

## Year 2 Geography – Suggested activities for home

These next 2 weeks are our World Weeks and we'll be finding out about

# Sri Lanka

### Map Skills:

- Find Sri Lanka on a map, online or in an atlas. What continent is it in? What are the seas or Oceans around it called? Can you find any other places and features on your map? If it is a map in a book, does it have a key? What is the key showing you?
- Create your own map of Sri Lanka! Print off a line drawing of the country (see Sri Lanka Template sheet) or you can draw your own. Now use a map of Sri Lanka to mark and label its capital city and surrounding oceans or seas. Its nice weather outside?... maybe do a careful chalk drawing of it on a surface outside and take a picture of it.

**Extra challenge!** : Add a key to your map. You may also want to add other features you have found, on your map such as the longest river, the highest mountain or any popular landmarks you have discovered.

- Alternatively complete the Geography of Sri Lanka map (see sheet) with all the place names missing. Use an atlas or the internet to help you.
- Complete the Sri Lanka Fact File (see sheet) Use a map, books or the internet to find out as much as possible about Sri Lanka. Some words have been given to help you complete the sentences at the bottom.
- How does Sri Lanka compare to Wales? Have a look at the SL versus Wales sheet

Which country is larger?

Which country has the most people living in it? How many does it have?

What is the currency (money) called in Sri Lanka?

Does more rain fall in Wales or Sri Lanka?

Which country gets hotter?

Are you likely to live longer if you live in Wales or Sri Lanka? Why might this be?

- Look at the Grid Map of Sri Lanka sheet. The map is split into a grid of squares and it allows you to describe where something is on the map by using the numbers and letters along the side and bottom of the grid. Get an adult to help you find the capital city in square B4 to get you started.

At the top of the map are the compass points to remind you where North East South and West are.

Now follow the instructions on the Grid Reference Activity Card to find the answers to the questions. There are Mild, Spicy and Super Spicy questions - see how far can you challenge yourself!

- Compare the weather in Sri Lanka with the weather in other places in the world.

Is Sri Lanka hotter or colder than Wendover?

How does Sri Lanka compare to a cold country like Alaska?

Each day fill in the Weather Report sheet. An adult can help you find the daily weather on google or a smart phone. It's interesting to see how different countries' climates can be!

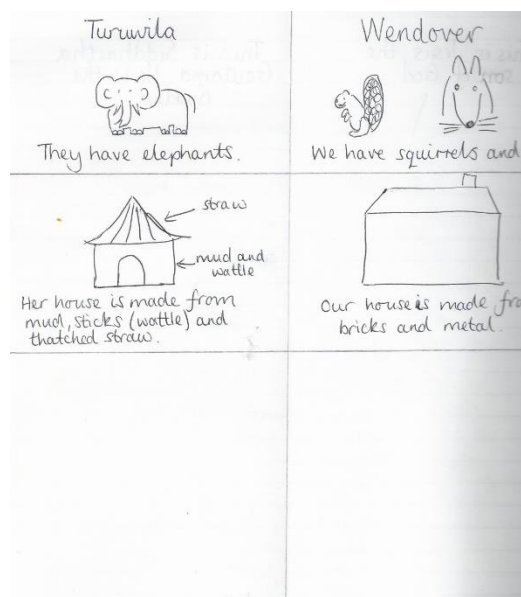
- You could also make your own detailed 7-day weather diary for Sri Lanka. Each day for a week, check the weather and highest/lowest temperatures in the capital city for that day and mark it on your chart. You could also think about recording other weather features such as the wind speed, humidity or chance of rain. Use the Weather Diary Template sheet or make up your own way of writing your report.
- What would you wear if you were going to Sri Lanka? After finding out about the weather and things there are to do there, pack a suitcase for a holiday in Sri Lanka using the suitcase sheet. What clothes would you need? Cut, stick and colour the things you need to pack.
- Do you know all the oceans and continents of the world? Look at a map of the world and complete the Continents and Oceans of the world. Label and colour them in on your sheet.

## Finding out about the culture

- Read the letter from a Sri Lankan girl called Mallika. In her letter she tells us all about her life in a village in Sri Lanka. Think about:
  - What her village looks like
  - What her house is like
  - What she likes to do for fun
  - What her daily routine is
  - What her school is like
  - What animals and plants you see in her village
  - What she likes to eat.

Maybe you could draw and write about the things you've learnt.

- Show the differences between Wendover and her village of Turuwila. You could divide your page down the middle and compare the differences between our two places like we have started to do in the picture. Look at the list above to help you make more comparisons.



- Write Mallika a letter back thanking her for her letter and telling her how different or similar your life is.  
Think about what Mallika's life is like compared to yours. What is your village/town, school and house like? What do you like to eat and do for fun? Do you have the same plants and animals as Mallika?

You could use sentences starters such as:

Your kitchen is \_\_\_\_\_ where as my kitchen has \_\_\_\_\_

I like to \_\_\_\_\_ too but in Wendover we \_\_\_\_\_

- Colour in the Sri Lankan National Flag on the sheet. Can you find out what the flag represents?
- The main religion in Sri Lanka is Buddhism. Buddhism follows the practises and teachings of a man called Buddha. You could watch the story of Buddha on the link below, read the Story of Buddha sheet or do your own research online.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9AoZj\\_FPzU&safe=active](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9AoZj_FPzU&safe=active)
- Colour in the picture of Buddha. Buddha found a complete state of calm when he became Enlightened. Write around your picture, times when you feel calm and happy. It might be when you are relaxing in the bath, reading a book, cuddling your pet etc.
- Compare what you can about Buddhism and Christianity. Read the Buddhism facts sheet and anything else you have found out about the religion. Use these questions to help you compare what Buddhists and Christians believe. Draw or write your ideas in a table or spider diagrams.  
Do they believe in a god? How many?  
What do they believe happens if you do good things?  
Who is Jesus and who is Buddha?  
How do they believe the world was created?
- Find out about the many festivals in Sri Lanka. One of the most famous is the Kandy Elephant Festival (The Kandy Esala Perahera). Have a look at the information we've provided, or do your own research. You could draw and write about the festival.
- Choose an aspect or aspects of the country you'd like to learn about. Show the information you've found in pictures and drawings, writing, poems, letters, cooking or even your own song!

Be creative, we don't mind how you show what you have learnt - we'd LOVE to see pictures of anything you do.

Maybe you'd like to find out about:

Their traditional clothes

Their food - maybe you could try some fruits or spices from Sri Lanka or even cook a Sri Lankan recipe!

Their music and dances

Their animals

The landscape - can you draw a picture of your favourite view?

The best places to visit on a holiday there - maybe make your own holiday brochure or poster advertising Sri Lanka.

The festivals

Their leaders and important people

Their money

The kind of jobs they have.

Just enjoy learning about a totally different country from our own and have fun!