ALL AROUND OUR WORLD - KEY STAGE 1 GEOGRAPHY

OVERVIEW & CURRICULUM LINKS

This multi-activity workshop aims to interest Key Stage One children in the amazing variety of climates, landscapes and inhabitants of our world. It links with geography work on oceans, continents and temperature zones; also with science work on habitats and with a number of citizenship themes.

OBJECTIVES

For the children to:

- Use world maps and globes to identify continents, oceans and temperature zones of the world.
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features (landscape and mapping).
- Investigate a variety of habitats for humans, other animals and plants.

LEARNING SESSION CONTENT & RESOURCES

Input (10 minutes)

We start by thinking about our own continent of Europe: its climate, landscape, people and wildlife. We then use NASA images on the 3D Magic Planet to locate climate zones, continents and oceans.

Free Choice Activities (25 minutes)

Individual children may skim through the activities or spend the bulk of the time on one in-depth study. Most children will visit two or more tables; please note it is impossible to do everything in the time given!

- The Arctic: Use realistic models and illustrated information books to study an Arctic animal in its habitat. Find out how humans and animals keep warm in this cold place.
- North America: Use simple map skills to journey around Washington State, learning about grasslands, forests, river valleys, mountains and volcanoes.
- South America: Learn about the Amazon rainforest, then complete our rainforest drawing.
- Africa: Choose some West African food to put on your plate. Ask for it in the Hausa language!
- The Indian Ocean: Use ‘small world’ resources to make your own coral reef.
- Australia: Learn about Outback animals in their habitat and make a tally chart to count them all.

If you wish we can also add an extra computer-based activity comparing the landscapes of Iceland & Lesotho.