

## Barlby Bridge Community Primary School

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Geography teaches an understanding of places and environments. Children learn about their local area and compare their life in this area with that in other regions in the United Kingdom and in the rest of the world. They learn how to draw and interpret maps and they develop the skills of research, investigation, analysis and problem-solving. Through their growing knowledge and understanding of human geography, children gain an appreciation of life in other cultures. Geography teaching also motivates children to find out about the physical world and enables them to recognize the importance of sustainable development for the future of mankind.

### The aims of geography are:

- To enable children to gain knowledge and understanding of places in the world.
- To increase children's knowledge of other cultures and to teach a respect and understanding of what it means to be a positive citizen in a multi-cultural country.
- To allow children to learn graphic skills, including how to use, draw and interpret maps.
- \*To enable children to know and understand environmental problems at a local, regional and global level.
- To encourage in children a commitment to sustainable development and an appreciation of what 'global citizenship' means.
- To develop a variety of other skills, including those of enquiry, problem solving, ICT, investigation and how to present their conclusions in the most appropriate way.

### Guidelines

- We will use the school's long term plans to ensure progression of skills. This will include the National Curriculum statutory requirements and will be taught where possible through a thematic approach.
- Each teacher is responsible for the curriculum coverage in their class and where possible Geography will be taught through a cross curricular approach.
- We offer them the opportunity to use a variety of data, such as maps, statistics, graphs, pictures, and aerial photographs, and we enable them to use IT in geography lessons where this serves to enhance their learning.
- We will use ICT to support research skills, including using the Internet and IWB programs.
- Wherever possible, we involve pupils in 'real' geographical activities, e.g. research of a local environmental problem or use of the Internet to investigate a current issue.
- We will provide activities that are accessible to all pupils so that all children are able to further their learning in the subject area.