



Our Geography Curriculum

The study of geography is about more than just memorising places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents and, in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bring people together – Barack Obama

Work Together

I love finding out about people and places!

Our Geography curriculum aims to inspire curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with our children for the rest of their lives. We aim to develop knowledge about people, places, resources and natural and human environments, together with an understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

We aim to make Geography learning accessible and enjoyable for all.

'Big ideas' we revisit as part of our Geography learning are:

'**Location**' - Where in the world are we visiting? Which continent? Which hemisphere? Which country?

'**Characteristics**' - What is significant or unique about this area?

'**Civilisation**' - What are/were civilisations like in this area? What comparisons and contrasts can be drawn?

Grow Together

Learning about geography begins with children's ability to notice, examine, think and talk about their own environment. Very young children have direct experiences in their home and immediate environment, and they will be able to build on this and develop more accurate concepts of the Earth.

We teach using the content in the Primary National Curriculum 2014 and the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (and development matters statements). We link learning to topics where possible.

We develop the following geographical skills:

- collect, analyse and communicate using data gathered through experiences
- interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

We use knowledge mats to inform teaching and develop subject specific vocabulary such as cliff, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather

We develop knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with an understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes through observations, texts and the internet.

Flourish Together

We celebrate success using displays and exhibitions

To measure progress we look at books and have discussions with children.

We carry out book looks to review subject coverage.

