Subject on a page **Geography** at Denby Free

Imagine—Believe—Achieve—Shine

Curriculum Intent

It is our intention to motivate and inspire our children, through a range of opportunities.

These will include fieldwork, outdoor learning, visits, practical activities and engaging resources.

We want our children to understand what 'Geography' entails, plus its links with other subjects.

Develop key vocabulary which elevates knowledge, problem-solving and understanding.

To understand future career paths that geography can lead to: surveyor, wildlife park ranger, travel writer...

Implementation

Through carefully planned topics, that enable progression and recapping throughout both the academic year and between KS1 to KS2, children will be excited and inspired by our Geography Curriculum.

To capture the children's interest:

- Through enquiry based learning
- Local, fieldwork based learning
- Visitors/experiences coming into school
- Visits to other places
- A rich range of physical resources
- Experiments, e.g. making a volcano eruption
- Skills-based opportunities, e.g. map reading using compasses
- Different outcomes to promote knowledge gained, i.e. not only work in books
- Technology/internet based resources

We **support** and **challenge** in classrooms by:

- Tier vocabulary list/word mats – a whole-school approach will be used
- Different map types
- Key facts/topic knowledge displayed
- Images/diagrams/pictures
- Quizzing
- Reference to previous learning
- Reference to other subject units studied/or ones that will be studied

Focusing on the basics

- Geographical enquiry and knowledge
- Direction/Locational knowledge
- Understanding, drawing and using maps
- Scale and distance
- Geographical knowledge

Consistency with a Team Approach

- All learning leads to clearly defined objectives
- Regular staff meetings and briefings
- Feedback from monitoring
- Planning and resource support

Task Variety

- Outdoor learning
- Fieldwork
- Double-page spread/ posters
- Research
- Online learning

Well Structured Lessons

- Recap and recall
- Attention grabber questions
- Varied tasks—including partner and group work
- Problem solving tasks
- Mini Plenaries (throughout the lesson) to address misconceptions

Assessment

Instant

- Verbal feedback
- Written feedback
- Self marking

Formative

- KWL style grids
- Baseline assessments—recapping previous learning through different ways

Summative

- End of unit assessment quiz's

Regular Monitoring

- Book Looks
- Staff Questionnaires
- Pupil Questionnaires
- Pupil Voice
- Learning Walks
- Resource Audits
- Working walls/ displays

Impact

Well-constructed lessons and high-quality learning and teaching, will provide opportunities to research and apply skills independently.

Pupils will leave Denby Free with a strong knowledge of their local area and a confidence of the location of other countries and cities around the world.

Pupils will be able to discuss and recall a variety of events and where they happened in the world, as well as explain aspects of human and physical geography and confidently use maps and atlases.

Our curriculum will reinforce progression including key knowledge and skills essential to life and as future Geographers.

To provide our pupils with new life-experiences that help further their engagement and motivation towards the subject.