



St. Stephen's Junior School

Curriculum Overview: Geography

Curriculum Intent:

At St Stephen's Junior School, we hope to inspire a curiosity about the world and its people by understanding why Earth is the way that it is, why and how people live the way that they do and how our decisions effect our planet. The four key areas, specified within the National Curriculum are:

- Locational Knowledge
- Place Knowledge
- Geographical Skills and Field work
- Physical and Human Geography

These four strands are developed across the school from Year 3 through to Year 6.

We hope to instill an understanding of why life is the way it is in different areas of the world as well as encouraging an active interest in their environment. We also aim to develop the necessary skills required to collect data and use it to answer any relevant geographical questions, which may arise over the course of study.

Progression in learning:

At St. Stephen's Junior School, we ensure that Geographical skills are taught at the same time throughout the school. This is so that teachers from differing year groups can go and observe different years to see what children in previous years are learning or what they will be learning in future years to ensure that their lessons are pitched appropriately. Skills are introduced in lower key stage 2 and revisited and built upon in upper key stage 2.

An example of this progression is shown below:

Geographical skills and field work			
Year 3 Land Use	Year 4 Marvellous Maps	Year 5 Magnificent Mountains	Year 6 Trade and Economics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use simple sketch maps that show how land is used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can find countries in Europe and North and South America on a map. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use a legend to find areas of higher ground on a map. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explain the UK's trade links with other countries.

Locational Knowledge			
Year 3 The UK	Year 4 All around the world	Year 5 Magnificent Mountains	Year 6 Amazing Americas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can name and locate the countries and cities of the UK as well as their physical characteristics and human geography. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can locate the equator on a map and globe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use the index in an atlas to find mountains. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can identify the countries of North and South America. I can identify the capital city of a country.

Place Knowledge			
Year 3 Rainforests	Year 4 What's it like in Whitstable	Year 5 Eastern Europe	Year 5 Magnificent Mountains
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can name some countries where rainforests are found. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can find Whitstable on a map. I can identify Whitstable's major features. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can identify some countries in Europe. I can use an atlas to find the names of countries. I can use an atlas to find names of cities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can tell you the country a mountain range is found in. I can compare mountain climates.

Human and Physical Geography		
Year 3 Extreme Earth	Year 5 Magnificent Mountains	Year 6 Changing the world
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can recognise that there is rock under all surfaces. I can list the layers that make up the earth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can tell you what a hill might look like based on its contours. I can tell you that not all mountains look the same I can identify a valley and the summit, foot and slope of a mountain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explain how water and weather can change the landscape. I can tell you what weathering and erosion means. I understand how coastal features are formed.