

Winchelsea



All Individuals Matter

Intent:

Our Geography curriculum is designed to develop children's curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Children investigate a range of places – both in Britain and abroad – to help develop their knowledge and understanding of the Earth's physical and human processes. We are committed to providing children with opportunities to investigate and make enquiries about their local area of Sleaford and Lincolnshire so that they can develop a real sense of who they are, their heritage and what makes our local area unique and special. We also develop the children's ability to apply geographical skills to enable them to confidently communicate their findings and geographical understanding to a range of audiences. Through high quality teaching, we develop the following essential characteristics of geographers:

- An excellent knowledge of where places are and what they are like, both in Britain and the wider world;
- A comprehensive understanding of the ways in which places are interdependent and interconnected;
- An extensive base of geographical knowledge and vocabulary;
- Fluency in complex, geographical enquiry and the ability to apply questioning skills, as well as effective presentation techniques;
- The ability to reach clear conclusions and explain their findings;
- Excellent fieldwork skills as well as other geographical aptitudes and techniques;
- The ability to express well-balanced opinions, rooted in very good knowledge and understanding about current issues in society and the environment;
- A genuine interest in the subject and a real sense of curiosity about the world and the people who live here.

Implementation

At Winchelsea we follow the geography programs of study outlined in the National Curriculum 2014 (updated) document. As class teachers we:

- Present a rich and diverse account of local, national and international geography.
- Create opportunities for meaningful cross-curricular links.
- Provide a range of immersive lesson ideas.
- Attempt to make links to our local area wherever possible.
- Aim to utilize external organisations for field trips or visits into our school.

Impact

- Delivery of geography at Winchelsea is engaging. This is evident by the children's enthusiasm: they are always keen to find out what their next topic will be, with high levels of participation with their optional topic-based homework.
- Effective progression of knowledge and skills are illustrated in pupils' portfolios and wonderful display work. This is also evident in how we share our achievements via Twitter and when we invite parents in for an 'Express' event.
- The children leave Winchelsea with an in-depth knowledge and appreciation of local, national and international geography.