

# Pangea



Year 2 – Spring 1  
Topic Leaflet

## Geography

The main focus this half term will be naming and locating the seven continents of planet earth.

There will be links to the animals, climates and cultures within these different continents.

**Key words:** ocean, continent, country, capital city.

## RE

**We will be learning to** understand the idea of love and that there are different kinds of love. We will then use the Christian Bible story of 'The Good Samaritan' to explain how Christians show love for one another.

**Key words:** Love, Samaritan, neighbour, Christians.

## Science

Our focus this half term is animals and their adaptations. The children will learn about animals that are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores through learning about prehistoric creatures and current animals.

The children will also be looking into scientifically classifying items. We will classify them as alive, dead or never been alive.

**Key words:** carnivore, herbivore, omnivore, living, dead.

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## **Topic Overview**

This half term we will be teaching the children about the world we live in. We will be discussing Pangea and how the continental shift created the seven continents of today.

Dinosaurs are a passion for many of our children this year so we will be teaching this half terms curriculum with strong links to prehistoric creatures.

## **At home**

- Discuss holidays the children and family members have been on. Show pictures, talk about the weather and see if you can find the places on a world map.
- Allow the children to look at world maps and globes, can they find England? Where else can they find?
- Help your child memorise the names and locations of the seven continents.
- Go to the library and look through fact books on dinosaurs. What did they eat? How big were they? What defensive adaptations did they have?
- Andy's Prehistoric Adventures on CBeebies is a wonderful programme with lots of dinosaur facts!

## English

We will be using the context of traditional tales to create a meaningful purpose and audience for the children's writing.

We will be looking at the key features of newspaper articles, instructions and letter writing.

The children will be building on their understanding of nouns, adjectives, verbs as well as past and present tense. The children will also learn to add detail to description, link and sequence their writing as well as using direct speech and apostrophes for contractions in their writing.

## Maths

We will continue to look at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will then be using this knowledge to solve multiplication and division sums.

Fractions (half and quarter) will also be a main teaching point of this half term. Talking to your children about halves and quarters in everyday situations will support their understanding in the lessons.