

## Understanding the World



### Key areas:

- People and communities
- The world
- Technology

### This area of learning:

- helps your child to gain an understanding of his/her own world
- will help your child to understand changes such as seasons and growth
- develops your child's understanding of how other people live, including their different cultures and beliefs
- encourages your child to explore and investigate
- gives your opportunities to enquire and show interest, and to develop his/her observation skills
- will help to develop your child's designing and making skills
- will give your child opportunities to understand and use information and communication technology (ICT)
- helps to develop your child's sense of time (past, present, future).

### You can help your child by:

- collecting together interesting objects, such as photographs and materials, to talk about and display
- talking with your child about events in his/her life
- ensuring that your child experiences the wider community by visiting the vet or the dentist
- taking your child to interesting places such as the zoo, farm, shops, library or park
- enjoying local walks to look at buildings, trees and churches
- letting your child investigate changes through mixing things such as paint colours or cooking ingredients
- ensuring your child makes the most of the home access on Education City, Espresso and our Virtual Learning Environment.



### Things to try at home:

- investigate changing ingredients as you enjoy melting and freezing foods at home
- have fun shaping playdough
- give your child a patch of soil or a tub so that he/she can grow seeds or bulbs
- enjoy finding out about different festivals