

# Geography at Langford Village

## What does Geography look like at Langford Village?

Throughout their time at Langford Village, the children learn a variety of skills to deepen their understanding of their own environment and world around them.

In Key Stage 1 the children develop their skills to observe, explore and investigate their immediate environment, for example their school and the surrounding area. These key skills are built upon and enhanced by learning to compare and explain through personal experiences, such as fieldwork.

In Key Stage 2, the children are able to use the understanding they have developed 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?

Geography starts in EYFS where the children look at the world around them, looking at similarities and differences of places.

In KS1 as the children progress in the school they will develop their knowledge of their own locality. Investigating the school and the area around it.

In KS2 this knowledge is then built upon, children broaden their understanding to wider world. This includes the UK and beyond.

Oceans and continents of the world are 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 to apply the skills learnt. Most Geography will be taught, where possible, as incorporated into the children's class topic.

## Why is Geography important?

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

An awareness of the wider world and its climates can encourage the desire to explore and learn about 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 children's self-awareness and develops a 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. They also need to be aware of the steps they can implement in order to reduce this impact.