

# Geography at Shelley First School



A high-quality geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the frameworks and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

(National curriculum 2014)

## **Intent - Summary of Aims of the Geography Curriculum at Shelley First School**

The national curriculum for geography aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes.
- Understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time.
- Are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
  - Collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes.

- Interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).
- Communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

### **Implementation - Enrichment and Engagement**

Within our geography curriculum we seek to develop enquiry skills as ways of looking, seeing, questioning and discovering. Children have a range of opportunities to broaden their knowledge and understanding of location and place, physical and human processes and to become competent in key geographical skills such as data gathering and map interpretation. It is essential for children to know and understand about their surroundings in order to properly appreciate and care for them. Opportunities are built into our curriculum to use our school environment and local area. This enhances the learning of fieldwork skills and provides the opportunity to apply skills. As well as this, children's geography is enriched through educational visits and we utilise experts and outside agencies to support the delivery of key knowledge and skills.