

# Geography Introduction

Darwen St James'  
C of E Primary Academy



**Nurturing ambition through a living faith in Geography at Darwen St James' is –**

**Nurture –** We are developing our children's sense of being part of the wider world through our Geography curriculum. We begin this in Year 1 with an understanding of the immediate school surroundings and this is continued throughout the curriculum in both key stages, when we broaden to look at the United Kingdom, an area in a European country, and the world beyond. This gives the children an idea of where they come from, leading to a discovery of who they are in the world.

**Ambition –**

The Geography curriculum builds upon the idea of creating ambition, with a familiarisation of human and physical geography in both Key Stages. Throughout Key Stage 1 and 2 Geography skills are taught which are aimed at demonstrating to the children that investigation skills can be universally applied. Fieldwork skills and creating hypotheses are at the core of this, and are taught throughout the key stages. This also links to our growth mindset focus, whereby children who examine an area, ask questions and make hypotheses are able to revisit their ideas with further information and reassess, create new hypotheses, and investigate further.

**Faith-**

We have chosen 5 whole school values to live out through our actions and deeds. These values are Perseverance, Courage, Hope, Love and Friendship. As above, the value of perseverance links to our Geography curriculum, as the idea behind developing Geography skills is not necessarily to 'get it right' the first time. The curriculum looks at people or peoples of the world in light of their perseverance, courage, hope, love and friendship, and we teach the children that these are universal values held by many across the globe.

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Citizens-

Learning how to be a citizen requires an understanding of your place in the world, and throughout both key stages children are taught about the human impact on the planet. Understanding of culture, both locally and globally, will help the children to understand how to become good citizens. Awareness of the planet helps the children to fulfil their place as citizens of the community.