



Topic: The World at My Feet

Year: Reception

Term: 3

Background Information

- The country that we live in is called the United Kingdom and we live in England
- There are lots of other countries around the world that you might travel to using a car, train, plane or boat to get to depending how far away they are
- People in different countries may look different or have different ways of living, but they are all important and special in their own way.

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos



Interesting facts

- China is a country. You would need to travel by boat or plane to get there from England
- People in different countries may speak using different words and act differently depending on where they live
- People in different countries enjoy eating different foods, which can depend on the foods that they can grow and harvest near to where they live
- Different countries may have different animals living there. Sometimes these are the same as the animals in England, but sometimes they can be animals which do not live in our country.
- Each country has a flag to show everyone which country it is. England's flag is red with a white cross on it.
- Different countries can use different words and languages when speaking. They might also use different letters to write things down
- Lots of countries have special stories which are told for hundreds of years and which are very important to the people who live there
- Places and countries change as well as the people who live in them. This means that where people live now might have been very different a long time ago. We can use old photographs and things that have been written down by people who lived long ago to help us to know about the past and what it was like.

Key Vocabulary

Zodiac	The Chinese calendar
Emperor	The person who ruled China long ago
Mandarin	The language most people speak in China
Landmark	A famous place that lots of people want to visit and see
Ox	An animal like a cow, but larger with horns
Firecracker	A type of small firework
Pearl	A type of precious stone like a gem or jewel
Beijing	The capital city of China
Chinese New Year	Lots of Chinese people use the zodiac to know when to celebrate on year ending and another starting
Envelope	A piece of folded paper that you put a card or letter inside to send to someone

Know how to / Activity

- Talk about how you and your family celebrate the start of the new year
- Explore stories and books about China at your local library.
- Can you use junk modelling to create a dragon?
- Practice your mark making skills by copying out some Chinese symbols