

Name of activity: THIS IS MY HOME BECAUSE...

Aim of activity – To explore how ‘home’ is important in feeling valued, sense of belonging, security, comfort, friendship, love etc This is an important introductory activity to exploring migration, refugees and what it means to feel part of a community.

Duration: 45min – 1 hour

Curriculum Links: geography, literacy, PSHE

Level: KS1, KS2

Key words: home, house, belonging

Materials needed: outlines of a house, photos of houses, a photo of your town or village , a map of your region and your country, a picture of the earth from space.

Preparation

Ask pupils to bring to school photos of their homes. Alternatively take photos of houses in the area where you live and print them for the class.

Warm up questions in pairs

Where do you live? Can you describe the place you live? Has it always been the same? Have you always lived in the same place? What is your most favourite place in your home/garden and why? Pupils can use their photos as prompts.

Thinking time

Next ask pupils to think individually about the following questions: What is a house and what is a home? What makes home?

Give out cut out outlines of houses and ask pupils to fill them in with ideas. They could work with a partner. Ask volunteer pupils to present their ideas to the class.

This is my home because ...

Ask pupils to share photos of their homes – ask them to finish the sentence. *This is my home because...*

Then present a photo of your town/village and ask pupils to finish same question. *This is my home because...*

Repeat the activity with all the pictures from the set in order:

from your region – *this is my home because ...*

your country – *this is my home because....*

the Earth – *this is my home because*

In order to assess understanding and to draw many of the key points together, ask pupils to outline their own feelings about those reasons. Ask them to say reasons why.

Extension ideas:

- Walk around the place you live in looking for types of houses, make a map of the place you live in
- Use talking tins to record sounds of home