



Year 1 Welcome to my World

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

Geography

In geography, children will look at their immediate locality in detail. They will identify the human and physical features present within first our school grounds before looking at their local community and area. Children will do this by looking at printed maps, digital maps and aerial photographs to identify features including looking at land use and types of buildings.

Children will also complete a fieldwork study of their local area when we go on our local walk visit.

Children will be learning about the country in which they live, be able to name and locate England on a map as well as naming and locating the other countries within the United Kingdom.

History

Children will be introduced to the idea of past and present before exploring what they have done in the past making a class timeline of events. Children will then begin exploring and learning about how things have changed within living memory surrounding the topic of toys. Children will look at and explore toys from the past and begin to think about how they are similar or different to their favoured toys now and suggest reasons for this related to developments in history.

Children will then go onto explore communication and the creation of the internet.

Art and Design

Children will complete one art project this half term focusing upon the work of Lowry and his picture "Our Town". Children will first explore the colours, shapes and media Lowry used in most of his pieces before learning how to draw lines and shapes with a range of pencils and pens. They will then learn how to draw "match-stick" style people like Lowry did before putting all of these skills into practice for their final piece which will be inspired by Lowry but based on our locality.



Use the details in your reading diary to log on to your class Seesaw page and share your home learning with your class teacher.

Activities to complete at home

- Look at photographs of your child from birth to now. Can they order the photos and create a timeline of their life? Can they think about how they have changed physically and mentally? Do this for other family members.
- Create your own landscape picture inspired by Lowry. Can children look at their street and use this as their inspiration? Look at foreground and background before trying to create some match-stick figures.
- Share photographs and stories with your child about your history and childhood. Can you talk about and explain things that are similar and different.
- Do you have any toys from your childhood? Share them with your child. Allow them to play with them. Encourage them to think about the material it is made from and how this is similar or different to toys we have now.
- Visit your local library and look at the history section. Do they have any books about toys or communications in the past? Can you bring these to share with your friends?