



# Young Geographers!

During the school year 2020 – 2021 the children at St Anne's have continued to develop their geographical skills when researching the local area or locations of global significance. They have progressed in their understanding of causes which affect physical and human geographical features and have used a variety of sources to research and gather information.

Throughout the year, the Early Years and Key Stage One children have combined outdoor learning with developing Geographical fieldwork skills. Each term the Reception children have taken a seasonal walk around the school grounds and have noticed and explored seasonal changes. The Year Two children also became 'weather forecasters' during the Summer Term, looking at the climate and conditions for each season, and the emerging weather patterns.



In the Autumn Term during the 'Our World' theme the Year One children explored the four countries of the United Kingdom, compiling fact files about chosen countries.

The Year Three children learned about continents with a particular focus on the continent of Europe. They used the laptops to create information leaflets suggesting places to visit, food to try and interesting facts about the country.



During the Spring Term theme 'We are Explorers' Year One children explored hot and cold places of the world. Year Two also looked at the wider world, naming and locating continents and oceans. To link with their study of Amy Johnson, the pilot, the children studied the continent of Australia. They compared the landmarks, climate, landscape and lifestyle with England and dreamed of going to the Great Barrier Reef!! Year Four explored the impact of rubbish and recycling on the environment and the effects of plastics on the oceans, while Year Five studied Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest.



During the Summer Term, the Reception children talked about features of their own immediate environment through our Ormskirk topic. They made delightful drawings of their own homes and talked about other buildings within the locality of our school. The Year One children also explored 'Around our School' and used sources such as simple maps, developing their understanding of what symbols mean on maps. The Year Six children have studied the locality of the Lake District and have developed their skills to interpret information on Ordnance Survey maps.



This year Geography has also made links with P.E. and children in Reception and Year Five have been introduced to orienteering activities. A simple orienteering grid was set up on the school field and groups of children worked together to follow the correct routes using maps. The Reception children loved it and showed some great skills for future orienteering.



Wow, what a busy year!