



Picknalls First School

Geography Curriculum Statement 2022-2023



Intent

At Picknalls First School we believe that Geography helps to provoke and provide answers to questions about the natural and human aspects of the world. We pride ourselves on our connected curriculum, creative learning environment and classroom displays.

Children are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, as well as their place in it. The geography curriculum at Picknalls First enables children to develop knowledge and skills that are transferable to other curriculum areas and which can and are used to promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Geography is, by nature, an investigative subject, which develops and understanding of concepts, knowledge and skills. We seek to inspire in children a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people which will remain with them for the rest of their lives; to promote the children's interest and understanding of diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. The curriculum is designed to develop knowledge and skills that are progressive, as well as transferable, throughout their time at Picknalls First and also to their further education and beyond.

EYFS

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum supports children's understanding of geography, people and communities through the planning and teaching of 'Understanding the World'. Geography is effectively taught through their wider curriculum lessons and through their enhanced learning provision and environment. Children learn about features of their own environment such as school, home and their community through first-hand experiences and learn how environments may differ through the sharing of books, stories, poems, small world play, role play and visits. Children enjoy the valuable experiences gained from our regular trips to places within their local community such as the library, park and local shops. Children are given time to discuss, comment and ask questions about what they observe about the world around them and are encouraged to be active learners and explore their interests further.

Implementation

Geography at Picknalls First is taught through our Connected Curriculum throughout the year, so that children can achieve depth in their learning. Teachers have identified the key knowledge and skills of each blocked topic and consideration has been given to ensure progression across topics throughout each year group and across the school. At the beginning of each topic, children are able to convey what they know already as well as what they would like to find out. This informs the programme of study and also ensures that lessons are relevant and take account of children's different starting points. Consideration is given to how greater depth will be taught, learnt and demonstrated within each lesson, as well as how learners will be supported in line with the school's commitment to inclusion. Cross curricular outcomes in geography are specifically planned for, with strong links between geography and literacy lessons identified, planned for and utilised. The local area is fully utilised to achieve the desired outcomes, with extensive opportunities for learning outside the classroom embedded in practice.

Impact

Outcomes in topic and literacy books, evidence a broad and balanced geography curriculum and demonstrate children's acquisition of identified key knowledge. Children review their successes in achieving the lesson objectives at the end of each lesson. As children progress throughout the school, they develop a deep knowledge, understanding an appreciation of their local area and its place within the wider geographical context. Regular school trips provide further relevant and contextual learning.

Next Steps

-  To review the provision of Geography across KS1 and KS2 to ensure coverage and progression of knowledge.
-  To complete an audit of resources.
-  To apply for Geographical Association membership.
-  To purchase a Digimaps subscription.

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