



Geography

Intent

At St Augustine's we believe that all pupils should be able to confidently communicate their knowledge and ideas through their geography work. We want pupils to acquire a wide geographical vocabulary, a solid understanding of the Geography Programme of Study as identified in the National Curriculum and be able to use and develop their geographical mapping and field study skills and effectively apply these throughout their time in primary school. We want our children to write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style for writing geographically and for a range of audiences. We believe that all good geographers develop their mapping and field study skills over time, so we want children to develop independence in being able to understand the world, continents, countries, counties, cities, towns and villages. Also, significant geographical areas and features and how they affect the way we live and the effect of human behaviour on them. We want them to understand their local area and be able to compare it to the wider world and to be able to accurately record their results and use a variety of methods to present their findings. We also want our children to be able to identify their own areas for improvement and use these evaluations when considering their next area of study. The curriculum and planning is adapted appropriately for those children with SEND and those that are new to English so that skills and knowledge are developed alongside children's confidence.

Implementation

In geography, children at our school have the opportunities to investigate, learn more about and compare our world. This includes, North America including Arizona, South America including the Amazon, Europe and the British Isles. They are taught to be able to locate continents, countries, cities, seas, oceans, mountains and rivers. They learn how to interpret many sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems including Google Earth.

Children learn to understand how the human and physical features of a place shapes its location and can change over time.

We also focus on the geography of our local area including learning about Pellon, flooding on the Calder Valley and a field study at Hard Castle Crags. We compare Blackpool to Barcelona.

Further afield we virtually visit the River Colorado, The Grand Canyon and Arizona as well as studying earthquakes and volcanoes across the world.

Children are taught to understand the methods of geographical enquiry including investigating habitats, considering various sources of evidence and asking and answering questions.

Developing our pupils' curiosity and love of geography is not just classroom based, we invite visitors into school both in person and virtually, visit significant places, sites and explore our local area.

Recommended sites include:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/weather

www.earth.google.com

www.thenational.academy



Intended Impact

When children leave St Augustine's CE (VA) School they will be able to work with confidence across many areas of geography. Children will have developed the knowledge, skills and understanding to help them study and investigate geography in a safe and inquisitive way. Children will have developed skills that equip them to be geographers throughout their lives.