



In the Light of Jesus, we Learn to Shine – Primary Aims of our School Curriculum

Geography

The National Curriculum (2014) explains the intent, implementation and impact of the geography curriculum for Key Stage 1 and 2, through its 'Purpose of Study' and 'Aims,' which we apply at St Joseph's. The details for this can be accessed [here](#). The following statements outline the broader intent, implementation and impact of our geography curriculum for St Joseph's beyond those stated in the National Curriculum (2014):

INTENT	<p>The broader aims of the St Joseph's Key Stage 1 and 2 curriculum for geography are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for pupils to grow in love and appreciation of God's world by understanding the impact they have on the world and how they can help to protect the environment, and by acknowledging the Earth as a gift from God. • for all children to develop a secure understanding of the world, its people and celebrate its diversity. • for learners to have a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, as well as their local area and their role in their wider community, instilling pride in and awareness of where they live. • to inspire curiosity, promote engagement resilience, independence and collaboration and instill a love for learning about the world among our pupils.
IMPLEMENTATION	<p>Geography will be implemented across Key Stage 1 and 2 for all pupils at St Joseph's by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using a topic-based approach which progressively moves from children's awareness of their community, local area, Britain and the world. • utilising the local area through visits and the vast school grounds, enabling opportunities for fieldwork and outdoor learning. • using high-quality resources that help to inspire and engage children and opportunity for oracy to embed concepts and develop understanding. • drawing on the experiences of our pupils, sharing our traditions and cultures. • planning inclusive, progressive and sequential lessons that both support and stretch pupils. • providing children with the opportunity to learn through exploration and discussion. • continuously developing the curriculum to ensure coverage of new information e.g. environmental issues and current affairs. • applying geographical learning objectives across the curriculum.
IMPACT	<p>The impact of the St Joseph's Key Stage 1 and 2 curriculum for geography is that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our children will have a passion for and commitment to geography. • the children will become independent thinkers, and resilient and collaborative learners, who question and investigate changes to the modern world. • the children will have a developed knowledge and appreciation for their local area, Britain and the wider world. • the children will aspire to discover more about the world and appreciate the people who live there. • the children will know that they have the ability to change this world for the better. • all pupils will achieve well regardless of their starting point. • the children will have a growing knowledge of geographical terms, vocabulary, concepts and skills to take forward to the next stage of their education and lives. • children will be able to successfully communicate in and about geography.