

The Geography Curriculum

'A high-quality geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the frameworks and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.'

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Our Geography curriculum is planned for and taught in discrete lessons. Our units are half a term (KS1) or a term (KS2) in length, alternating with History, thus allowing us to make an in-depth study in our Geography units. At Pontesbury CE Primary we seek to give every child a Geography curriculum that inspires pupils to develop a curiosity about the world, understand their role in it and the responsibilities that come with it.

What is our approach to Geography?

Our Geography Curriculum is a bespoke design focusing on Key Knowledge and Key Vocabulary.

The sequence of learning in Key Stage 1 is planned by teachers starting with the world pupils know locally and moving further afield both nationally and internationally. Pupils will engage in the following topics to meet the demands of the National Curriculum: Our school; Wonderful Weather; Pontesbury (fieldwork study); Wonderful World; Sensational Safari and Beside the Seaside. This stage lays the foundation for Geography at Pontesbury and introduces Key Knowledge and Key Vocabulary that will be revisited.

In Key Stage 2, we have developed a bespoke curriculum which builds on Knowledge and Vocabulary learnt in Key Stage 1. In this Key Stage, pupils will engage in the National Curriculum through the following topics: Us in the UK; Source to Sea; Power of the planet; Europe – Final Countdown and North & South America (a study).

Cross curricular links are made where possible to support pupils' learning (e.g. explanation texts in English, PowerPoints in computing etc).