

Geography



Intent

Our aim at Vale School is to inspire children's curiosity, interest and appreciation for the world that we live in. We intend to equip children with geographical skills to develop their knowledge through studying places, people and natural and human environments.

We want our children to develop a curiosity and interest in the world and its people which will remain with them for the rest of their lives; promote their interests and understanding of diverse cultures, places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

The topics taught have been specifically selected to ensure all children make progress and embed knowledge throughout the years.

Implementation

Geography is taught for half a term out of every term and alternates with the teaching of history. The curriculum is designed to ensure each term children build on the skills from the previous term, ensuring children develop a deeper understanding and depth to their learning. Teachers understand the key knowledge, skills and key vocabulary of each topic and consideration has been given to ensure progression throughout each year across the school. Children are given access to a range of resources to develop learning through atlases, digital technology, books and photographs.

Through our geography curriculum children have opportunities to investigate and interpret a range of geographical locations in Britain and across the wider world. Where possible we ensure cross curricular links with maths and literacy. Geography provides excellent opportunities to support all learning abilities through investigations, outdoor learning and analysing data. We also ensure children get hands-on experience within the community by planning field trips that relate to each topic.

Impact

As a result of the provision above, children at Vale School will be the best they can be and:

- gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of the world and its people
- their geographical skills, knowledge and understanding are built upon and developed
- develop their love of learning about local places and enjoy different environments

This is evidenced through: observations, learning walks, reviewing children's knowledge and skills and PSP targets.