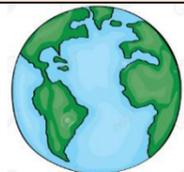


# Nursery Knowledge Organiser for Knowledge and Understanding of the world

## Overview of Understanding of the World (UW)



UW is one of the four specific areas of learning in the EYFS framework.

It helps children make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places and the environment.

UW is how children get to know about other people, the place where they live and all aspects of the environment.

UW is broken into three aspects Past and Present, Natural World and People, Culture and Communities.

UW introduces the children to beginnings of National Curriculum subjects including **History**, **Geography**, **RE** and **Science**.

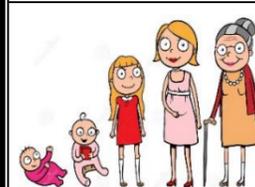


## Past and Present (History)



Experiences

An experience is something that happens to us in our lives. Important experiences are called life events. Life events may include: -Birthday, Starting school, Birth of brother/sister, Wedding, Christening, Achievements/success!  
Our life story is all the things that have happened to us in our life time.



Changes over time

Humans go through life stages: baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult and old people.

Other things change over time too. For example, they can grow, shrink, decay and die.

**Key Vocabulary.** *A wide vocabulary gives children the means to describe what they see, show their knowledge and make comparisons.*

Hard, soft, stretchy, float, sink, rough, smooth, waterproof, cold, warm, living, dead, never alive, habitats, shelter, food, materials, plastic, wood, metal, glass, fabric, Pebbles, shells, soil, seasons, summer, winter, autumn, spring, weather, sun, rain, snow, ice, hail, wind, pollution, climate, plant, petal, root, leaf, stalk, oxygen, animal names, body parts, head, neck, shoulder, heart, arms, hands, fingers, legs, knees, feet, toes, eyes, ears, nose, mouth and stomach. past, present, future, royal, traditions, castle, King, Queen, famous, country, capital London, address, homes, river, stem landmarks, maps, birds-eye view, photograph, religion, festival, Christmas, Easter, Chinese New Year

## Natural World (Science and Geography)



Living things

**Animals are living things.** Animals get their food by eating plants or other animals. We are animals!

Life cycle  
Seasons

Living things go through different stages of life.



There are **12 months in a year**. (January-December).

- The weather changes at different times in the year.
- The four seasons are **winter, spring, summer and autumn**.
- It is coldest in the winter and warm in summer.
- Many things are born in spring.

We can see different plants and animals in the different seasons.

World

Our world is a planet called **Earth**. It is one of a number of planets that go around the **Sun**.

-This system of the Sun and planets is called the **Solar System**.

-On Earth, there are many different **countries**. In each country, there are **cities, towns and villages**.

-Which country do you live in? Which town/city?



Environment

Our environment is everything that is around us. We need to look after our natural environment so we do not damage it.

Forces

We can explore the forces of **push** and **pull**. A **magnet** has a special magnetic field and attracts or repels other objects.



## People, Culture and Communities (Geography & RE)



Family and Friends

Family are people who are related to one another. Friends are people who like spending time together. Family members can include: Mum, Dad, Parent, Sister, Brother, Grandma/Nana, Grandad, Auntie, Uncle, and Cousin.



Celebrations and festivals

There are many different events that we celebrate through the year. Some of these are a part of religions.



Tradition

A **tradition** is something that people in a group or community do, that has been passed down over time e.g. eating certain foods, wearing certain clothes.

Community

A **community** is a group of people who live in a particular place or have something in common. E.g. all of the teachers, parents and children at your school make up your school community. Our town is our local community.



Ways of life

A **way of life** is how you choose to spend your time. Different people around the world (including those from different religions) have different ways of life.

Occupation

An **occupation** is a job - what you do for work. Occupations include: teacher, police officer, doctors, etc.