

Methley Primary School Policy for Geography

Why do we study Geography at Methley Primary?

- Geography allows pupils to develop an understanding of the world around them at both a local level and the wider world.
- Pupils also begin to understand the relationship between the human, physical and environmental factors and how these act on each other.

What are the main skills pupils will be taught?

- Atlas, globe, computer and map work skills to locate countries and describe features.
- Use the 8 points of a compass, four and six figure grid references, symbols and keys to build their knowledge of the UK and the wider world.
- Noticing similarities and differences in areas
- How places have changed and why they have changed.
- Conducting simple field work activities - collecting, recording data or evidence using a range of methods-including sketch maps, plans, graphs and digital technologies.
- Understanding the effect that we have on the earth and how we can preserve our planet.

What parents can do to help:

- Point out features of the local area to children - are these natural or man-made?
- Share with children your knowledge of different places and how these are similar or different to places the children know.
- Locate the world's countries using maps.
- Talk about longitude and latitude, Equator, N and S Hemisphere, Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic / Antarctic Circles and time zones.

Methley Primary School follows the National Curriculum Guidelines and ensures that the curriculum is tailored to meet the needs of ALL our pupils.

The school teaches Geography using a thematic thread via topic based learning.