

Geography intent

'The study of Geography is more than just memorising places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that lie across our continents. It's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together.'

Barack Obama

At Marcham Primary School, we believe that Geography helps to provoke and provide answers to questions about the natural and human aspects of the world. Children are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, and, just as importantly, their place in it.

Geography at Marcham Primary School is taught on an alternate ½ termly basis through topic work in KS1 and on a termly basis in KS2. It is also taught at other opportune times through cross-curricular links. This is achieved through both class work and field work, which gives children the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge through 'real life experiences', experience that is important to all children, but particularly those children from disadvantaged backgrounds and those children with SEND.

We follow guidance laid down in the National Curriculum, which aims to ensure that pupils:

- develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes
- Understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time
- Are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
 - collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes
 - Interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
 - Communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length

