

## Geography at Offenham CE First School



### Our Intent for our Geography Curriculum

Geography is essentially about understanding the world we live in. It helps to provoke and provide answers to questions about the natural and human aspects of the world. At Offenham CE First School, children are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, as well as their place in it. The geography curriculum enables children to develop knowledge and skills that are transferable to other curriculum areas. Geography is an investigative subject, which develops an understanding of concepts, knowledge and skills. Our intent, when teaching geography, is to inspire in children a curiosity and fascination about the world and people within it; to promote the children's interest and understanding of diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

### Our Implementation for our Geography Curriculum

Our whole curriculum is shaped by our school vision which aims to enable all children, regardless of background, ability, additional needs, to flourish and to achieve their very best.

We teach the National Curriculum, supported by a clear skills and knowledge progression. This ensures that skills and knowledge are built on, year by year, and sequenced appropriately to maximise learning for all children. Existing knowledge is checked at the start of each new topic and then extended during the topic. This ensures that teaching is informed by the children's starting points and takes account of pupil voice. Lesson content and tasks are designed to provide appropriate challenge to all learners; in line with our commitment to inclusion.

It is important that children develop the skills of a geographer by fully immersing them in all areas of the subject. The local area is fully utilised to achieve desired outcomes, with opportunities for learning outside the classroom. School trips and fieldwork are provided to give first-hand experiences, which enhance children's understanding of the world beyond their locality.

### The Impact of our Geography Curriculum

Through our geography lessons, pupils will learn key vocabulary and be able to apply their geographical skills to a range of geographical enquiries. Specific skills will be developed including:

- Interpreting maps, atlases and globes
  - Identifying geographical features
- Formulating questions and developing research
- Consider the use of four and six figure grid references and ordnance survey maps