

TOPIC summer 2 week 1: 1.6.20

LO: To name the five oceans of the world and which ocean you would find the Galapagos islands.
To recognise features of the Galapagos islands.

You will need to have downloaded Google Earth before the lesson.

Ask your child if they know where the Galapagos islands are? If you have a world map at home or a globe, you can ask your child to have a look. Remind your child that this is one of the places that Darwin visited on his HMS Beagle voyage and that what Darwin discovered about the wildlife there is extremely important.

Tell your child that the Galapagos islands are located in the Pacific ocean to give them a clue.

Do they remember the names of the five oceans? If not, you can play them this song as a reminder.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6BE4VcYngQ>

Explain to your child that we are going to use Google Earth to find the Galapagos islands.

Look at the location of the islands in relation to Ecuador and explain that the islands are part of this country, even though the ocean separates them.

Go to the Galapagos powerpoint and tell your child that they are going to be an 'Island Explorer' and find out as much as possible about the islands from the images and maps. Talk through the images, pointing out that the landscape is formed from small, sometimes volcanic islands. Comment on the vegetation and animals, focussing on the map that has a key indicating what animals live where. Finally look at the old map, which contains clues to Charles Darwin, and the old photo, linking the islands to history.

On post it notes or pieces of paper ask your child to jot down all the things they have found out from the photos and put them onto a mind map called 'The Amazing Galapagos Islands'. We will use this again in the next lesson.