

Geography at Buttsbury Primary School

At Buttsbury Primary School the **intent** of our Geography curriculum is to inspire our pupils to become curious about the world and think like a geographer. In EYFS and KS1, the range of rich and vibrant opportunities we offer allow the children to develop their awareness of where they live, in comparison to other places around the world. In KS2, the children have opportunities to learn about the wider world and its human and physical processes through a range of engaging, creative and ambitious lessons, including the development of field study skills. It is important for all children to have strong geographical knowledge which they can develop and apply to their local surroundings and beyond.

How is Geography **implemented** at Buttsbury Primary School?

We have a broad and balanced Geography curriculum at Buttsbury Primary School, where children are given rich, vibrant and meaningful opportunities within a curriculum that is ambitious for all learners.

Units of learning are blocked, well sequenced and build on previous learning. Lessons ensure that progress is achieved through small steps, allowing children to develop their subject knowledge, consolidate skills and apply their learning. Strands in Geography include: Locational Knowledge, Place Knowledge, Human and Physical Features, Geographical Skills and Fieldwork.

At Buttsbury Primary school, Geography lessons may include:

- Understanding physical geography and the impact it has on human geography
- An awareness of continents, key countries and capital cities from across the world - being able to locate the Northern and Southern Hemisphere
- Learning about our local area
- Elements of geographical skills and fieldwork
- Measuring data using a range of methods
- Developing the use of maps, globes and aerial photographs
- Use of the classroom display and brain busters to promote deep learning
- Development and application of map skills
- Making comparisons between the landscapes of our local area, surrounding areas and the rest of the world
- Looking at case studies
- A range of practical hands-on, computer-based and collaborative tasks

What is the **impact** of the Geography curriculum on our children?

Our curriculum encourages all pupils to achieve their maximum potential. By learning about the wider world and comparing it to where they live, we give our children the chance to become inspired geographers with respect and appreciation for the world around them. Children are given the chance to expand their geographical knowledge and understanding of both human and physical processes.

With a range of skills that they can build on throughout their primary school education, our Geography curriculum ensures that the children can apply what they have learnt to the next stage in their learning.

As a result of our Geography curriculum, children are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills for the next stage of their education at secondary school.

What our children say about Geography

EYFS "I love going to the conservation area."

Year 1 "It was fun spotting my house and our school on an aerial photo."

Year 2 "I love Geography because I get to learn about different places around the world."

Year 3 "I like learning about the different countries and seeing how they are different to where I live."

Year 4 "I enjoy learning about different parts of the world and what the features of the land are like."

Year 5 "I remember learning a lot about rivers and the fun facts about them and the country they were in."

Year 6 "I really like learning about the different characteristics belonging to each