

Geography Curriculum Intent Statement

Intent

The Ecton Village Primary Academy geography curriculum has been designed to inspire pupils to be curious about their world and its people. The children will develop an understanding of the global environmental issues that they face and people live in diverse climates and landscapes. The curriculum will equip children with knowledge of diverse places and people, natural and human environments and a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes as well as how Earth's features are shaped, interconnected and changed over time. Using, maps, atlases and interactive platforms the children will develop an understanding of global geography and where they live in relation to the locations studied.

Implementation

At Ecton Village Primary Academy the children's journey to becoming confident and knowledgeable geographers begins in Foundation Stage, when the children develop an awareness of where they live and their surroundings. In each class, Hedgehogs then Badgers and finally, Owls, the children will extend their understanding of their place in the world to cumulate in global knowledge.

Using the CUSP curriculum for Geography, children will be taught:

- **Substantive knowledge** – this is the subject knowledge and explicit vocabulary used to learn about the content.
- **Disciplinary knowledge** – this is the use of that knowledge and how children construct understanding through processes, evidence, pattern seeking, reasoning and explaining change. We call it 'Thinking Geographically'.
- **Geographical analysis** – is developed through selecting, organising and integrating knowledge through reasoning and inference making in response to structured questions and challenges.
- **Substantive concepts** – these include place, space, scale, interdependence, physical and human processes, environmental impact, sustainable development, cultural awareness and cultural diversity. Concepts such as change through erosion are taught through explicit vocabulary instruction as well as through the direct content and context of the study.

Impact

At Ecton Village Primary Academy, we teach the children how to look closely at their environment and how their own small actions can have a positive impact on the Earth on which they live. The children will have a secure understanding of global geography and its associated weather patterns and biomes. As geographers the children will be equipped to investigate, answer and raise questions about further geographical locations. Children will draw facts from fiction; through their fiction reading about stories from other cultures and stories set in extreme weather occurrences the children will draw out the knowledge that will enrich their technical geographical understanding.



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