



Geography Curriculum Statement

Why is Geography important?

Geography lessons are vital in order to understand and gain knowledge of our world. Children learn key skills such as map reading and develop an understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes which will remain with them for the rest of their lives. An awareness of the wider world equips pupils with a knowledge of where things are found, why they are there and how they develop and change over time. It highlights the relationships between people and their environments. Through Geography, children learn the importance of tolerance and respect. Learning Geography helps children to recognise their responsibility in our world. It develops an awareness of climate change and the impact that everyday actions create.

What is Geography like at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery?

At St. George's Central, we inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people. We explore these themes using many sources, including world artwork, maps, globes, photographs and ICT; ensuring a well-balanced and interactive method of learning for all pupils. With an emphasis on learning about, and using our own environment, our pupils develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their immediate locality. We help children to understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography in our own country, as well as in other regions in the world. By incorporating this comparative approach, we encourage our children to actively question the world around them.

We support the National Curriculum aims for Geography, seeking to ensure that all pupils:

- develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes.
- understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time.
- are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
 - collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes.
 - interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).
 - communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

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In Nursery and Reception we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum where 'Understanding the world' is one of the specific areas of learning.

Opportunities to celebrate Geography at St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery

Visitors in school, quality texts in the library, trips linked to Geography topics studied.

'Never settle for less than your best'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12