

Troon Community Primary & Nursery School

Geography Curriculum Statement



"You can travel the seas, poles and deserts and see nothing. To really understand the world, you need to get under the skin of the people and places."

Michael Palin

Intent

At Troon School our geography curriculum inspires the children's curiosity with our world and the fascinating diverse range of people and creatures that live here. We recognize the importance of children getting out and exploring their local area for themselves and comparing and contrasting it to place further away.



Implementation

We prioritise the importance of geography; making it our termly topic focus across the school; alternating with a history topic. We believe it is vital to enhance our geography learning and develop our fieldwork skills through exploring and travelling around the local area; making the most of the variety of contrasting landscapes of the coast; woodland and towns on our doorstep. One example of this is in our Year 3/4 geography topic *'Where will your ticket take you?'* where the children take part in fieldwork exploring the St. Ives coast. We use globes, atlases, ordinance survey maps and online apps to develop the children's navigational skills before putting them into practice during our fieldwork.



Our geography curriculum includes learning about the human features of places around the world; comparing societies and diverse cultures. Our learning ensures perspective and connections being geographical learning are made from our local village to the vast continents of the world. Our learning about the physical features and natural disasters around the world helps to shape our children to become global citizens keeping up to date with current affairs and empathising with those in

need. Examples of this include in Year 6 and their learning about climate change through their topic '*Can we make a difference?*' taking place in a local beach clean to help make a difference to their local community and the wider oceans.

Troon School was awarded 'Plastic Free School Status' by the Surfers Against Sewage charity for the children's efforts in raising awareness of plastic pollution; completing stream cleans; and reducing plastic waste in school. We have taken part in national event days to promote geography and raise awareness across the whole school including: WWF Day, Earth Day and David Attenborough's birthday day.



Impact

The children have experienced purposeful learning and have felt empowered to use their pupil voice to make changes in our school; the next generation passionate to end climate change. They have spread their message throughout the local community to reduce plastic pollution; with a group speaking to the county on Radio Cornwall about our Plastic Free School Status. In Year 6 the children leave Troon School ready to be global citizens; enthusiastic to explore and make a difference in their local area and beyond.