

The Magdalen Church of England / Methodist Primary School, Wainfleet

Geography Rationale

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 bridge divides and bring people together.

Barack Obama

Retention

Our geography curriculum provides a means of exploring, appreciating and understanding the world in which we live and how it has evolved. Geography explores the relationship between the Earth and its people through the study of place, space and environment. It contributes to the cultural, social, spiritual and moral life of children as they acquire knowledge of a range of different cultures and traditions, and learn tolerance and understanding of other people and environments. Geography is the subject in which pupils learn the skills of understanding a locality and how and where people fit into its overall structure. Developing geographical skills is essential as children live in a world that is wide open to them. With opportunities to travel and work in different cities and countries across the world, pupils need to use efficiently maps, charts and other geographical data. The opportunities for the children to carry out geographical enquiry are also of value.

Application

We have developed a curriculum that aims to ensure that all pupils develop:

- an excellent knowledge of where places are and what they are like, both in Britain and the wider world;
- a comprehensive understanding of the ways in which places are interdependent and interconnected;
- an extensive base of geographical knowledge and vocabulary;
- fluency in complex, geographical enquiry and the ability to apply questioning skills, as well as effective presentation techniques;
- the ability to reach clear conclusions and explain their findings;
- excellent fieldwork skills as well as other geographical aptitudes and techniques;
- the ability to express well-balanced opinions, rooted in very good knowledge and understanding about current issues in society and the environment;
- a genuine interest in the subject and a real sense of curiosity about the world and the people who live here.

Inspiration

Geography is about developing knowledge, skills and understanding relating to the children's own environment and the people who live there and about developing an awareness of the wider world. We hope our geography curriculum stimulates children's interest in their surroundings thereby enhancing their sense of responsibility for the care of the Earth and its people.

Success for everyone

We believe that by providing children a high quality, exciting geography curriculum all of our children will develop a curiosity about the world and the people who live there. The planning of geography is designed to enable the teaching, participation and engagement of all learners by making reasonable adjustments for children to access the curriculum.