



Year 1 Near and Far

At Merridale, history, geography, art and design and technology are taught through a topic based approach which we call discover.

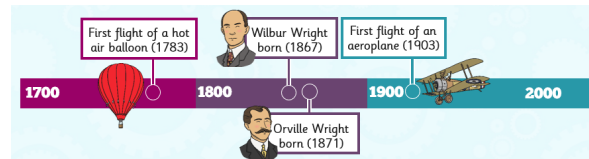
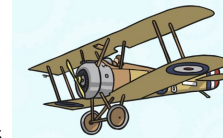
Geography

In this unit children will learn about countries around the world. These countries have been chosen due to significance to children at Merridale. Children will study: Italy, India and Kenya. They will be able to name and locate these countries within their continents as well as on a world map. They will learn about the human and physical geography of these locations and make comparisons between them and Wolverhampton.



History

Children will be introduced to the significant event of The First Flight. Children will learn about the developments that lead up to the Wright Brothers engineering the first plane to take flight. They will then look at the developments in history since this date.



Art

Children will complete two art projects this term.



First they will complete a painting unit called Tinga Tinga inspired by artwork originating from Kenya. Children will research and evaluate pieces before learning the skills of lightening and darkening paint to create their final pieces based on an animal of their choice.

In the second unit children will look at sculpture. First they will look at the work of Andy Goldsworthy before going on several walks to collect natural resources. Children will be taught to experiment with arranging resources to create spiral shapes or linear splatters before selecting resources for their final piece based on size, shape and colour.



Design Technology

During this term children will complete a cooking and nutrition unit. Children will be taught where food comes from. When studying Kenya children will learn about the fruits and vegetables that are grown here and then shipped to the UK. They will then learn to peel and chop foods to create their own healthy kebabs. Later whilst studying Italy children will learn the skills to make their own pizza.



Please share any learning on Seesaw.

Activities to complete at home

- Learn the names and location of the five continents. Can you also learn some of the names of the oceans?
- Have you got an atlas at home? Can you use it to find and locate our countries of study.
- Create your own flag for each country we are going to study. Can you use different methods to create them? Try painting, colour, printing or collage.
- With an adult's help look for pictures of landmarks in Italy, Kenya and India. Can you learn their names?
- Have a go at making your own paper aeroplane. Can you have a contest with the people in your house to see who's plane flies the furthest?
- Go on a walk to collect some natural resources like leaves, stones and flowers. Have a go at some outdoor sculpture and take some photographs.
- Help with cooking and food preparation at home. Can you peel the vegetables before dinner? Can you safely chop and slice different foods?
- Visit your local library and see if there are any books about India, Italy or Kenya. Bring them in to show your friends.