

# St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Overview: Geography



With Jesus, we learn,  
love and laugh

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
<b>Early Years</b>	Geography in Early Years is taught through the 'Understanding the World' area of learning and through the Characteristics of effective learning. Children are guided to make sense of their physical world & community. Through a variety of topics, stories, non-fiction texts and visits, children explore our diverse world. We help children to begin to develop geographical language and knowledge which is the starting point of their geographical journey in our school.		
<b>Nursery</b>	Exploring their class & talking about their journeys to nursery Look at the map- <i>where is Santa visiting?</i>	Starting to explore the school building & school grounds Looking at an Atlas/globe to find cold places Stories about journeys- <i>Rosie's Walk</i>	Going for walks outside school building Looking at World maps/Atlas Finding out about Hot countries <i>Martha Maps it out Story</i>
<b>Reception</b>	Exploring the school environment Where they live looking at the map for UK	Exploring the school grounds Looking at cold places and animals Stories about journeys- <i>Going on a Bear Hunt</i>	Going for walks outside school building Looking at World maps/atlas & exploring hot countries
<b>Year 1</b>	Continents, Oceans, UK countries, capital cities and surrounding seas – using maps, globes and Atlas to locate continents and countries	Hot and Cold locations – <i>The Equator, Polar regions, hot places</i>	Fieldwork and Mapping- <i>drawing maps of a route</i>
<b>Year 2</b>	Local area study <i>Human and physical features</i>	Compare a small part of the UK and a contrasting non-European country <i>London and Nairobi</i>	Fieldwork and map skills Study a small area of a contrasting non-European country <i>Yanomami people of the rainforest</i>
<b>Year 3</b>	Fieldwork and Map skills Human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links	Study regions of the UK Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom	OS Map work and Field work. Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries
<b>Year 4</b>	Rivers What are the features of a river? What is our local river? What features can we see?	Latitude and Longitude What re lines of latitude/longitude? How do lines of latitude and longitude tell us what a location is like? How can you find exact locations around the world? What re time zones and how do they affect us?	Study of The Water Cycle What is The Water Cycle? How does The Water Cycle work? What affects The Water Cycle? Geography Map Skills-Environmental Regions of Europe, Russia, North and South America. What are environmental regions?

			The environmental regions of Europe, Russia, North and South America
<b>Year 5</b>	World Countries and Biomes Biomes and habitats	4 and 6 figure grid references Grid references on OS maps	Map Skills and Fieldwork Using maps and atlases
<b>Year 6</b>	Comparison study UK and North and South America	Physical processes Earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes	Settlements and relationships