OLA Curriculum Intent:



Our Geography curriculum is designed to ignite curiosity about the world, deepen understanding of places, people, and environments, and develop a sense of responsibility as global citizens. We aim to nurture children's awareness of their local surroundings as well as the wider world, encouraging thoughtful exploration, enquiry, and appreciation for diverse cultures and natural landscapes.

Our curriculum ensures that pupils:

Explore the World Around Them – Investigating local, national, and global environments through maps, fieldwork, and hands-on experiences.

Develop Locational and Place Knowledge – Learning where places are, what they are like, and how they connect to each other and to us.

Understand Human and Physical Processes – Studying weather, landscapes, settlements, and how humans interact with and affect the environment.

Use Geographical Skills and Fieldwork – Practising map reading, compass use, data collection, and observation to explore the world first-hand.

Think Critically and Ask Questions – Encouraging enquiry-led learning, analysis of evidence, and reflection on geographical issues such as climate change, sustainability, and global interdependence.

Celebrate Diversity and Global Citizenship – Recognising different ways of life and promoting respect for cultures and communities around the world.

Each topic has been carefully chosen and planned to ensure that our curriculum principles and intent can be achieved. Opportunities to apply English and Maths learning are embedded throughout each topic to provide pupils with the opportunity to apply this knowledge within meaningful contexts.



Big Ideas in Geography

By connecting our learning in Geography to our Big Idea curriculum, pupils also develop a deep understanding of these abstract concepts while enriching their knowledge of the Geography curriculum. This approach supports the development of critical thinking, curiosity, and cross-disciplinary connections, equipping pupils with the skills and understanding they need to navigate the world around them and become the best version of themselves.

Community	How do different communities around the world adapt to their local environments?
Human Rights	How does access to clean water and safe shelter vary across different parts of the world?
Stewardship	How can we care for and protect our local environment and the wider planet?
Resilience	How do people live and recover in places affected by natural disasters like earthquakes or floods?
Equality	Why do some people have better access to resources like food, education and healthcare than others?
Health	How does the environment we live in affect our health and well-being?
Wonder	What makes our planet such a fascinating and diverse place to explore?
Technology	How is technology helping us to understand and solve global geographical challenges like deforestation or climate change?

