

# English Home Learning

## Summer 2 – Week 8 (wb 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020)

Throughout this term, our topic has been '**Water**'. For our final (3-day) week, we are going to look at **Desert Islands**. An island is a piece of land that is surrounded by water.

This week, we would like you to let your imaginations run wild! We would like you to imagine what it would be like to be stranded on a desert island all alone. Please write:

- a list of all the essentials that you think you will need to survive on your island
- a diary entry for one day on your desert island – describing what the island looks like and what your typical day there is like.

We would love to see your finished essentials list and your diary entry – you could even make a short video, letting your family back home know that you are safe on your desert island! If you are able to take a photo or upload your writing or video to Google Classrooms, that would be great!

### **SESSION 1**

#### **SETTING THE SCENE:**

##### **What is an island?**

A piece of land surrounded by water!

However, when we talk about a **desert island**, we are thinking more about a remote tropical island – one where you are the only inhabitant (person living there!)

##### **Where will your desert island be (location/geography)?**

Think about a world map – where do you think your desert island will be? Will it be in the middle of the Pacific Ocean?

How did you get there? Were you shipwrecked?

Where is the nearest land/people?

Where do you find water/food?

Is it warm on your island?

Are there hills, rivers, animals?

##### **Essentials:**

Water:

What are you going to drink?

What are you going to drink from? Do you have a cup? How will you collect your water?

Food:

What are you going to eat? Does food grow on your island? Do you have any food with you? Are you going to be able to hunt for food? What will you use to fish with?

Shelter:

Where are you going to sleep? What resources (things) are on the island that you could make a house or shelter from? Can you protect yourself from the cold/heat? Did any materials get washed up on the island with you?

## SESSION 2

In the last session, you had a good think about where your island was and what you needed to do in terms of finding water, food and shelter.

In this session, we would like you to start thinking about a typical day on your desert island:

- What time do you wake up? And, where are you when you wake up? Describe your shelter, bed and what you can see when you first awake.
- What is the first thing you do? (If it is 'go to the loo', where do you go? Have you dug a toilet or do you do it in the sea?) What about breakfast? What would you normally eat on your desert island for breakfast? Remember, you're unlikely to have Coco Pops on a desert island. Similarly, toast would be difficult – where did you get flour to make the bread? [Although you could bake it/toast it on a fire! 😊)
- What do you do to keep yourself occupied? Do you have any activities that you enjoy doing, like swimming or jumping in rock pools? Are you planning to escape off the island? If so, will you build a raft?

Really have a good think about this and what your typical day on the island would be like. Make some notes for your diary entry.

## SESSION 3

It is now time to write your 'list of essentials'. Think about what you need to survive – will a hook and wire for fishing be on your list? What about a knife for cutting food or making a fire with?

Next, we would like you to write up your diary entry. Be as descriptive and creative as possible



**Let's paint a picture of your island in your readers' minds:**



When you have made your essentials list and written your diary entry, you may wish to video yourself reading the entry or sending a 'message back home' letting them know you are safe.

Please do remember to upload it to our Google Classroom – we love to read them and see them! 😊