

## English and Topic for the week beginning 6th July

Hello Year 4, we hope you are all well and we are looking forward to seeing you this week.

For English and Topic we would like you to complete the following tasks:

- Common Exception words; look, cover, read, write. It's really important that you can read and spell these words correctly by the end of Year 4.
- In our topic, What a Wonderful World, we would have been looking at what life is like living in Russia so one of the tasks is a piece of information about Russia with questions for you to answer. Read the question carefully and underline the key words. Then look for the key words in the text. You could underline them to make it easier to locate them.
- To help you to research about Russia, we have included a list of websites for you to use. Read the information and record facts that you find interesting in a spidergram.
- We hope that you liked looking at African Art last week. The use of colour to represent movement is a key feature of this style of art. This week we would like you to draw a male or female character in the style of the artist Gakonga. Look at starting with the outline of the body and then add the arms and legs.
- A really fun way for you to practise your art is to follow the guidance of the illustrator and writer Rob Biddulph. You may know him as the author of Flat Stanley. Here is the link to Rob's website to get you going with your drawings  
<http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>

Don't forget that Mrs Stacey and I love seeing your work so please try and send us some of your work to the school email address [office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

Take care and see you soon,  
Mrs Jones and Mrs Stacey

Look and say	Look, say and write	Cover and write	Check and write again
naughty			
notice			
occasion			
often			
opposite			

Fill in the missing word.

1. "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ for Auntie Jenny," warned dad.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of good is bad.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ wonder why the sky is blue.
4. A birthday can be a happy \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jim wondered if anyone would \_\_\_\_\_ his new glasses.

Write your own sentence containing 'naughty' and 'occasion'.

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Look and say	Look, say and write	Cover and write	Check and write again
ordinary			
particular			
peculiar			
perhaps			
popular			

Fill in the missing word.

1. "Don't sit on that \_\_\_\_\_ seat – it's wobbly."
2. Mr Robertson was quite a \_\_\_\_\_ fellow.
3. Siobhan has lots of friends and is very \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Yesterday was just an \_\_\_\_\_ day for Faye.
5. "\_\_\_\_\_ you'd like to have a seat," said the head teacher.

Write your own sentence containing 'ordinary' and 'peculiar'.

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# Russia

Russia is by far the largest country in the world and was previously known as the Soviet Union. It extends across two continents, Asia and Europe, and represents over 10% of the land on planet Earth. It has a wild and varied landscape which includes everything from deserts to frozen coastlines.



## Russian History

Until 1918, Russia was a country ruled by a royal family. The King was known as the Tsar and the Queen as the Tsarina. The last Tsar of Russia was Nicholas II, who was cousin to George V, the King of England at the time. The royal family and their friends lived a life of great luxury but the vast majority of Russians lived a poor life. In addition to this, during the First World War, over 1.7 million Russian soldiers were killed. This along with the divide between the rich and the poor, led to a revolution. A group of people called the Bolsheviks believed that Russia should not be ruled by a king or queen. In 1917, they snatched power by taking control of government buildings and Tsar Nicholas stepped down from the throne. Unfortunately, Nicholas, his wife and their five children were later killed in 1918.



## Russian Food

Food is an important part of life in Russia and one of its most popular dishes is soup. There are many varieties. Unusually, only some are served hot while a large amount are served cold. A firm favourite is borsch. This is similar to a chunky cold stew. Its main ingredients are beetroot and beef. It is lightly spiced and is usually presented with a dollop of sour cream on the top. Another popular food in Russia is piroshkies. These are little pastries filled with potato, cabbage, cheese or meat. They are often eaten as a snack or as a starter.





### The World Cup 2018

For the first time in its history, Russia will host this spectacular event. The World Cup has never been hosted in Russia before. There will be 32 teams from around the world playing a total of 64 matches at 12 different football stadiums across Russia.

The final match between the best two teams of The World Cup will play at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow

#### Did You Know...?

- The Russian flag is a tricolour flag made up of three different stripes. These are white, blue and red. These colours are said to represent the colours of the robes of the Virgin Mary.
- Its official language is Russian.
- Its population is 144 million people.
- The capital of Russia is Moscow.
- Its major religions are: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Judaism.



# Questions

1. Which two continents is Russia part of? Tick one.

- Europe and Africa
- Asia and Europe
- Asia and Africa
- Europe and America

2. Draw the lines to finish the sentences.

Unfortunately, Nicholas,  
his wife

ruled by a royal family.

Until 1918, Russia was a  
country

and the Queen as the  
Tsarina.

The King was known as  
the Tsar

and their five children  
were later killed in 1918.

3. Which facts about Russian food are true? Tick two.

- Soup is often eaten hot or cold.
- Spice is not added to soup.
- Little pastries are filled with potato, cabbage, cheese or meat.
- Whipped cream is added to the top of soup.

4. What is the population of Russia? Tick one.

- 143 million
- 134 million
- 133 million
- 144 million

5. Name two of the religions practised in Russia.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

6. What do the colours of the Russian flag represent?

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7. Explain in your own words why Nicholas II gave up his throne.

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8. Would you like to visit Russia? Explain your answer.

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## Drawing with Rob



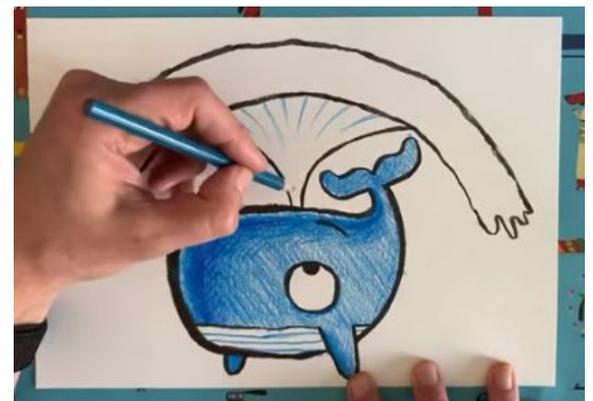
Rob Biddulph is a brilliant author and illustrator and using his guidance will help you with developing your drawing and sketching skills. He explains step by step how to draw and use sketching to create shade and texture to a drawing.

We would love you to have a try at some of his drawings. At school in the key worker group we have completed a monster and a whale which the children loved doing. Have a go and don't forget to send us copies of your work.

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<http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>

Here are a few examples of the drawings available on the website



### Russia spidergram

We would like you to use your scanning and skimming skills to read some information about Russia (we have linked to some websites below) and to record at least 5 key facts you find really interesting on the spidergram below. Spidergrams are a great way to record key information.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/russia-facts/>

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/russia-facts.html>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/russia>

