

Purpose of study

A high-quality geography education should spark pupils' **curiosity and interest in the world and its people**, encouraging a lifelong fascination. Teaching should provide children with knowledge of a wide range of places, people, resources, and both natural and human environments, alongside a secure understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils develop, their increasing knowledge of the world should enable them to gain a deeper understanding of how physical and human processes interact, as well as how landscapes and environments are formed and used. Geographical knowledge, skills, and understanding offer the backgrounds needed to explain how the Earth's features are shaped, connected, and change over time at different scales.

Our Geography curriculum

At our school, Geography inspires children to develop a curiosity and fascination about the world- specifically the environment and the communities that they live in. Through engaging lessons and hands-on experiences, pupils explore both their local environment and the wider world, developing a strong sense of place and global awareness. Developing a global understanding, students will pose questions and seek answers as they explore their local area and develop connections to the wider world through their own heritage and experiences making cross curricular links. We believe in equipping our students with the skills they will need to become global citizens, interacting with the world with care, being proud of the community they live in.

Our approach

We aim to provide a high-quality geography education that helps children:

- Understand **key physical and human geographical features**
- Develop knowledge of **places, environments and cultures**
- Build **map-reading and fieldwork skills**
- Recognise how people impact the environment and the importance of **sustainability**

What Children Learn

Key Stage 1 (Years 1–2)

Children begin by exploring their **local area** and the school environment. They learn about:

- The continents and oceans of the world
- Seasonal and daily weather patterns
- Similarities and differences between places

Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6)

Children deepen their understanding of the world through the study of:

- The United Kingdom, Europe, and the Americas
- Physical geography such as rivers, mountains, and volcanoes

- Human geography including settlements, trade, and land use
- Environmental issues such as climate change and sustainability

Skills for Life

Geography at our school equips pupils with essential skills, including:

- Using maps, atlases, and digital mapping tools
- Conducting fieldwork and collecting data
- Analysing information and presenting findings
- Asking questions and thinking critically about the world

Learning Beyond the Classroom

We believe geography is best experienced first-hand. Pupils take part in:

- Local area studies and fieldwork
- Educational visits
- Outdoor learning opportunities