

What is Geography?

Geography is one of three humanities subjects, the other two being History and Religious Education.

Foundation Stage:

The teaching of Geography fits in to the curriculum area of Understanding the World. Children will have opportunities to explore the natural world around them and understand that there are similarities and differences between where they live and other environments.

Key Stage 1:

Geography is taught across the terms, linking in with relevant topics. There are often many cross curricular writing opportunities and ways to use ICT to enhance the teaching of Geography.

The Importance of Geography

Geography will inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people.

Pupils will develop their knowledge about the local area, the United Kingdom and the world.

They should understand basic Geographical vocabulary relating to human and physical geography and begin to use geographical skills, such as first hand observations and the use of maps to enhance their locational awareness.



Using map skills to locate local places on a map through fieldwork experiences.

The Geography Curriculum

A brief overview of the main themes covered at Summerhill Infant School.

Reception:

- Exploring our environment through Forest School including local areas
- Exploring environments through stories, maps, pictures and toys
- Uses and sources of water

Year 1:

- Exploring the physical and human features of our local area and how we could improve them
- Identifying the countries of the UK
- Map making of the local area
- Seasonal trips to the park

Year 2:

- Exploring the geography of our local area including visiting the park
- Explorers topic looking at physical and human features around the world
- Locating continents, countries and seas on a map
- Exploring atlases, OS maps and Google Earth
- Comparing weather in the northern and southern hemisphere

How can you help?

Geography at Summerhill Infant School is not only about looking at maps and countries abroad, Geography can be taught and explored far closer to home!

Here are some ways in which you can support your child when learning about Geography in a real life, hands on context:

- Post a letter, discuss the address, how it is used and why it is important.
- When out and about talk about the different houses and buildings.
- Look at stickers on fruits and vegetables and discuss where they have come from.
- Ask your child to help direct you to the park or shops, developing language.



Mixing History with Geography, comparing Victorian maps of St. George with modern maps.



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This leaflet aims to give you a brief overview of Geography at Summerhill Infant School