



Geography

What does Geography look like at Ribbon Academy?

Throughout their time at Ribbon Academy, children learn a variety of geographical skills to deepen their understanding of the environment.

Children in EYFS use their outdoor learning environments, including the Forest, to observe, explore and investigate their immediate environment. These vital skills are then built upon and enhanced by making comparisons and explaining their own experiences.

Geographical education develops every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It encourages the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment, supporting Rights Respecting in learning about the world around them.

As children progress through the school, they apply their understanding to investigate the wider world with a growing knowledge base. As a result, children gain an awareness of our responsibilities with regards to looking after and maintaining our environment. All children have a right to access geography education, all pupils, including SEND and More Able pupils are set suitable learning challenges in response to diverse learning needs to overcome potential barriers to learning and assessment. In some activities, pupils with SEN and/or disabilities will be able to take part in the same way as their peers. In others, some modifications or adjustments will need to be made to include everyone. As part of their learning, children develop the subject-specific vocabulary relating to the human and physical aspects of geography as well as acquiring the skills needed to use a variety of maps and plans to aid their understanding.

What do our children think?

'We get to learn about different things in different places.'

'I loved learning about climate change.'

'You can ask loads of questions.'

Reasons for learning Geography.

Geography is one of the most relevant subjects our children can learn. Barely a day goes by when geography isn't in the news. High quality geography education at Ribbon should inspire a lifelong curiosity and fascination of the world and its people.

It is vital for children to engage with this subject in order to understand and gain knowledge of their world. Certain skills, for example map reading, are a tool that can be called upon throughout their life. An awareness of the wider world can also fire the imagination and therefore encourage the desire to explore our planet. This in turn would expose the children to a variety of cultures around the world. These experiences should ultimately encourage tolerance and respect for other countries, peoples and cultures around the world.

Learning Geography encourages self-awareness and responsibility towards the positive future of our world. It is important that children of this generation recognise their place in an ever growing world population. They need to be aware of climate change and the impact that their everyday actions would create.

Learning and enrichment activities at Ribbon Academy.

Geography starts in EYFS through child lead enquiries linked to Knowledge and Understanding of the World. It continues through the school with the pupils' knowledge developing with regards to their own locality, the UK, Europe and the world. Oceans and continents of the world are studied in KS2. European and non-European countries are also studied in more detail. Where possible geography is linked to history in order to make learning more relevant. Frequent visits out of school are given geographical relevance through the use of field visit booklets.