

Learning Planner



In this topic, Year 3 will go on a mini adventure around our amazing world! We'll discover what "climate" means and how it is different from the weather we see outside our window each day. Children will explore fun globe maps, follow lines of latitude, and find out why different places are hot, cold, wet, or dry. We'll learn about exciting biomes like deserts, rainforests, and polar regions, and think about how people, plants, and animals live there. Finally, we'll explore how our climate is changing and how we can look after our planet together.

Connect & Wonder

For our Connect and Wonder, children will explore blind 'feely boxes' to think about different types of weather and seasons. They will feel materials that might be cold, warm, wet, or sandy and talk about where in the world they might be found. We will also look at our local weather in Stoke-on-Trent and use simple equipment to measure rain, temperature, and wind.

This will give us a chance to get outside and become weather reporters! We will keep weather diaries to explore what the weather is like where we live!

Love of Reading

Curious George goes to the Chocolate Factory
By H. A. Rey and Margret Rey

In the book, George gets invited inside the factory and is amazed by all the chocolate machines and busy workers. As always, his curiosity gets the better of him — he explores, experiments, and ends up causing a bit of silly chaos along the way!

At its heart, the story is about being curious, learning through exploration, and understanding that actions have consequences (even when they're funny).

Investigate & Construct

Geography:

We will use maps and atlases to learn about our world. We will look at how our climate is changing and compare the weather in Stoke-on-Trent with Stoke in New Zealand. We will also visit Cadbury World to learn about the warm climate needed to grow cacao for chocolate.

PHSE:

In PHSE, children will be learning all about community. We will look closely at our own class community, what makes us the same and different to our friends and how we can celebrate special events together!

Art:

The children will learn why looking carefully at detail is important in art. They will plan and create their own artwork based on flowers, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh.

Science:

We will start by investigating shadows and why they move and follow us. Then we will begin our new topic, "How does our garden grow?", where we will explore plants and how they grow the biology of plants and flowers.

PE:

We are moving on from Gymastics and will be focusing on Dance in PE lessons. We will be learning about different ways that we can make our body move!

Express & Reflect

To celebrate the end of our Climate topic, the children will have the chance to create their own 3D biomes in box!

They might be inspired to make a rainforest, desert, polar or temperate box using a range of materials and creativity.

Key Vocabulary

Climate

Lines of latitude

Temperate

Polar

Biome

