



Spring term 2026 in Monkey Puzzle class, Year 3 and 4.

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a nice Christmas break.

This spring term the topic in our class is going to be a geography-based one: "The World". We will be learning all about different continents, countries, oceans and so on. We will learn how to read maps, and do some in-depth studies of different places. The children's "Take Home Project" will be to make a model globe!

This term our PE day will still be Thursday. Children will still need to come to school in PE kits (and hoodie and tracksuit bottoms for the cold weather).

There will be no swimming for our class this term.

Homework will still be set on Fridays for return by the following Friday, with spelling tests still on Mondays. We will also have times tables tests on Fridays.

I hope that covers everything. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you once again for all your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Plumb



The World Year B Year 3/4 – Spring term 2025/2026

Take home task

Make a model of a globe

Previous topics...

KS1 – Under the Sea
KS1 – Food and Farming
UKS2 – World Taste Tour



What I should already have some knowledge about

That the world is made up of land (countries) and water (seas).
That maps can be used to find places.
Continents and seas of the world.

Knowledge

- Know and find the location of main countries including the UK, North America, Europe on a map
- Know the meaning of latitude/longitude, equator, hemisphere
- Know what GMT mean, and what time zones are
- Know the location of the Arctic and Antarctic
- Know the names of major cities and some counties, including rivers in the UK
- To know the name of key map features and symbols
- To know human geographical features – types of settlement

Skills

- Use maps, atlases and globes and digital and computer mapping to locate countries and their features
- Use maps and atlases to locate countries, rivers and cities in the UK
- Describe some physical geographical features, eg Climate zones
- Describe some human geographical features – types of settlement, land use
- Use the 8-point compass
- Use 4-figure and 6-figure grid references and map symbols and keys
- To measure, record, and map work in my local area
- Use IT to explore geographical features and places, and to represent findings
- Use the internet safely

Vocabulary

Equator	An invisible line around the Earth
continents	Large areas that are usually made up of different countries
urban	Located in or characteristic of towns/cities
ocean	Large body of salt water
atlas	A book that contains maps
county	Areas like Lincolnshire, Yorkshire
city	Larger than a town, usually with a cathedral
hemisphere	The top half – or the bottom half – of the globe
latitude	A line that crosses the globe horizontally
longitude	A line that crosses the globe vertically
compass	A tool to measure N, E, S, W.
grid	Letters and numbers on a map like D3
reference	A map that shows physical features
topographical	The time in a particular part of the world
time zone	Greenwich Mean Time
GMT	Where people live
settlement	Located in or characteristic of the countryside
rural	A sphere that looks like the Earth
globe	weather
climate	