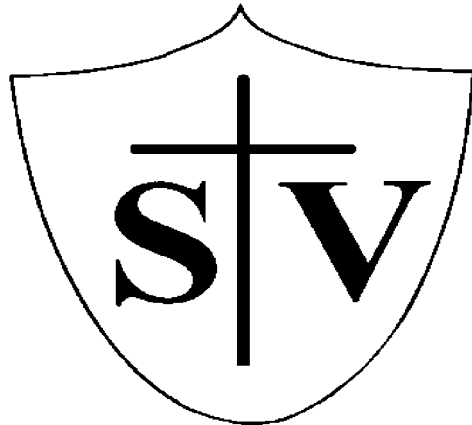


St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Geography Policy

Intent

At St. Vincent's Primary School, we believe that teaching and learning in geography is important because it provides children with the necessary skills to develop their spatial awareness of the world around them. Through the teaching and learning of geography children will develop the ability to use and apply geographical skills in other areas of the curriculum and in real life, through a growing range of enquiry skills, investigation, analysis and problem solving. The purpose of geography is to give pupils the skills, concepts and knowledge necessary for them to see the subject in context of themselves and the lives of the community around them and wider world. Ultimately developing our children's ideas of global citizenship, broadening their understanding of people, places, patterns and environments and their impact on the world.

Implementation

Geography is an essential part of the curriculum; it provides a means of exploring, appreciating and understanding the world in which we live and how it has evolved. Our intended curriculum is therefore delivered through the lens of this viewpoint. In EYFS and KS1, we help children understand the human and physical world around them as they know it and explore it further, before expanding on this knowledge in KS2. In KS2 we learn and compare the earth systems, environments, human and physical differences and challenges faced in various continents to what we know life to be,

The Geography Curriculum places great importance on the interaction between the physical and the human environment. 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 and an appreciation of a range of different cultures and traditions. Subsequently learning 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.

The teaching of Geography would be difficult without acknowledging the future of our planet. In order to achieve a greater and broader depth of knowledge in the geography curriculum we do not use a set scheme of work. Instead we encourage staff to use resources from a wide variety of sources such as Oddizzi, TES, PlanBee, Geography association, Twinkl etc. for teaching and learning, as well as a curated list of websites provided.

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 maps, charts and other geographical data efficiently. The opportunities for the children to carry out geographical enquiry are also of value. Many areas of study give opportunities to make children aware of these effects upon their surroundings, their own responsibilities and how they can contribute to improving the environment in a more sustainable way, however small that contribution might be. These are the parameters that guide the implementation of our geography curriculum.

Impact

The geography curriculum strives to deliver rich and diverse lessons to prepare children for the growing world around them. We aim to impart children with a lifelong desire to learn about the ever-changing world and cultures within them.

We strive to equip all children with the essential skills needed to progress in life, inclusive of all abilities. We aim to ensure that all children develop an understanding of the importance of their place and contributions to the wider community. As well as ensuring that they are fully equipped to meet any challenges they may face with confidence.

Curriculum

Our Geography curriculum overview shows the different continents covered in each year group. For a more in depth look at what exactly is taught in each year group you can find this information on the Geography coverage table.

Geography Whole School Events Gallery

We celebrate three special events for Geography across the school:

- Fairtrade Fortnight – February 27TH – March
- Earth Day – 22nd April
- Cultural Diversity Day – 21st May – Celebrated as International Week