

The importance of Geography at Bartons Primary School

At Bartons, we strive to develop the whole child and we believe that our inclusive and creative curriculum will stimulate and motivate young curious minds. Our meticulously planned Geography lessons allow pupils to take on the role of a geographer: exploring, discovering and beginning to make sense of the world around them.

Many of the 'memorable moments' of a child's primary school education come from the first-hand, hands-on experiences of being a geographer. Fieldwork is an essential element of Geography that enables pupils to connect with a place, community or environment and it doesn't even have to be beyond walking distance. We make use of all of our local geographical features to help connect children to their local area, giving them an important 'sense of place' and opportunities to carry out high-quality fieldwork.



Geography learning and fieldwork at Bartons Primary School

Geography starts in EYFS where the children begin 'understanding the world' through areas of learning such as: weather, seasons and maps & journeys. This knowledge is then built upon as the children progress through the school and develop their understanding of their own locality, the United Kingdom and the world. Some of our exciting Geography topics include: the rainforest in Borneo (Y1), oceans and continents (Y2), volcanoes and other human and physical features in Italy (Y3), rivers (Y4), food miles (Y5) and mountain ranges (Y6). Fieldwork is a fundamental part of Geography and that is why our pupils are given plenty of chances to take their learning outside of the classroom, including trips to local geographical sites like the River Arun in Year 4. As part of this fieldwork, the Year 4 children are able to apply their learning and gain some truly memorable first-hand, hands-on experiences. Our pupils also have access to a range of high-quality physical and digital Geography resources, including Digimap for Schools which has also proven to be fantastic for cross-curricular learning.

