

# Geography @ Mereside Primary Academy

**Intent:** Geography is an essential part of the curriculum, whereby children, explore, question, understand and appreciate the world we live in. The teaching of Geography would be difficult without acknowledging the future of our planet. The Geography curriculum places great importance on the interaction between the physical and human environment.



At Mereside, Geography is taught through chosen topics during each half term. This is done in order for children to develop a deeper understanding of the world around us. Within each half term, key skills and knowledge have been identified and embedded discreetly into these topics to make learning enjoyable and exciting for all children. Cross curricular links are made when and where possible across the year so that children can make those links for themselves and to understand how Geography links to skills that they have learnt in other subjects.



# Forest Schools @ Mereside

We are lucky enough at Mereside to have trained Forest Schools Leaders who are passionate about children learning about the outside world, combining all subjects with Geography. Here at Mereside, we have two Forest Schools areas, one including a newly installed Tipi (2020), which can be accessed by whole classes anytime throughout the school day. During Forest Schools sessions, children also have the opportunity to learn about fire safety whilst sitting around our fire pit, enjoying stories and having whole class discussions. Throughout the year, we dedicate a week to Forest Schools where children can experience den building, whittling, toasting marshmallows over an open fire and a whole catalogue of other amazing activities.



**My First Forest School Session**



# Geography in KS1

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	Where I live	Where in the world	Locations around the World	Locations around the UK	Changes in the Weather	London Geography
Year 2	Home Town	Home town compared to another place	Locations around the World	Locations around the UK	How is farming different around the world	London Geography



# Geography in KS2

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3	Geography in Blackpool	Europe	Physical geography of the Earth	Country Study - Italy	Settlements	UK Capital Cities
Year 4	Geography in Blackpool	Europe	Physical geography of the Earth	Country Study - Italy	Settlements	UK Capital Cities
Year 5	Human and physical Features	Great Britain - Capital City	North Atlantic Ocean	Mountains and Rivers	Cities of the UK and changes over time	Orienteering and map skills
Year 6	Human and physical Features	Great Britain - Capital City	North Atlantic Ocean	Mountains and Rivers	Cities of the UK and changes over time	Orienteering and map skills