



## The Partnership of Springfield and The Meadows

### Springfield Geography Curriculum Policy

#### Intent

##### Aim

We offer a curriculum that is broad and balanced where the children are taught substantive knowledge for Geography in a topic based approach at a level that is personalised to meet their level of development.

#### Objectives

To stimulate children's interest in their surroundings and develop a knowledge and understanding of the physical and human processes which shape places.

- To increase children's knowledge of other cultures and, in so doing, teach a respect and understanding of what it means to be a positive citizen in a multi-cultural country.
- To provide learning opportunities that enthuse, engage, and motivate children to learn and foster a sense of curiosity and wonder at the beauty of the world around them.
- To encourage in children a commitment to sustainable development and an appreciation of what 'global citizenship' means.
- To make sense of their own surroundings through learning about their own locality and the interaction between people and the environment.
- To develop the geographical skills, including how to use, draw and interpret maps of different scales, and the vocabulary necessary to carry out effective geographical enquiry.
- To be able to apply map reading skills to globes and atlas maps and identify geographical features.
- To formulate appropriate questions, develop research skills and evaluate material to inform opinions.
- To enable children to work geographically in a range of appropriate contexts, using a variety of materials and equipment including other people's experiences and knowledge.

#### Implementation

##### Curriculum Planning & Organisation:

At Springfield we plan a sequence of lessons using a topic based approach to ensure there is a clear sequence of lessons demonstrating progression throughout each unit of work. We use the long term overview substantive knowledge to ensure a wide range of coverage is included in our Medium Term Plans that is suited to the current cohort of children. Disciplinary knowledge (using our skills trackers) is also identified on the medium term plans and these link directly to the developmental stages of the current cohort of children.

### Age Related Expectations - EYFS

Geography is taught in the EYFS as an integral part of the topic work covered during the year. We relate the geographical aspects of the children's work to the objectives set out in the Early Years curriculum which underpin the planning for children aged three to five. Geography makes a significant contribution to the ELG objectives of developing a child's understanding of the world through activities such as finding out about different places and habitats and investigating our locality.

### Age Related Expectations - KS1

During Key Stage 1, pupils investigate their local area and a contrasting area in the United Kingdom or abroad, finding out about the environment in both areas and the people who live there. They also begin to learn about the wider world. They carry out geographical enquiry inside and outside the classroom. In doing this, they ask geographical questions about people, places and environments, and use geographical skills and resources, such as maps and photographs

### Age Related Expectations - KS2

During Key Stage 2, pupils investigate a variety of people, places and environments in the United Kingdom and abroad, and start to make links between different places in the world. They find out how people affect the environment and how they are affected by it. Pupils carry out geographical enquiry inside and outside the classroom. In doing this, they ask geographical questions, and use geographical skills and resources, such as maps, atlases, aerial photographs and ICT. Children will develop geographical enquiry skills, including asking geographical questions, collecting and recording information and identifying different views. They will acquire the appropriate practical skills associated with Geography, including using suitable vocabulary, fieldwork techniques and maps, plans and atlases. Pupils will use secondary sources of information with accuracy, including aerial photographs, satellite images, etc. As well as making its own distinctive contribution to the school curriculum, geography contributes to the wider aims of primary education. Teachers will ensure that links between subjects are maximized

### Impact

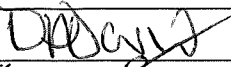

#### Assessment:

Children will make progress in developing their disciplinary knowledge and their substantive knowledge each year. Evidence will be found in children's topic books and tracked on their skills trackers.

#### Monitoring & Review:

Monitoring takes the form of:

- Discussion with pupils and class teachers
- Learning Walks
- Book/evidence scans

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