

Understanding the World

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their **physical world and their community**. The frequency and range of children's **personal experiences** increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, **listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems** will foster their understanding of our **culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically** diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. **Enriching and widening children's vocabulary** will support later reading comprehension.

People, Culture and Communities

Objectives (Development Matters)

Talk about members of their immediate family and community.
 Draw information from a simple map.
 Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
 Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
 Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

Early Learning Goals (Assessment)

*Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
 *Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
 *Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.

Module 1

Module 2

Module 3

Module 4

Module 5

Module 6

Skills

To talk about how different celebrations.

To talk about a special event in their life.

Making treasure maps to direct friends to a 'goal'.

Exploring maps of the world.

Knowledge

To know that there are many countries around the world.

To know that people in other countries may speak different languages.

To know that people around the world have different religions.

To know that Christians celebrate Easter.

To know there are similarities and differences between different countries around the world.