

How we teach Geography at Kenningtons Primary Academy

“The study of Geography is about more than just memorising places on a map.” Barack Obama

What do Geographers do?

- Physical Geography: identify geographical features and explain dynamic earth processes
- Human Geography: understand and explain human settlements and the impact of these
- Locational Knowledge: have an increasing knowledge of countries, continents, oceans etc
- Map Skills: read, interpret and draw maps using direction, scale, distance and keys
- Enquiry: Ask relevant questions, gather data and use geographical skills to answer them

Intent

At Kenningtons we are emerging geographers. We learn about the earth and its land, features and inhabitants, as outlined in the National Curriculum. In the EYFS, we use the statutory framework areas of learning “people, communities and cultures, and the natural world’.

Knowledge:

We learn about places across the world and have an understanding of both the physical features and human settlements within them. Each year we undertake a focused international study to understand how people live in other parts of the world. We learn specific geographical language so that we can demonstrate our understanding.

Skills:

In addition to increasing our geographical knowledge, we are taught the specific skills required to be a geographer. Each year, we carry out fieldwork in our locality.

Implementation

- Geography is taught to us alongside History, linked to a theme. Our teachers also help us to make links with other subject areas.
- In the EYFS, geography skills and knowledge are integrated within a theme and children spend time looking at maps and learning how people live around the world. Sometimes this could be an independent activity or a carpet session led by the teacher.
- The locational knowledge I must learn is carefully planned and increases each year
- The skills and knowledge we need to acquire have been clearly mapped so that there is progression; I can do more today than I did yesterday
- We use knowledge organisers to record the key information from lessons. This helps the knowledge to stick!
- Trips and experts are carefully planned by our teachers and help to bring our learning to life

Impact

We will demonstrate our learning within the geography curriculum through our books, displays, in our conversations with teachers and by the vocabulary we use.