

Willowbrook Primary School

Geography

Intent

At Willowbrook Primary School, we believe that Geography plays an important part in providing children with exciting opportunities to explore the world in which we live, the people that live there and the impact that people have on their environment. Through the Geography curriculum, we aim to inspire children, address their curiosities about the Earth and apply ideas to new and changing settings. It is our aim for Geography to build children's locational knowledge both locally and globally and to make progress in their understanding of the world with the use of various maps and atlases.

We also aim to develop the geographical skills, by promoting an inclusive learning environment through investigative lessons, practical work, and collaborative tasks. We seek to support all children in developing their interest and understanding of diverse places, people, resources, and physical and human processes. The curriculum provides opportunities for individuals to collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes; interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS); and communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps and writing at length.

Implementation

Willowbrook uses a thematic curriculum approach which involves teaching the key skills of the National Curriculum (2014) through a series of topics. Many of these topics have a Geography focus, where key skills and knowledge are taught. However, Geography is also drip-fed and taught in topics which may be predominantly geography or science based. From EYFS through to year 6, the children are taught knowledge in skills in the areas of locational knowledge; place knowledge; human and physical geography; geographical skills and field work. We have carefully looked at the knowledge and skills required and taught to ensure they progressive, building on previous learning and experience.

Impact

By the time pupils leave Willowbrook Primary School, they have been given a wide range of opportunities to explore Geography and gain key skills and knowledge in the subject to continue their learning at a deeper level at secondary school, hopefully with an enthusiasm and passion for the subject.