

Geography at Bartons Primary School

What does Geography look like at Bartons Primary School?

Throughout their time at Bartons Primary School, the children learn a variety of skills to deepen their understanding of primarily their own environment. The children use these skills observe, explore and investigate their immediate environment. These key skills are built upon and enhanced by comparing and explaining their own experiences. As the children progress through the school, they are able to use their understanding to investigate the wider world. As a result, children gain an awareness of our responsibilities to look after and maintain our environment. Alongside their learning, children develop their subject specific vocabulary. The children are given opportunities to use a variety of maps and plans to aid their understanding.

Learning and enrichment activities at Bartons Primary School

Geography starts in EYFS where the children look at the different weather patterns of their environment. This knowledge is then built upon as the children progress in the school where they will develop their knowledge of the world, the UK and their own locality. Oceans and continents of the world as studied across both KS1 and KS2. The children have many opportunities to take their learning outside of the classroom during Geographical topics including trips to local environmental areas such as the River Arun to apply the skills learnt.

Why is Geography important?

It is vital for children to engage with Geography in order to understand and gain knowledge of their world. Certain skills, for example map reading, are a key life skill that can be used throughout their life.

An awareness of the wider world and its climates can encourage the desire to explore the planet. This in turn would give children an insight to a variety of cultures around the world. These experiences should ultimately encourage respect for other countries, people and cultures around the world.

Learning Geography encourages self-awareness and responsibility towards the positive future of our world. It is important that children of this generation recognise their place in an ever growing world population. They need to be aware of climate change and the impact that their everyday actions would create.