

Intent

Geography at Tenacres follows the National Curriculum giving our children opportunities to explore their surroundings, communities and wider geographical issues through engaging lessons coupled with exciting opportunities, both theoretical and practical. We recognise the importance of raising children as responsible, curious thinkers who are able to process new information, reflect on it, think critically, and apply knowledge and skills to overcome challenges in our ever-changing world. Understanding both human and physical geography will enable our children to have a better understanding of themselves and the wider society they live in as they grow up to be caring, responsible adults who can influence the future of our planet.

To ensure all children have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the world beyond their locality, we aim to create exciting and engaging learning opportunities that encourage all children to want to learn more. As the children move through school they will develop a deeper understanding as geographical language becomes embedded, they learn to appreciate diversity, accept a responsibility to care for the Earth and they continue to work on and improve key skills as they move through school.

Implementation

Geography is taught, along with the other foundation subjects, through a theme, which allows the children to learn about a specific area in some depth. We teach geography in a planned, coherent way which is sequenced logically, ensuring that children learn and remember a rich body of geographical knowledge and acquire progressive geographical skills. We have in place a progression of skills which all teachers follow to ensure a consistent and broad coverage from year to year.

We provide a range of motivating experiences to engage our learners, including: visiting experts; outdoor learning in the school's grounds; fieldwork trips, local area walks and a year 4 residential trip to Blackwell.

In Key Stage 1, the children learn about local and national geography, acquiring basic map reading skills, learning what a city is, weather monitoring and exploring their local environment. In Key Stage 2, we expand to international geography and delve deeper into human and physical geography. At Tenacres we try to offer a wide range of experiences to allow children to apply their learnt geographic skills.

Impact

By the end of their First School education, our learners will have gained a rich body of geographical knowledge and experiences, and a wide range of transferable skills which they can apply to other subjects and contexts. Teachers assess using practical opportunities, quizzes, discussions and presentations in order to build a rounded picture of each child's knowledge and understanding. Therefore, enabling teachers to set appropriate targets and challenge the children in their thinking and learning. We base our impact on our children's confidence to ask and explore questions to further their own knowledge and understanding. Shaping them into inquisitive young learners and responsible global citizens who choose to understand global environmental issues.