

Year 1

The Circus is coming to Town

The Big Idea

Have you heard the saying 'laughter is the best medicine'? Laughing and having fun are such an important part of our lives. We all love being entertained and enjoying ourselves. For a very long time, the circus has been a special place where people, from many parts of the world, go to be entertained, laugh and have fun.

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to draw faces and understand expressions
- About the work of artists who have painted pictures about the circus

In History, we'll be finding out:

- What circuses were like in the past
- About some of the people who made circuses famous
- How circuses have changed over the years

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- Which materials would make a waterproof tent
- Which materials to use for circus costumes
- About forces - pushes and pulls in circus acts

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to put up a tent
- How to plan and make circus tents for soft toys

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- How to draw maps and plans of a circus

- How to use maps and atlases to find out about the countries some circus animals come from

In Physical Education, we'll be finding out:

- How to use juggling balls
- How to balance and make movements used in circus performances

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- How to stay safe in busy places
- What it's like to be a circus artist

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- About music for the circus
- How to compose and write rhythms and tunes about circus performers

In ICT & Computing, we'll be finding out:

- How to draw a plan for our own circus
- How to make tickets and a poster for our own circus

In International, we'll be finding out:

- What different people think about using animals in the circus
- What the circus of the future might look like