



GEOGRAPHY AT ST. LAWRENCE'S

Geography forms an integral part of the curriculum at St Lawrence's Primary School. We believe that developing the children's awareness of the world around them is crucial to support their understanding of an increasingly complicated world.

Geography at St. Lawrence's involves the study of a range of different environments and topics, giving children the opportunity to explore their locality and beyond. Through Geography, we encourage and challenge children to view the world from new perspectives and ask them questions around key social and environmental issues we face as a society today.

INTENT:

The intent of Geography teaching at St. Lawrence's is to give children a strong knowledge, rich vocabulary and understanding of the world around them. Through geography, we aim to broaden the children's horizons and encourage them to explore the world they live in. We also hope to give them an insight into key issues that are sure to affect them in the future such as climate change, its causes, possible solutions and the effect that this has on global ecosystems.

At St Lawrence's, inspiring teaching ensures that children learn about:

- The diverse nature of places, people and environments on Earth and how they vary spatially and temporally.
- Key physical and human processes, interactions between such processes and how they have impacted on landscapes and environments.
- A range of key geographical skills, which allow them to collect, interpret and communicate data collected through fieldwork.

IMPLEMENTATION:

We teach Geography through engaging and thought-provoking lessons, which consistently build upon, and are tailored, to the prior knowledge of the children and learning in previous year groups. We give children unique learning experiences and memorable opportunities to explore unusual environments, which differ from their own, through educational trips, visitors in school and special days that celebrate a particular topic. An example of this is Culture Day, where each class learnt about a brand new culture and spent time studying a range of different aspects of the culture including the geography, music, food, art and language.

We also work closely with the Geography department at Sacred Heart High School, who provide us with a wide variety of resources to support our Geography teaching, as well as a range of fieldwork opportunities for the children and CPD to develop teacher knowledge and skills.

IMPACT:

By the time the children leave St. Lawrence's, they will be well equipped with a strong knowledge of Geography, as well as a range of key geographical skills. They will have developed a curiosity and understanding of the world around them and be confident in asking crucial questions, of themselves and others, about how humans will continue to impact on the world. They will have a strong

awareness of how our world is changing, as a result of climate change, and be inspired to make innovative changes in their own lives, for the benefit of all society.