



Our Place in the World: Identity and Community

At Our Lady and St Hubert’s we are strengthened by our diversity and range of family backgrounds and this theme celebrates who we are. Children will learn about the history and geography of people—who we are, where we come from and why many people choose to settle and live where they do—particularly in our local area and Great Britain. Children will celebrate who they are through creating self-portraits; community events held within school will celebrate our range of family backgrounds; children will discover more about the variety of faiths followed by our local communities, underpinned by learning about the values we have in Great Britain.



Reception—School, Family Parish

This theme gives children the opportunity to think about their lives- as part of a local community as well as part of the global community - and compare that to the lives of others. Throughout this focus, children will make connections between themselves and the outside world. They will begin by identifying their families and understand that everyone has a unique family and we all have similarities and differences. Children will also gain the opportunity to explore their local community and pinpoint key places on a map. They will find their school and have a go at creating their own maps from home to school. Through **Understanding of the World** children will look deeply into their own environment and communities and their own family. They will talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. Through our **Talk for Write** children will look at the story of ‘Peace at Last’ and learn about how Mr Bear struggles to sleep. They will then use their knowledge of their local area and change the story to help Mr Bear find somewhere to sleep peacefully. **Communication and Language** will allow children to communicate and role play the story. Finally, through **Expressive Arts and Design** will allow children to use their creativity to design and create their own shelters for Mr Bear to sleep in.

Theme Impact

Children will have more awareness about the similarities and differences within our local community and understand that we are all equal. Through exploring the local community they will be able to seek out the things God has blessed us with.

Catholic Social Teaching

Children will focus on community and where they belong. They are to look at different communities, particularly those of different types of families and faiths. Can they describe the similarities and differences between themselves and their friends? What similarities and differences can they identify within our community? How has God blessed us?

Application

Children will gain an in-depth knowledge of their local community by creating their own maps and will use the information they have gathered to write prayers to thank God for all that we have been blessed with.

Enrichment

To visit the local park to explore the community we live in.

Understanding the World

- Talk about members of their immediate family and community.
- Name and describe people who are familiar to them.
- Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.
- 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.

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- Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say.
- Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others.

Cooking

Fruit Smoothie

Class Reader

