



Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy

Geography Intent

At Bishop Ellis Catholic Primary School, we aim to provide a high-quality geography education so that children develop an interest and captivation about God's world and its people. We will provide children with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, along with a deep understanding of the Earth's key *physical and human processes*. As children move through the school, their growing knowledge about the world will help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the frameworks and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

Our curriculum for geography aims to ensure that all pupils:

- develop knowledge of the location of significant places worldwide, both land and sea, including their outlining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical understanding for the actions of processes such as erosion, the water cycle, migration or urbanisation.
- understand the processes that contribute to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about changes over time.

Our curriculum for Geography will ensure our children are competent in the geographical skills needed to:

- gather, analyse and present data collected through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes.
- interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- explain geographical information in a number of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

At key stage one and two, core knowledge of the characteristics of locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical geography and geographical skills and fieldwork is mapped out carefully to ensure that the curriculum provides a framework for what children will retain in their long term memory.

CYCLE A								
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2		
Reception	Harvest Different occupations	Recognise the continent of Asia. Draw information from a single map.	Know that there are different countries in the world	Environments that are different to the one in which they live.	Different cities in our country.	Immediate local environment. Maps		
KS1		Names of countries in UK. Human & physical geography-daily weather patterns	Geographical skills- map work and compasses			Human and Physical Geography-features Geographical skills & fieldwork		
LKS2		Physical Geography- mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes	Study of human and physical geography- UK and EU country		Locational knowledge- counties and cities in UK.			
UKS2	Locational and Human and Physical South America			Locational and Human and Physical North America		8 point compass Skills and Fieldwork- Watermead		

	CYCLE B								
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2			
Reception	Harvest Different occupations	Recognise the continent of Asia. Draw information from a single map.	Know that there are different countries in the world	Environments that are different to the one in which they live.	Different cities in our country.	Immediate local environment. Maps			
KS1	Locational knowledge- 4 countries & their capital cities		Human and physical geography – hot and cold areas		Locational knowledge- 7 continents & 5 oceans Locational and Place Knowledge- UK and Non-Eu				
LKS2		Comparative study- London to Leicester		Locational Knowledge- Rivers	Human and Physical Geography- fieldwork Watermead country park				
UKS2		Locational Knowledge- humans and physical geography.		8 point compass Skills and Fieldwork					

Locational knowledge

Place Knowledge

Human and Physical Geography

Geographical skills and Fieldwork

EYFS								
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2		
MAIN TEXT	The Little Red Hen	Rama and Sita	Chinese New Year	What the Ladybird	Queen's Jubilee	Katie in London		
		Nativity		Heard				
				Farmer Duck				
UNIT OF WORK and	Harvest	To begin to compare	Know that there are	Recognise some	To know that there	To know about our		
KEY CONCEPTS		differences in the	different countries in	environments that	are different cities in	immediate		
	To know there are	world around them.	the world and talk	are different to the	our country and talk	environment,		
	different occupations	To begin to show a	about the differences	one in which they	about the differences	introducing and		
	and have an interest	respectful	they have	live.	they have	modelling new		
	in them.	understanding of	experienced or seen	Understand the effect	experienced or seen	vocabulary where		
		other people and the	in photos.	of changing seasons	in photos.	appropriate.		
	To know about the	rest of the world.		on the natural world				
	differences they	To develop and	Understand that some	around them.		To know the name of		
	notice between	maintain their respect	places are special to	Talk about what they		the road, and or		
	people, whilst also	for others.	members of their	see, using a wide		village/town/city the		
	drawing their	To recognise the	community.	vocabulary.		school is located in.		
	attention to	continent of Asia.	Recognise that people			To recognise		
	similarities between		have different beliefs	Develop social		buildings, open space,		
	different families and	Draw information	and celebrate special	phrases		roads and other		
	communities.	from a single map.	times in different	Use new vocabulary		simple features from		
		Talk about members		in different contexts.		•		
		of their family.	ways.			maps		
		Explore the natural	Recognise some			To draw simple maps		
		world.	similarities and			of their immediate		
			differences between			environment.		
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			life in other countries.					
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YEAR GROUP. KS1 CYCLE A									
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2			
MAIN TEXT	Beegu Everyday Materials Y1 (Focus)	I am Rosa Parks Famous People (focus)	Little Evie and the Wild Wood	Traction Man Uses of Everyday Materials (Focus)	Bog Baby Animals, including humans (y1) (Focus)	Naughty Bus Immediate locality- (Focus)			
CURRICULUM DRIVER UNIT OF WORK and KEY CONCEPTS		Human and Physical Geography Know the names of the four countries that make up the UK and name the three main seas that surround the UK. Name the four seasons of the year and know the weather associated with each. Know which is the hottest and coldest season in the UK. Know and recognise main weather symbols.	Geographical skills Know which is N, E, S and W on a compass; Know their address, including postcode; Know the name of their nearest town or city; Be able to locate their town or city on a map of the United Kingdom.			Immediate locality – build on Lent 1 Know about the different sources they could use to find out more about their locality; Know how to describe some physical features of their own locality; Know how to describe some human features of their own locality; Know the continents of the world and locate them on a globe and atlas; Know the world's oceans and locate them on a globe and atlas.			
Main enquiry question		What's the weather like today?	What do I know about where I live			Where in the world do I live and why is it special?			

	YEAR GROUP. KS1 CYCLE B									
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2				
MAIN TEXT	Toby and the Great Fire of London	Dogger	Lost and Found Hot& cold places	The Last Tree	Lila and the Secret of the Rain.	Wild.				
CURRICULUM DRIVER UNIT OF WORK and KEY CONCEPTS	Locational knowledge. Place knowledge Know the names of all the four countries in the UK; Know the names of all the capital cities for each of the four countries in the UK; Name the three seas that surrounds the UK; Identify where London is on a UK map.		Human and physical geography Pupils should name the four seasons of the year and know the weather associated with each. Pupils should know where the equator is and point to it on a globe. Pupils should know where the North and South Poles are and point to them on a globe. Pupils should know which animals live close to the equator, North Pole and South Pole.		Place/ locational knowledge. (comparing UK & non-EU country) Know the names of and locate the seven continents of the world. Know the names of and locate the five oceans of the world. Know the main differences between a place in England and that of a small place in a non-European country (in this case a small village in Kenya).					
Main enquiry question	Why is London our capital city?		Why can't a penguin live near the equator?		Where would you prefer to live: England or Kenya?					

YEAR GROUP. LKS2 CYCLE A								
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST2		
NOVEL	History - "Stone age boy" Satoshi Kitamura 5 weeks Science - "The Street beneath my feet." 3 weeks	Geography- Escape from Pompeii. 4 Weeks History - Julius Caesar by Andrew Matthews (adapted Shakespeare play). 4 weeks	Who Let The Gods Out- Max Evans Greek Myths- Marcia Williams. (Shared Reading Text)	Who Let The Gods Out- Max Evans Falling out of the sky (Poetry Anthology).	Life on the Farm (Charlotte's Web by E.B. White) The Incredible book eating boy- Oliver Jeffers. (Shared reading text)	Band of Angels – Deborah Hopkinson The sound collector by Roger McGough (Poem)		
CURRICULUM DRIVER UNIT OF WORK and KEY CONCEPTS		Physical geography, including: mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, Label the different parts of a volcano; Know the names of four countries from the southern and four from the northern hemisphere; Know how a volcano becomes active;	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country. Leicester- Mediterranean Know the names of and locate at least eight European countries and capitals on a map; • Know at least five differences between living in the UK and a Mediterranean country; • Know the key physical and human characteristics of the Mediterranean.		Know the names of and locate at least eight counties and at least six cities in England. Know how to plan a journey within the UK, using a road map. Know and understand key aspects of human geography, including economic activity.			
Main enquiry question		What makes the Earth angry?	Why do so many people choose to go to the Mediterranean for their holiday?		Where in the United Kingdom is Leicester?			

YEAR GROUP. LKS2 CYCLE B									
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2			
NOVEL CURRICULUM DRIVER UNIT OF	Giant – Kate Scott	The Buildings that made London- David Long, Josie Shenay Comparative study London to Leicester.	Ancient Egypt- Secrets of the Sun King	The Promise – Nicola Davies I am the seed that grew the tree – Poetry anthology Human and Physical Geography.	The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame (Penguin Classic and original) Human and Physical Geography.	Orion and the dark- Emma Yarlett. My Shadow – Robert Louis Stevenson (Poetry)			
WORK and KEY CONCEPTS		know why we have capital cities know the geographical vocabulary associated with cities, including capital, urban, etc know the difference between a major city and a town or village know the names and purpose of many of London's famous buildings		Know, name and locate the main rivers in the UK; Know and label the main features of a river; Know the name of and locate a number of the world's longest rivers	Know and understand key aspects of human geography, including economic activity in our local area. Understand how rivers are formed and why people may live near a river. Understand the water cycle. Study of Watermead country Park.				
Main enquiry question		Why would you choose to live in London/Leicester?		Why are most of the world's cities located by rivers?	What landmarks are in our local area?				

	YEAR GROUP. UKS2 CYCLE A									
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2				
NOVEL	Kensuke's Kingdom	Pig Heart Boy	Tale from Arabian	Holes	The Man Who walked	Macbeth				
	(5 weeks)	(5 weeks)	Nights		between 2 Towers-					
		Polar Express			Mordecai Gerstein (+					
		(5 weeks)			poetry The Lost Words)					
CURRICULUM	Locational knowledge .			Locations on world		Use maps, atlases,				
DRIVER				map. Human and		globes and				
UNIT OF WORK	Locate the world's			Physical Geography.		digital/computer				
and KEY	countries and the					mapping to locate				
CONCEPTS	major lines of					countries and describe				
	longitude and latitude;			Know the names of,		features studied.				
	Identify the human and			and locate, a number						
	physical geographical			of North American		Know how to use				
	features of London,			countries;		Digimap;				
	Madrid and Rio de			Know about time zones		Use Google Earth to				
	Janeiro and compare			and work out		locate a country or				
	them			differences;		place of interest and to				
	Rainforests			Know main human and		follow the journey of				
	Pupils should know			physical differences		rivers, etc.;				
	what a biome is;			between developed		Know what most of the				
	Pupils should know			and developing		ordnance survey				
	where many of the			countries;		symbols stand for;				
	world's rainforest are			Use Google Earth to		Know how to use six-				
	situated;			locate a country or		figure grid references;				
	Pupils should know			place of interest and to		Be familiar with				
	about the main			follow the journey of		topographical maps				
	features of a			rivers, etc.;		and know about				
	rainforest;			Know key physical and		contours, etc.				
	Pupils should use the			human characteristics						
	terms: biome,			of a chosen location in		Local study-				
	emergent layer,			North America.		Watermead.				
	canopy, understory									
	and forest floor									
Main enquiry	Where is South			Where is North		What are the key				
question	America and what are			America and what are		aspects of human				
	its geographical			its geographical		geography, including				
	features?			features?		types of settlement				
	Why should the					and land use near us?				
	rainforests matter to									
	all of us?									

YEAR GROUP. UKS2 CYCLE B									
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2			
NOVEL	Jamie Drake Equation	War Horse Beowulf Locational knowledge.	The Silver Sword + WW2 poetry	The Nowhere Emporium – Ross McKenzie Skills and fieldwork	The Tempest (including The Lighthouse)	Wonder – R. J. Palacio			
DRIVER UNIT OF WORK and KEY CONCEPTS		Human and Physical Geography. To locate the countries of Europe on a map concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities To describe the human physical geography of France To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a European country.		Know how to use Digimap; Use Google Earth to locate a country or place of interest and to follow the journey of rivers, etc.; Know what most of the ordnance survey symbols stand for; Know how to use six- figure grid references; Be familiar with topographical maps and know about contours, etc.					
Main enquiry question		Where in the world are we?		I'm a y5/6 pupil how can you get me out of here?					