

SST. chapter 6

our earth

Answer the following questions briefly

1. what are the important things that we need, to live ?

Ans- In important things we need air and water present on the only planet our earth which supports life .

2. Why is the earth said to be a unique planet ?

Ans- Earth is the only planet which has air and water and supports life. It is because of this, that earth is a unique planet.

3. How did Ferdinand Magellan prove that the earth is round in shape?

Ans- About 600 years ago, Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese navigator, along with several other sailors started sailing from Spain . After three years the ships came back to the same place from where they started . In this way he proved that the earth is round in shape.

4. Explain the term horizon .

Ans- The line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet is called the horizon. For example when we stand on a high-rise building and watch the open space ,we see that the land coming in contact with the sky. Also, when we observe from the

sea shore the surface of the sea appears to be touching the sky.

5. What is a coastal area?

Ans- The places which are near the sea are called coastal area .

6. Why is the earth called the “ blue planet” ?

Ans- The earth is called the blue planet because it looks blue from space due to the presence of oceans and seas .
