



HOUSE AND HOME

Key ideas: Home. What is home?

STIMULUS

Show the children a picture of a house and ask the following

Task Question: Is this a home? Why?

FURTHER STIMULUS

Bring up a picture of a person sleeping rough (could also have a tent/campervan)

Task Questions:

- ✓ Is this home?
- ✓ Is 'a house' the same as 'a home'?
- ✓ What is home?

The above is to get them thinking about the idea of whether home is connected to having a house. There might be tangential discussions about whether it's home if you own it or whether you sleep there.

Regarding the refugees and the EU question, I thought it might be interesting to get them to think how broad the term home is/should be. What do we mean when we say 'Britain is my home'?

You could have pictures of (or just write the words on whiteboards):

- ✓ Your school
- ✓ Your town
- ✓ London
- ✓ The Uk
- ✓ Europe
- ✓ The world
- ✓ The universe!

Task Question: Are any of these home?

EXTENSION IDEAS

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Pliny the elder, a Roman Philosopher once wrote “Home is where the heart is”

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Task Questions:

- ✓ What do you think he meant by that?

- ✓ Was he right?
- ✓ Can your home be somewhere you hate?
- ✓ Is home a place? A feeling? An idea? A person or people? Something else?

FURTHER EXPLORATIONS ONLINE:

Click the link (<http://neoskosmos.com/news/en/phillosophy-home-edward-h-spence-opinion>) for a short article on the Hellenic view of home. It talks about some of the ideas above but also got me thinking about the idea of home as a non-physical entity, a state of being, comfortableness, love or freedom.