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Curriculum Letter—Autumn Term—Year Two



Theme Overview

"Never Eat Shredded Wheat" is a thematic unit based around where food comes from, with a key focus on geography. It begins by looking at compass directions and locational language, before moving on to learning about continents and oceans. Physical and human geographical features are explored, and the UK is then examined more closely. The learning then moves on to where foods come from around the world.

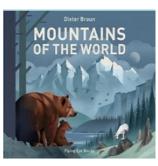
Recommended Reading...











What we should know...

How?

How can we find countries in the world?

- We can look at maps and globes to find out where countries are.
- Seas are coloured blue and countries are usually green, brown or yellow on maps



What?

What are the four points?

• North, south, east and west

What are the four countries in the UK?

• The countries of the UK are England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

What are the names of the continents and oceans?

• There are seven continents in the world: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australasia, and five oceans: Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, Southern



Where?

Where are the capital cities of the UK?

- London is in the South East of England
- Edinburgh is in the East of Scotland
- Belfast is in the East of Northern Ireland
- Cardiff is in the South East of Wales

Why?

Why are aerial views useful?

 You can see a large are of the ground in a lot of detail.



Why?

Who helps to bring us food?

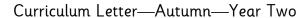
 Farmers, fisherman and fruit pickers grow, catch and pick food for us to eat. People transport food to shops and shopkeepers and market

stallholders sell the food to us.





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How to...

....use a compass

A compass always points north. Place the compass flat on your palm and find out where you are facing by seeing where the arrow points to. Practise walking north, east, south and west.

Key Vocabulary you should discuss with your child

Aerial View: a picture of something from above

Beach: usually made of sand or pebbles and slopes to

meet the sea

Capital City: large place where the government of a

country functions

Compass: a tool for finding direction

Continent: a major area of land, made up of different

countries

Key Vocabulary you should discuss with your child

Directions: the path along which something moves, lies or points

Flag: a piece of cloth with a special design or colour

that is used as a symbol of a nation

Human Features: places and things that been built

or made by people

Itinerary: a planned route or journey

Landmark: Something that is easy to see and can

be used to find your way to a place near it

Locality: the areas nearby

Location: a place or a position

Map: an image of an area

Mountain: raised land, higher than a hill Physical features: a natural feature Vegetation: plants, trees and bushes

Village: a little town

Concept Flow

- To know and use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map.
- To name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
- To name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- To know, understand and apply basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including valley and coast.
- To know, understand and apply basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including city, town, village, factory, farm.
- •To look at aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features.
- To learn where in the world food comes from.

Please talk to your children about the information on this sheet. The more children discuss their learning the more likely they are to embed the learning to their memory. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.