



# Curriculum statement for Geography

## **Subject aims: what do we want the children to learn and why**

Our Geography curriculum will inspire in children a fascination and curiosity of the world around them. We will encourage children to look closely, ask questions and interpret what they see. Children will develop their skills by investigating a range of places including their local area so that they develop a sense of where and who they are and have a more in depth understanding of other countries and cultures and learn about similarities and differences between them.

## **How the subject is organised and taught**

The journey will begin in Reception through carefully planned and well-resourced provision that enables children to explore and investigate their immediate environment. Children will be able to make observations of living things, people and places and be able to talk about the things they notice. In KS1 and KS2 Geography will be taught in blocks throughout the year allowing full coverage of the curriculum objectives. The key knowledge and skills will be carefully planned to ensure progression throughout each year group across the school. Medium term planning will provide teachers with the objectives that need to be taught. The lessons that are taught within those plans will show progression and depth of understanding. Teachers will be able to assess prior knowledge and skills at the beginning of a topic and the use of knowledge organisers will be implemented so that each child will be clear about what they are learning. Children will be taught key vocabulary and will be assessed throughout the year through end of unit tasks that assess understanding and knowledge acquired.

## **What subject-specific characteristics do we want children to develop?**

Through high quality teaching children will have an excellent knowledge of where places are and what they are like, both in Britain and the wider world. They will collect and analyse data, use maps and globes, look at aerial photographs and digital mapping to name and identify countries, continents and oceans. They will be able to reach conclusions and present their findings in different ways. Children will be able to express opinions based on their knowledge and understanding about current issues in society and the environment. They will enjoy learning about geography by gaining this knowledge and skills, not just through experiences in the classroom, but also with the use of fieldwork and educational visits. Not only will they leave primary school with a greater awareness of the world and of the people who live in it but they will be prepared for the Key Stage 3 curriculum that lies beyond.