
<b>The Natural World</b> Links to Science KS1	<u>Explore the natural world around them</u> Look for signs of Autumn. Discuss Harvest and what this means for farms.	<u>Describe what they see/hear/feel</u> Can we observe a change in seasons? Winter	<u>Recognise some environments are different to the one we live in</u> Arctic focus study – cold places	<u>Understand the effect on changing seasons</u> Can we observe a change in seasons? Spring. Look at part of flower.	<u>Explore the natural world around them</u> Compare the natural world from pre-historic times to now. Look at specific dinosaurs.	<u>Explore the natural world around them</u> Investigate minibeasts, look at their features, life-cycle of butterfly and frog.
<b>New vocabulary</b>	Season Autumn Harvest	Season Winter Temperature	Ice cap Global Warming Recycle	Season Spring Root, Stem, Leaf, Petal	Carnivore Herbivore Omnivore	Life-cycle Habitat Chrysalis
<b>People, Culture &amp; Communities</b> Links to Geography and Religion KS1	<u>Talk about families and their community</u> Children to bring in photos of their family and discuss. Use quality books that represent different types of families. People who help us. Visit from parents in the community – police officer & care worker.	<u>Understand there are different religions</u> Celebrate Diwali, look at the Hindu festival of light and how is it different/similar to Christian festivals. Take part in Diwali workshop	<u>Recognise similarities and differences between life in this country and others.</u> Look at cold place – Focus the Arctic. Look at the similarities and differences.	<u>Draw information from a simple map</u> Plan a simple journey, use a map and the vocabulary associated	<u>Why is the church so special?</u> Visit Wrotham Church and compare to different places of worship. Develop an understanding why the church is so special for Christians.	
<b>New vocabulary</b>	Family Community Village-Wrotham	Festivals Religion Hindu	Country Climate Culture	Location Distance Destination	Christian Church Worship	