Curriculum Handbook for Geography

Part 1: Intent, Implementation and Impact / SEND Provision / SMSC Statement / Long Term Plan / Progression of Skills



St. Martin's C of E (VA) Primary School

Geography Curriculum

'A high-quality geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world should 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.' (National Curriculum, 2014)

Aims

The national curriculum for geography aims to ensure that all pupils:

- develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places both terrestrial and marine — including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes
- understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time
- are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
- collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered 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)
- communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

Curriculum Intent

At St. Martin's C of E (VA) Primary School, we believe that Geography helps to provoke and provide answers to questions about the natural and human aspects of the world. Children are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of their locality and the wider world, as well as their place in it. Our Geography curriculum enables children to develop knowledge and skills that are transferable to other curriculum areas and which can and are used to promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Geography is, by nature, an investigative subject, which develops an understanding of concepts, knowledge and skills. With this in mind, our curriculum uses an enquiry-based approach where units of work build to answer an over-arching question. We aim to promote the children's interest and understanding of diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and

human processes. Through the curriculum pupils develop a nuanced understanding of place by encountering the same places in different times and contexts during their time at St Martin's. Our Geography curriculum is designed to be ambitious, where pupils apply skills in various contexts, and where learning is made relevant and meaningful to their lives. The curriculum is designed to develop knowledge and skills that are progressive, with carefully sequenced lessons and opportunities for retrieval planned in. We seek to inspire in children a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people, which will remain with them for the rest of their lives to secondary school and beyond.

As a school sitting on top of the cliffs of a coastal town, particular care has been taken to equip children with relevant knowledge and understanding of our local area, the coastline and surrounding beaches. This is achieved both in the Geography curriculum design and through our Beach School curriculum, where pupils complete bespoke activities at the beach multiple times a year in order to deepen their appreciation and understanding of the local area, with many fieldwork opportunities as part of this.

Knowledge in Geography is defined as:

Substantive knowledge-

This is the subject knowledge and explicit vocabulary used to learn about the content.

Disciplinary knowledge-

This considers how geographical knowledge originates and is revised. It is through disciplinary knowledge that children gradually become more expert by 'thinking like a geographer.'

<u>Curriculum Implementation</u>

Geography at St. Martin's is taught in blocks throughout the year, so that children can achieve depth in their learning. Teachers have identified the key knowledge and skills of each blocked topic and consideration has been given to ensure progression across topics throughout each year group across the school. Each unit of work uses an enquiry-based approach, where lessons build to answer an over-arching question. At the beginning of each topic, children are able to convey what they already know, what they would like to find out and known links to prior knowledge. This informs the programme of study and also ensures that lessons are relevant and take account of children's different starting points.

In Key Stage 1, Geography is taught on a 2-year cycle, in Years 3, 4 and 5 on a 3-year cycle, and in Year 6, on a 1-year cycle. This method of implementation gives consideration to our mixed-age classes, ensuring that all children, no matter of their route through school, cover all of the knowledge and skills necessary.

Consideration is given to how greater depth will be taught, learnt and demonstrated within each lesson, as well as how learners will be supported in line with the school's commitment to inclusion.

The local area is fully utilised to achieve the desired outcomes, with extensive opportunities for learning outside the classroom embedded in practice.

Curriculum Impact

Outcomes in books, evidence a broad and balanced geography curriculum and demonstrate children's acquisition of identified key knowledge. Children record what they have learned comparative to their starting points at the end of every topic. As children progress throughout the school, they develop a deep knowledge, understanding an appreciation of their local area and its place within the wider geographical context. Regular fieldwork provides further relevant and contextual learning.

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<u>Cognition of</u>	and Learning	Communication	and Interaction
Subject Challenges for SEND	Provision for SEND	Subject Challenges for SEND	Provision for SEND
The ability to explain a geographical concept/provide reasoning to explain a thought or opinion.	Use of visuals, stem sentences or other scaffolds to enable children to accurately communicate their thoughts and opinions.	Expressing themselves and sharing their thoughts and opinions orally.	Use of visuals, stem sentences or other scaffolds to enable children to accurately communicate their thoughts and opinions.
The ability to recall basic geographical information e.g. the seven continents.	Pre-teach can be used to revisit key geographical information. The use of rapid retrieval questions at the beginning of lessons based on previous objectives will help with recall over time.		Use alternative recording devices e.g. whiteboards/iPads/talking tins to allow children the option of sharing their thoughts and opinions in an alternative way.
Reading/studying of case studies/geographical texts/atlases.	Use shorter texts which are comprised of less complex, phonetically decodable sentences. Texts can be supported by visuals — all teachers have access to Widgit Online. Share information in		Allow children processing time when asking them a direct question. Some children need upwards of 10 seconds to process a question before they can answer.
	different ways e.g. via a National Geographic video rather than a written text.	EAL pupils may find it difficult to access resources/learning.	Use a reduced number of simple instructions which are supported by visuals.
Understanding of subject specific vocabulary.	Pre-teach subject specific vocabulary as necessary. Use of visuals and/or actions to		Appropriate modelling to aid understanding.
	introduce key vocabulary. Draw particular attention to subject specific vocabulary which could be viewed as ambiguous. E.g. 'mouth of the river' or 'water table.' Use of visuals/vocabulary mats to reinforce key vocabulary throughout the lesson.		Differentiated written resources can be supported by visuals and could be translated using Word. (Teachers click Review – Translate – Translate Document). This will fully translate the document and open in a new window.
Difficulty in producing accurate pieces of writing e.g. a comparison of two countries.	Use writing frames, 'fill in the blank' sentences, sentence starters, vocabulary mats, visuals to		
e.g. a comparison of two countries.	sequence etc. Children who have difficulties structuring their writing/who have difficulties with short term memory could use talking tins to 'hold their sentences' whilst they write at an individual word pace. Children can record work	() · Y.	M: (6:)

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	differently e.g. through the use of ICT (PowerPoints, Word documents, videos etc).		
Sensory a	 nd Physical	Social Emotional	and Mental Health
Subject Challenges for SEND	Provision for SEND	Subject Challenges for SEND	<u>Provision for SEND</u>
Fine motor skills/physical difficulties.	Teachers to be proactive in identifying appropriate resources and manipulatives for each individual child's need. For example, when conducting fieldwork activities, some children may require a larger measuring tape/thermometer. Consider alternative ways to measure information e.g. trundle wheel rather than measuring tape.	Low self-esteem in geographical ability.	Showcase different work and a focus on the creation process rather than on the end result. Teacher be conscious to praise effort rather than ability. Make use of learning objectives which focus upon the specific geographical skill, e.g. focus upon the labelling of segments of a river as opposed to the neatness of the river drawn into books.
Sensory/physical difficulties accessing specific environments during fieldwork activities.	Ensure any sensory difficulties are considered at the point of planning and appropriate alternative arrangements are made. For example, if a child will find the texture of sand overwhelming at the beach, ensure appropriate footwear has been identified and resourced. Ensure that all	Difficulties with social skills may result in children finding group work challenging.	Carefully consider seating arrangements during group work to ensure that children are placed next to patient, non-dominant children. Additional adult support can be deployed as necessary. Ensure children have access to usual aides such as ear defenders to reduce noise.
	environments are accessible to children with physical disabilities e.g. wheelchair accessible. Ensure that font size used in resources matches	Distress caused by exposure to unfamiliar environments during trips/fieldwork.	Children to be prepared for change of environment, identification of change on visual timetable and photos/videos of environment to reduce anxiety caused by lack of familiarity. Use of trusted adults to support them whilst on field
Children with a visual impairment may find it difficult to view text/images/maps.	the specific font size specified in the child's report provided by outside agencies. Enlarge images to appropriate sizes to aid access. Use digital maps rather than physical atlases where		trips.
W	helpful. This allows children to zoom in and enlarge information on a map as needed.	1. Y	M. I.A.

St. Martin's C of E (VA) Primary School SMSC Subject Statement

Geography

<u>Spiritual</u>

• Geography supports spiritual development by promoting a sense of wonder and fascination with the physical and human world. An understanding of scale is an important aspect of Geography and how small changes in climate can have far reaching consequences. Understanding that all life is linked together and create the processes that make Earth the only known inhabited planet.

Moral

• Geography supports moral development by looking at a range of moral issues such how the development of cites have put pressure on wildlife. We cover moral issues of an ever increasing population and the different approaches taken by countries to tackle the problem. We explore issues of poverty and the moral dilemma of importing food and the consequences of it on global warming.

Social

Geography supports social development because social issues are common themes
within geography. Children discuss issues such as global warming with an
emphasis on how they can make a difference by making small changes to their
lifestyles.

Cultural

• Geography supports cultural development by helping children to understanding different cultures. Through geography children look at how different cultures and beliefs can impact on the environment and human issues. Children look at different places such asand are introduced to their customs and traditions allowing pupils to develop their humility and an understanding of the world as a global community.

St. Martin's C of E (VA) Primary School History and Geography Long Term Plan

Key Stage 1 – 2 Year Programme								
Year A	Autumn A	Spring A	Summer A					
	Explorers	Our World	I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside					
Year B	Autumn B	Spring B	Summer B					
	Down at the Farm	Historical Heroes	Let's Go on Safari					

Key Stage 2- Ye	ears 3, 4, 5 — 3 Year Progr	ramme				
Year A	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Roman Empire	The Desert Biome	331		The United Kingdom Includes fieldwork	Stone Age to Iron Age
Year B	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Anglo-Saxons and Scots	Vikings	UK and Europe Comparison — Italy	The Windrush Generation	Rivers and the water cycle. Includes regional study with fieldwork	
Year C	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Mountains and	World War 2 – Local	UK and South America	UK and South America Comparison — The Amazon		Coasts with
	volcanoes	Study	Rainforest			Environmental Study Fieldwork

Year 6 - 1 Year Programme							
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2		
The Maya Civilisation	UK and North America comparison	Extreme Earth		Britain Since 1948			

Substantive knowledge	Locational Knowledge Place Knowledge Human and Physical Geography	Space	Scale	Place	Cultural understanding	
		Human processes	Physical processes	Interconnection	Environmental interaction	
Disciplinary knowledge	Fieldwork Data Collection and Analysis Questions and Informed Responses	Mapwork and fieldwork	Data collection and analysis	Geographic questions	Informed responses	
	Comparison and Change Over Time Mapping	Comparison	Change over time			

Substantive knowledge



their environmental	their environmental	regions, key physical	characteristics,
regions,	regions,	and human	countries, and major
key physical and	key physical and	characteristics,	cities
human	human	countries, and major	
characteristics, and	characteristics,	cities	Identify the position
countries	countries, and major		and
	cities	Name and locate	significance of
Name and locate		counties and	latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern
counties and	Name and locate	cities of the United	Hemisphere, Southern
cities of the United	counties and	Kingdom,	Hemisphere, the
Kingdom,	cities of the United	geographical regions	Tropics of Cancer
geographical regions	Kingdom,	and their identifying	and Capricorn, Arctic
and their identifying	geographical regions	human and physical	and Antarctic Circle,
human and physical	and their identifying	characteristics, key	the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time
characteristics, key	human and physical	topographical	zones (including day
topographical	characteristics, key	features (including	and night)
features (including	topographical	hills, mountains,	
hills, mountains,	features (including	coasts and rivers),	
coasts and rivers).	hills, mountains,	and land-use	
	coasts and rivers),	patterns; and	
Identify the position	and land-use	understand how some	
of Equator, Northern	patterns.	of these aspects have	
Hemisphere, Southern		changed over time.	
Hemisphere on a	Identify the position		
map.	of Equator, Northern	Identify the position	
	Hemisphere, Southern	and significance of	
	Hemisphere, latitude,	latitude, longitude,	
	longitude on a map.	Equator, Northern	
		Hemisphere, Southern	
		Hemisphere on a	
		map.	

Place Knowledge									
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. Understand that some places are special to members of their community.	Identify geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom.	Identify geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country.	Identify geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a European country or region within South America	Identify and explain geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a European country or region within South America	Identify and explain geographical Similarities, differences and patterns through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a European country or region within South America	Identify and explain geographical similarities, differences and patterns through the study of human and physical geography of a region of North America			

	Human a	nd Physical Geo	graphy Human processes	Physical processes		
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Use the local area for	Identify seasonal and	Use basic	Describe and	Describe and	Describe and	Describe and
exploring both the	daily weather	geographical	understand key	understand key	understand key	understand key
built and natural	patterns in the United	vocabulary to refer	aspects of physical	aspects of: physical	aspects of: physical	aspects of: physical
environment.	Kingdom.	to:	geography, including:	geography, including:	geography, including:	geography, including:
Use all of their senses	Identify the location	key physical features,	biomes, rivers,	biomes, climate	climate zones, biomes	climate zones,
in hands-on	of hot and cold areas	including: beach, cliff,	mountains, volcanoes	zones, rivers,	and vegetation belts,	volcanoes and
exploration.	of the world in	coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean,	and the water cycle.	mountains, volcanoes	rivers, mountains,	earthquakes and
4 4	relation to the	mountain, sea, ocean,		and the water cycle.	volcanoes and	extreme weather.

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and living things. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the	Equator and the North and South Poles Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including:, beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, soil, season and weather. key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office.	river, soil, valley, vegetation. key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop	Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, by identifying some types of settlements land use.	Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use.	earthquakes, and the water cycle. Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water	Describe and understand key aspects of: human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water during natural disasters.
seasons.						



Disciplinary knowledge

Mapwork and fieldwork Geographical Skills: Field Work **EYFS** Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Year 6 Year 3 Year 4 velop simple fieldwork Use fieldwork to Find out about the Use simple fieldwork Use fieldwork to Use fieldwork to Use a range of and observational and observational observe, environment by observe, observe, numerical and skills to study the skills when studying talking to people, measure, record and measure, record and measure, record and quantitative skills to geography of their examining the geography of present the human present the human analyse, interpret and present the human photographs, simple school and its their school and local and physical features and physical features and physical features present data collected grounds and the key maps and visiting environment. in the local area in the local area in the local area from fieldwork human and physical local places. Make simple sketches using a range of using a range of using a range of observations, features of its whilst on fieldwork. methods, including Explore the natural surrounding methods, including methods, including measurements and sketch maps, plans Identify seasonal and world around them. environment. sketch maps. sketch maps, plans recordings. daily weather and graphs, and and graphs Describe what they Observe and describe patterns. digital technologies. daily weather see, hear and feel whilst outside. patterns.



	Geographical Skills: Data Collection and Analysis										
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6					
Use a range of sources such as simple maps, photographs, magnifiers, and visiting local places.	Use digital cameras to record what they see. Collect simple statistics — longest, shortest, highest. Fill in and use a class weather chart.	Take and use digital photographs. Use tally charts and simple tables to collect information.	Use a range of primary and secondary sources to gather information. Begin to make measurements/collect data on fieldwork.	Use a range of primary and secondary sources to gather information. Examine and question what is discovered. Make measurements/collect data on fieldwork. Begin to use a range of graphs e.g. pie charts	Discriminate between different sources of information. Make careful measurements e.g. rainfall, distance. Collect statistics about people and places. Use a range of graphs to present information. Use digital technologies to make a database to record information.	Carefully select sources of evidence. Make careful measurements e.g. rainfall, distance and input them into the appropriate form (e.g. table, tally, graph). Analyse data using similarity and difference. Suggest plausible conclusions and back up with evidence. Present their findings through self-selected representations e.g. reports, leaflets, multimedia.					



Geographic

Informed

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	 Geographica	l Skills: Questioi	ns and Informed			
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Comment and ask	Ask and answer	Ask and answer	Ask and answer more	Ask and respond to	Ask and respond to	Ask and respond to
questions about	simple geographical	simple geographical	searching	more searching	questions which are	questions which are
aspects of their	questions about their	questions when	geographical	geographical	more causal e.g. why	more causal e.g.
familiar world such	locality.	investigating different	questions when	questions including	is that happening	what happened in the
as the place where		places and	investigating different	'how' and 'why'?	there? Could it	past to cause that?
they live or the	Use maps and other	environments.	places and		happen here?	How likely is it to
natural world.	images to talk about		environments.	Express their opinions		change in the future?
	everyday life e.g.	Express views about		on environmental	Express and explain	
Talk about members	where they live,	the environment and	Express their opinions	issues and recognise	their opinions on	Develop their views
of their immediate	journeys to school	can recognise how	on	that other people	geographical and	and attitudes to
family and	etc.	people sometimes	environmental issues	may think differently.	environmental issues	critically evaluate
community and name		affect the	and recognise how		and recognise why	responses to local
and describe people	Draw, speak or write	environment.	people can affect the	Communicate	other people may	geographical issues or
who are familiar to	about simple		environment both	geographical	think differently.	global issues and
them.	geographical concepts		positively and	information through		events.
	such as what they		negatively.	a range of methods	Choose from a range	
Describe their	can see where.			including digital	of methods e.g.	Communicate
immediate			Communicate	maps, plans, graphs	digital maps, plans,	geographical
environment using			geographical	and presentations.	graphs and	information using a
knowledge from			information through		presentations when	wide range of
observation,			a range of methods		communicating	methods including
discussion, stories,			including the use of		geographical	writing at increasing
non-fiction texts and			ICT.		information.	length.
maps.						
Show care and						
concern for living						
things and the						
environment.	1	1 10		1 .	0	0.4

	Geographical	. Skills: Compari	ison and Chang	9	Change over time	
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Describe some similarities and differences in their local environment. Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have seen or experienced in photos. Recognise some similarities and differences between	Describe some similarities and differences when studying places and features e.g. hot and cold places of the world.	Describe some similarities and differences when studying places and features e.g. comparing their lives with those of children in other places and environments.	Identify similarities and differences when comparing places and features.	Identify and describe similarities and differences when investigating different places, environments and people.	Identify and describe similarities, differences and patterns when investigating different places, environments and people	Recognise geographical issues affecting people in different places and environments.
life in this country and life in other countries. Explain these comparisons drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.						• 4

Geographical Skills: Mapping — Direction/Location								
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Follow simple directions. Understand position e.g. under the table. Discuss routes and locations using words like 'in front' and 'behind'.	Follow directions (up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards)	Follow directions (as year 1 and including North, South, East, West)	Use 4 compass points. Use letter/number coordinates to locate the features on a map.	Use 4 compass points well. Begin to use 8 compass points. Begin to use 4 figure coordinates to locate features on a map.	Use 8 compass points. Use 4 figure co- ordinates confidently to locate features on a map.	Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately. Begin to use 6 figure grid references.		
Geographical Skills: Mapping — Using Maps								
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Use real maps,	Use picture maps and	Find land/sea on a	Use large scale OS	Use large and	Use medium scale	Use OS maps and		
globes, electronic	globes.	globe.	maps.	medium scale OS	land ranger OS maps.	atlases confidently.		
globes and map, maps of the classroom/school, local town, park, zoo,	Use a simple picture map to move around the school.	Use teacher drawn base maps. Use an infant atlas.	Begin to use map sites on the internet.	maps. Use map sites on the internet.	Use index and contents page within atlases.	Use atlases to find out about other features of places		
museum etc, story maps. Draw information	Recognise that a map is about a place.	Begin to identify features on aerial photographs.	Begin to use junior atlases. Identify some	Identify features on aerial photographs.	Compare maps with aerial photographs.	(e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns).		
from a simple map. Use a simple map with symbols to spot		Follow a route on a map. Use a plan view.	features on aerial photographs.	Use junior atlases, including index and contents page within atlases.	Select a map for a specific purpose (e.g. pick an atlas to find Taiwan, pick an OS			
features in the school	4	ose a plant view.		unuses.	rativali, pick all 03			

grounds or in the local community.			Follow a route on a map with some accuracy.	Follow a route on a map.	map to find a local village.)			
Geographical Skills: Mapping — Drawing Maps								
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Describe a familiar route.	Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories.	Create their own simple maps and symbols.	Begin to draw a simple sketch map.	Draw a sketch map. Make a map of a	Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key.	Draw a variety of thematic maps based on data.		
Draw and create	,	J	Begin to make a map	short	. J.			
their own maps using real objects, and/or pictures and symbols. Look at signs and	Make 3D maps using junk mapping. Use own symbols on an imaginary map.	Draw a map of a real or imaginary place (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from an aerial photograph).	of a short route experienced, with features in the correct order.	route experienced, with features in correct order.	Use/recognise OS map symbols.	Use/recognise OS map symbols confidently.		
symbols on different types of maps for example in school and the local community.	, ,	Begin to understand the need for a key. Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key.	Know why a key is needed.	Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map.				