St Michael's CE (A) Primary School



Topic Termly Overviews

Year: 1

Topic: Our Amazing Country!

Term: Spring



Subjects	Objectives/Learning intentions
Geography	To investigate places
	Ask and answer geographical questions (such as: What is this place like? What or who will I
The United	see in this place? What do people do in this place?).
Kingdom –	Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries and its
planning our	surrounding seas.
route to	Know the differences between a map, plan and aerial photograph.
Barmouth	To communicate geographically
	• Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, coast,
	forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river and weather. Key human features, including: city, town,
	village, factory, farm, house, office and shop.
	• Use locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on
	a map.
	Use a simple map and use basic symbols in a key.
Science	Working Scientifically
	ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways
UK seasons	observe closely, using simple equipment
	perform simple tests
Materials used	identify and classify
for UK homes	use observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
and castles	gather and record data to help answer questions
from the past	Seasons
	Observe changes across the four seasons.
	Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.
	Everyday Materials:
	Distinguish between an object and the materials from which it is made.
	Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal,
	water and rock.
	Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of materials
	Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple
	physical properties
Art	To develop ideas
	Respond to ideas and starting points.
Paul Klee	To take inspiration from the greats
artwork -	Describe the work of notable artists.
'Castle and	Use some of the ideas of artists studied to create pieces.
Sun'	Drawing
	Draw lines of different sizes and thicknesses.
	Colour (own work) neatly following the lines.
	Draw simple shapes and patterns.
DT	To design, make, evaluate and improve
	Other areas:
	I can generate ideas for purposeful designs.

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Construct a	I can use models, pictures and words to describe what I want to do.
wooden castle	Given a task, I can talk about my own work and describe how my product works.
	To master practical skills
	Textiles
	I can use scissors to cut out pre-prepared patterns and templates.
	I can join textiles using glue or staples.
	I know that textiles have different properties: touch, insulation texture and waterproof.
	Structures
	I can describe the materials I have used to make my structure.
	I am beginning to use tools to glue, cut and nail.
	I can mark materials to cut and fold.
	I can make box models.
	To take inspiration from design throughout the history
	I can say what I like and dislike about a product or design and suggest improvements.
History	To understand chronology
	Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly different periods of time
Castles	To build an overview of world history
	Know and recount episodes from stories about the past
	To investigate and interpret the past
	Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information e.g. artefacts
	Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction
	To communicate historically
	Show an understanding of the concept of nation and a nation's history.
	Show an understanding of concepts such as civilisation, monarchy, parliament, democracy,
	and war and peace.
	Communicate their knowledge through:
	Discussion, drawing pictures, drama/ role play, making models, writing and using ICT.
Cultural	Warwick Castle
Capital	Residential trip to Kingswood
English Links	Letter to a friend, listening and responding to season related poetry, Barmouth recount, post
	card writing, Warwick castle recount, castles description, evaluation of their own design
	(puppet/ castle), We're Going on a Dragon Hunt, description of the four seasons
	The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, We're going on a Bear Hunt, The Paper Bag Princess, Rapunzel,
	Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers', The Knight and the Dragon, Small Knight and George
	and the Royal Chocolate Cake, The Boy who grew dragons, The Snowflake Mistake, The Egg
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