St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery

Feedback from children about Geography (October 2022)

General questions about Geography

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What is Geography?

- * Learn about the world right now.
- * Learn about the water cycle.
- * Places and people.
- * Rivers, dams and lakes.
- * Landmarks.
- * Use maps, kindles to research, find out about biomes.

What do you like about Geography?

- * Learn new things about different places.
- * Learn about other people and cultures.
- * Learning about landmarks.
- * Looking at the water cycle.
- * Find out more about the history of earth.
- * Learn about famous people.
- * It is interesting to learn about how long it took different landscapes to be established.
- * The lessons are fun.

Tell me about your favourite piece of work in Geography and tell me why you enjoyed learning about this.

LC: How do we work through 6 figure grid references?

- * We looked at different maps and found symbols. It was interesting and it is a real life skill to be able to use a map properly.
- * I now know what all the different symbols mean so it makes me want to explore more.
- * It was really fun.

Are there any areas in Geography that you are still unsure about?

- * Remembering what some geographical words mean.
- * Remembering sticky knowledge.

How do you know if you are doing well in Geography?

- * Getting questions right when using hands right or when we are just asked.
- * Team points in books and ticks.
- * Becoming more confident when talking about geography.

What happens if you are finding work difficult in Geography?

- * Ask teacher for help and that makes me feel more confident to answer questions.
- * Giving things to help like pictures, help sheets and word sheets.

What do you need to do to improve your learning in Geography?

- * Give people who are finding the lesson easy; harder challenges. People who are finding it to hard; give them easier work.
- * Use skills more by having practical lessons.

In September, you are learning about 'Would I prefer to live in Greater Manchester or Gwynedd?' what can you tell me about it?

- * Greater Manchester is the county we live in, in North West England.
- * Gwynedd is in North West Wales.
- * We have learnt about 6 figure grid references- numbers on the y and x axis join at specific locations.

Can you explain what some of this Geography vocabulary means?

Route- starting location to end destination in between is the route.

Region- not sure.

Scale- map's real size on the ground. The scale on the bottom shows the true size.

Land Use- what land is used for like towns, cities, farms etc.

Rural- the countryside.

Urban- it is the opposite like a city.

'Never settle for less than your best'

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Can you think where you have used your Geography skills or knowledge in other subjects?

- * With Miss Billington, we looked at OS maps and their symbols.
- * Looked at counties in Year 4.
- * We a topic all on Greater Manchester. We looked at land use, landmarks, how it was different to Tyldesley and transport links.

Subject specific questions about Geography

What is a cartographer and why is it an important job?

- * Someone who makes, learns and teaches about maps.
- * If we didn't have cartographers we wouldn't have GPS systems. We wouldn't be exploring places which are really hard to get to like the bottom of the sea. They ensure people are able to know where they are going.

What careers relate to Geography?

- * Pilot
- * Explorer
- * Archaeologists
- * Captain of a boat
- * The Army
- * A cartographer.

Action to take as a result of Pupil Feedback on Geography

- * Link each lesson to a sticky knowledge focus. You could stick the focus in the book at the start of the lesson so children can refer back to it.
- * Extra challenges for GD children to stretch their geographical understanding.

Whole School Actions

*All pupils to learn the SGC definition of geography-

'Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments.'

*Within every topic, please ensure you have at least one lesson in the field practicing a geography skill (please see me for any advice).

Next Pupil Feedback review: Spring Term 2023