

### Communication and Language:

We will be learning vocabulary related to the countries we will be exploring such as Europe, China, India, Asia, Romania, maps, continents, same, different, traditions, celebrations, culture. We will continue to practise using new words in sentences and to listen actively during teaching inputs. We will look at non-fiction books and generate our own questions.

### Reading

We will be continuing to learn to retell stories using our own words and story language from the core texts.

Next term we will move the children to new RWI groups. We will be learning the next set of sounds for our group & continue to develop blending skills to start to read simple CVC words. We will be practicing our segmenting skills too to write simple VC/CVC words & we will focus on the red words I, go, to the. We will have a go at writing simple captions.

### Writing

This half term, we will be practicing how to write simple sentences using I, go, to & the.

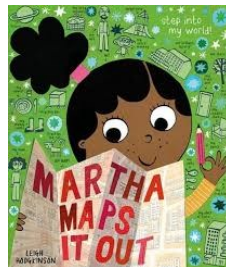
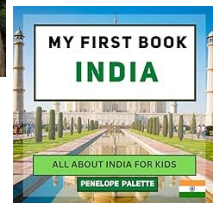
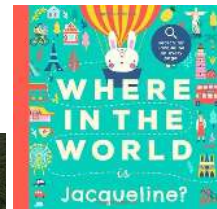
We will be making our own file facts & information books about different countries. We will also have a go at writing recipe instructions when we make our very own pizza.

### Physical Development:

This term Squirrels & Hedgehogs will have PE twice a week. Our PE focus will be on dance; we will move in time to the beat and link movements into a simple sequence to music. We will also continue to focus on activities to develop our finger muscles such as dough disco.

**Remember to wear PE kit to school EVERY Tuesday & Thursday & take jewellery off before you come in on a ready for PE sessions.**

## Our Topic Around the World



### Maths:

We will begin to learn 1 more and 1 less of a given number and explore subtraction. We will be continuing to use 5/10 frames to explore number relationships. We will explore weight & length using balances/rulers to compare objects and use mathematical language such as **heavy, light, heavier, lighter, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest.**

### PSED:

This term we will be talking about how we can be kind and helpful and compare this to characters in our stories. We will also think about keeping safe online.

As part of our 'Jigsaw' sessions, we will be thinking about our dreams and goals. We will discuss what does it mean to be **resilient**, and talk about why is it important that we don't give up even if we don't succeed on the first try. Our core value will be **Kindness**.

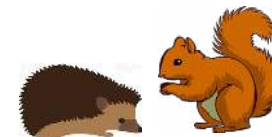
### Understanding of the World:

This term we are focusing on geography, exploring simple maps and comparing life in this country with life in a different one. We will discuss what things/traditions are similar/different and have a go at learning traditional recipes & dances. We will look at their flags & languages spoken too.

### Expressive Arts and Design:

In this term, we will be exploring different artists from around the world such as Pablo Picasso. We will focus on abstract art and create our very own piece.

We will continue with our music lessons with Mrs. Forester which will focus on active listening, beat & pitch.

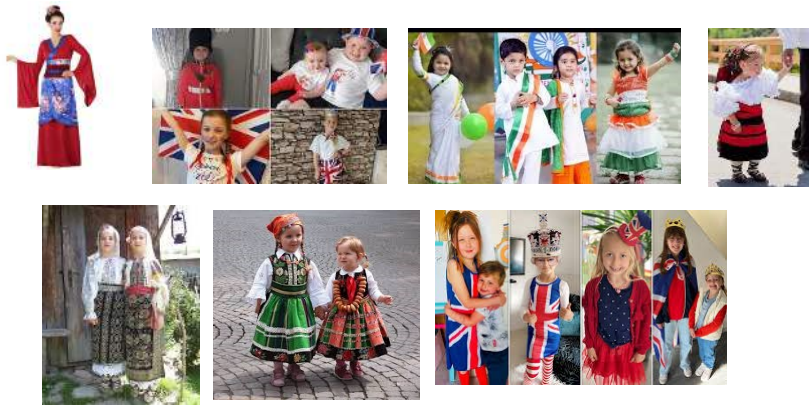


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# Home Learning

Can you come to school on **Monday 6th January** dressed up in clothes that represent the country you/ your family come from? It could be traditional clothes or just clothes in the flags colour.

Here are some ideas



What does it mean to be kind? Can you show kindness at home and at school? Can you draw a picture to give to one of your peers to show them kindness?



# Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1oa6o0fMKk>

**Get your fingers moving with Dough Disco:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yL2h-apUJak>

**Get active with the sticky kids:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adjODy0sETU>

**We will be reading these books in class:**

Martha Maps it out

A range of non-fiction countries related books

Where in the world is Jacqueline?

**Please look out for our weekly parent mail which has our weekly book links to listen to.**