

# Understanding the World

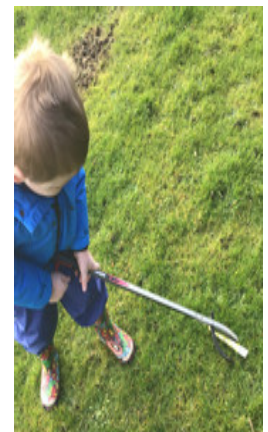
This area of learning looks at: Past and Present; People, Culture and Communities; and The Natural World. It is really important that children begin to understand their physical world, their community and also the wider world around them.



Visiting Hackworth Park and local shops, as well as meeting important members of the community, for example, the School Crossing Patrol Supervisor, dental nurses, health visitors, fire fighters, Police Community Support Officers and local librarians, increases the children's knowledge and sense of the world around them.

Children can discuss their past, what they remember, and what is important to them in the here and now. We regularly use the immediate environment, especially the Forest School area. Here in this huge space, we can 'feel' the weather, observe the effects of the changing seasons and learn how to care for the natural environment and all living things.

Through sharing texts, learning about important festivals and celebrations, and taking part in fortnightly Family Group activities, the children begin to develop an appreciation and understanding about similarities and differences between different cultures. They also learn that children, wherever they are in the world, all have the same rights.



**CRC Article 29: All children have the right to respect their own and other cultures, and their environment.**

