

We believe that children who excel in Geography have these essential characteristics:

- A passion for and commitment to the subject, and a real sense of curiosity to find out about the world and the people who live there.
- The ability to conduct geographical enquiries including: proficiency in asking questions, collecting and analysing data and drawing conclusions.
- Highly developed and frequently utilised fieldwork skills in order to develop knowledge, understanding and a duty of care towards their local environment.
- The ability to use their personal geography story to provide insight into the nature, variety and lives of the neighbourhood.
- Understanding that interconnects different subjects and different areas of geography to give meaning and significance to findings e.g. links to maths, science etc.
- An extensive base of geographical knowledge and vocabulary which can be applied to all areas of work.
- A developed spatial awareness to understand scales, features and links between environments, places and locations.
- The ability to notice and map patterns, leading to consideration of reasons for and impacts of both human and physical developments and the insight to ask further questions to investigate how these are inter-related
- Proficiency in the skills of decoding, interpreting, comprehending and analysing information and messages from maps, including online sources, to recognise the features and aspects of an urban, rural or wild area
- The ability to interpret visual images such as pictures, graphs, sketches, charts, photographs and diagrams, including online sources, to understand what is happening in an area, tying together the past, the present and what may occur in the future.
- A strong awareness of environmental geography and how environmental management and sustainability are important for the future, including an awareness of the potential of their role in a sustainable future.