



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.		Review unit KS2		8 point compass Skills and Fieldwork				

Locational knowledge

Place Knowledge

Human and Physical Geography

Geographical skills and Fieldwork

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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 KEY CONCEPTS	To know there are different occupations and have an interest in them. To know about the differences they notice between people, whilst also drawing their attention to similarities between different families and communities.	To begin to compare differences in the world around them. To begin to show a respectful understanding of other people and the rest of the world. To develop and maintain their respect for others. To recognise the continent of Asia. Draw information from a single map. Talk about members of their family. Explore the natural world.	Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.	Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Develop social phrases Use new vocabulary in different contexts.	To know that there are different cities in our country and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.	To know about our immediate environment, introducing and modelling new vocabulary where appropriate. To know the name of the road, and or village/town/city the school is located in. To recognise buildings, open space, roads and other simple features from maps To draw simple maps of their immediate environment.			

YEAR GROUP. KS1 CYCLE A								
TERM	ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2		
UNIT OF WORK	Names of countries in		Geographical skills-		Human and Physical			
and KEY	UK.		map work and		Geography-features			
CONCEPTS	Human & physical		compasses		Geographical skills &			
	geography-daily				fieldwork Immediate			
	weather patterns		Know which is N, E, S		locality – build on Lent			
			and W on a compass;		1			
	Know the names of the		Know their address,					
	four countries that		including postcode;		Know about the			
	make up the UK and		Know the name of		different sources they			
	name the three main		their nearest town or		could use to find out			
	seas that surround the		city;		more about their			
	UK.		Be able to locate their		locality;			
	Name the four seasons		town or city on a map		Know how to describe			
	of the year and know		of the United Kingdom.		some physical features			
	the weather associated				of their own locality;			
	with each.				Know how to describe			
	Know which is the				some human features			
	hottest and coldest				of their own locality;			
	season in the UK.				Know the continents of			
	Know and recognise				the world and locate			
	main weather symbols.				them on a globe and			
					atlas;			
					Know the world's			
					oceans and locate			
					them on a globe and			
					atlas.			
Main enquiry	What's the weather		What do I know about		Where in the world do			
question	like today?		where I live		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				
UNIT OF WORK and KEY CONCEPTS	Locational knowledge-4 countries & their capital cities 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 – hot and cold areas 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.		Locational knowledge- 7 continents & 5 oceans Locational and Place Knowledge- UK and Non-Eu 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		
UNIT OF WORK	Physical Geography-		Study of human and		Locational knowledge-			
and KEY	mountains, volcanoes		physical geography- UK		counties and cities in			
CONCEPTS	and earthquakes		and EU country		UK.			
CONCEPTS	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 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.			
			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.					
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			
UNIT OF WORK and KEY CONCEPTS	Locational Knowledge Comparative study- London to Leicester 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		Locational Knowledge-Rivers 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		Human and Physical Geography. Geographical skills and Fieldwork 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			
UNIT OF WORK	Locational and Human		Place and Human and		8 point compass				
and KEY	and Physical		Physical		Skills and Fieldwork-				
CONCEPTS	South America .		North America		Watermead				
	Locate the world's		Know the names of,		Use maps, atlases,				
	countries and the		and locate, a number		globes and				
	major lines of		of North American		digital/computer				
	longitude and latitude;		countries;		mapping to locate				
	Identify the human and		Know about time zones		countries and describe				
	physical geographical		and work out		features studied.				
	features of London,		differences;						
	Madrid and Rio de		Know main human and		Know how to use				
	Janeiro and compare		physical differences		Digimap;				
	them		between developed		Use Google Earth to				
	Rainforests		and developing		locate a country or				
	Pupils should know		countries;		place of interest and to				
	what a biome is;		Use Google Earth to		follow the journey of				
	Pupils should know		locate a country or		rivers, etc.;				
	where many of the		place of interest and to		Know what most of the				
	world's rainforest are		follow the journey of		ordnance survey				
	situated;		rivers, etc.;		symbols stand for;				
	Pupils should know		Know key physical and		Know how to use six-				
	about the main		human characteristics		figure grid references;				
	features of a		of a chosen location in		Be familiar with				
	rainforest;		North America.		topographical maps				
	Pupils should use the				and know about				
	terms: biome,				contours, etc.				
	emergent layer,				Lacal atualu				
	canopy, understory				Local study-				
	and forest floor		had the state		Watermead.				
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		
TERM UNIT OF WORK and KEY CONCEPTS	ADVENT 1 Locational Knowledge-humans 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 geography ald differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United	ADVENT 2	LENT 1 Review unit- Key Stage 2	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1 8 point compass Skills and Fieldwork 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,	PENTECOST 2		
Main enquiry	Kingdom and a region in a European country. Where in the world are				l'm a y5/6 pupil how			
question	we?				can you get me out of here?			