



Geography

"The study of Geography is about understanding the complexity of our world and appreciating the diversity of cultures that exist across continents. In the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together."

(Barack Obama)

Geography provokes and answers questions about the natural and human worlds, using different scales of enquiry to view them from different perspectives. It develops knowledge of places and environments throughout the world; an understanding of maps; and a range of investigative and problem-solving skills, both inside and outside the classroom. As such, it prepares pupils for adult life and employment. Geography is a focus within the curriculum for understanding and resolving issues about the environment and sustainable development. It is also an important link between the natural and social sciences. As pupils study geography, they encounter different societies and cultures. This helps them realise how nations rely on each other. It can inspire them to think about their own place in the world, their values, and their rights and responsibilities to other people and the environment.

Aims:

- To develop the knowledge, skills and understanding laid down in the Geography orders, to the maximum of their potential.
- To make sense of their own surroundings through learning about their own locality, and the interaction between people and environment.
- To extend their interest, knowledge and understanding of contrasting localities in Britain, Europe and the World.
- To develop knowledge and understanding of the human and physical processes which shape places.
- To appreciate similarity and difference in the world about them and to respect other peoples' beliefs, attitudes and values.
- To develop the geographical skills and vocabulary necessary to carry out effective geographical enquiry.
- To formulate appropriate questions, develop research skills and evaluate material to inform opinions.
- To develop interest and enjoyment of geographical experiences and build confidence and understanding.
- To recognise and understand issues concerning the environment and sustainable development

Cornerstones Learning Journeys

At Hazeldown, objectives and activities are taken from **Cornerstones**, often then added to by the class teacher depending on the needs and interests of their specific classes. Some topics are Geography based, such as 'Coastline', whereas others have elements of Geography within the topic.



Useful Links to help with Geography learning at home:

Google Maps

Google Maps is a really useful resource for helping children to visualise the world map and see how the countries are connected.

Children could use this to try and get from one location to another; find the school on the map; or even visit a holiday destination!

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.8382004,-2.3278149,6z>

BBC Bitesize

BBC Bitesize has some really useful links to videos and resources for the different areas of the primary Geography curriculum.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbkw2hv>

Geographical Organisation

The Geographical Organisation has some fun quizzes and games to test your geographical knowledge!

<https://www.geography.org.uk/Geography-from-home>