

## 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 'Understanding the World'. Children 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 year linking in with relevant topics. Children have the opportunity to explore a range of places within the United Kingdom and the wider world, to help develop and embed an understanding of the Earth's physical and human processes.

## The Importance of Geography

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

Children will develop an excellent knowledge of where places are, both in Britain and the wider world. They will use an extensive range of geographical vocabulary to ask questions and to explain their findings. Children will have excellent fieldwork skills and an understanding of some of the current issues with the environment. .



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

### Year 1:

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

### Year 2:

- Exploring the geography of our local area
- 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 that you see.
- 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