

Statement of Intent – Geography

Purpose – Why is this subject important?

- Geography is important because it teaches children about the world they live in.
- Children are able to learn about their local area and to understand where it is located in the world and in comparison to other places.
- This subject teaches children about other places that are different from where we live, to learn about and to value other nationalities, their culture and they ways which they live.
- In Geography, children are also able to learn about the natural world and how it works such as; the poles, equator, mountains, volcanoes, seasons and weather and natural disasters.
- Geography provides children with many life skills such being able to use an atlas, globe and to be able to read maps.
- Learning about Geography is also important as children will learn about climate changes and the impact that we as humans have had and are currently having on our world.

Principles – What are the distinctive ways of knowing, working and learning in this subject?

- Children are taught about their local area.
- Children learn about the countries in the wider world.
- Children are taught to value and appreciate other cultures and ways of living.
- Children understand how the world works and the understand key environmental issues.
- Children learn fieldwork skills which include observing, map reading, orienteering, collecting, analysing and presenting data.
- Children ask and answer key geographical questions and plan and undertake their own enquiry.
- The use of atlases, globes, maps, local maps, google images, photographs and artefacts are vital in deepening the children's understanding of this subject.
- Geography is linked to other subject areas such as English, Maths, Science, RE and PSHE.

Expectations – What does success look like?

- Children enjoy learning about Geography.
- Children are able to confidently use vocabulary related to Geography topics.
- Children are able to talk about their local area, and recall the names of continents, countries, cities, oceans and seas and other key geographical areas.
- Children can confidently use a range of geographical skills such as map reading.
- Children understand cause and effect, understand how and why natural disasters occur and the impact these have.
- Children appreciate the impact that humans have on the world and have a sense of wanting to make the world a healthier and better place for all living things to be in.