



# Statement of Intent for GEOGRAPHY

**Experience Success** ← → **Build Aspiration**

*“Until you spread your wings, you’ll have no idea how far you can fly”*

*Respect • Resilience • Responsibility • Compassion • Curiosity • Trust*

At Bowerhill Primary School our **INTENT** is to enable ALL children to **EXPERIENCE SUCCESS** through **BUILDING ASPIRATION** within them. Equally as important, to **BUILD ASPIRATION** through the **SUCCESS** they **EXPERIENCE**... we want all children to experience just how far they can fly! We will do this through all the opportunities we provide them with, including our curriculum.

## **Intent**

It is our intention that the geography curriculum provided at Bowerhill School teaches the knowledge and skills required by the National Curriculum, but presents the learning in ways which draw on, and builds upon, the interests and experiences of our children. We ensure that the children’s knowledge and skills are progressive throughout the years, builds upon prior learning and provides the children with geographical vocabulary to communicate effectively. Geography is all around us. The study of Geography ignites children’s curiosity about their country, town, and the wider world. We seek to promote the children’s interest and understanding of diverse places, people, resources, and natural and human environments. Together, with a deep understanding of the earth’s key physical and human processes.

## **Implementation**

In our school we teach the aspects of Geography, through the Learning Challenge topic studies. The teachers begin to plan a Learning Challenge topic by deciding how the geography knowledge and skills will be taught. A detailed programme of study shows teachers which knowledge and skills need to be taught in each year group ensuring progression throughout the school. Before each topic begins an elicitation activity takes place informing the teacher of what the children would like to learn, prior knowledge, and any misconceptions. The teacher then uses this information and the objectives for their year group to plan the topic. Each topic study will feature a stimulating first-hand experience for the children. This ‘wow’ serves to launch the work and excite the children about the learning ahead. The ‘wow’ is often an educational visit, a special visitor to the class or topic-based resources. We build on the play-based learning of our Early Years children by offering first-hand experiences throughout their time at Bowerhill School to inspire engagement and an enthusiasm to learn.

## **Impact**

As a result of having clear and progressive planning across the school, children will have acquired an understanding of geographical facts and knowledge, clear understanding of the key features of Geography and the skills to carry out relevant and appropriate research. The children will be able to use these skills across within the wider curriculum.