

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to be progressive, building upon prior learning as children move through the school. Each year group/unit has a Curricular Goal which remains their focus for the whole year. Within this curricular goal, different aspects of the National Curriculum will be studied in chronological order.

We now have detailed pace planners to ensure coverage of the curriculum throughout KS1 and KS2. In Early Years, teachers plan from the new framework based on the interests and needs of the children. These are largely taken from Understanding the World.

Day to day planning

Day to day Geography planning throughout the school ensures regular retrieval practice to aid long term memory. Every lesson begins with this to allow for metacognitive reflection sometimes linked to other subjects. Lessons are taught weekly for half a term and include a range of guided work, independent practice, discussion and geographical enquiry.



Geography at Gatehouse

What is geography?

Geography is the study of the Earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments.

What makes a good geographer?

A good geographer seeks to answer...
Where is this place?
What is it like and why?
How and why is it changing?
How does this place compare with other places?
How and why are places connected?

Assessment

Assessment is an area recognised for improvement. Currently geography is assessed through questioning, observations, marking, annotations on MTPs against NC objectives and daily retrieval practice/lesson adaptations.

Monitoring and Priorities

- Observations and MTP monitoring to ensure the curriculum coverage of Geography is consistent and effective across all year groups.
- To ensure SEND, PP and Bottom 20% children are adequately catered for
- Identify training and support through conversations and evaluations
- To review resources and planning support across the school
- To ensure good questioning during lessons to aid long term memory
- To trial and develop assessment strategies to support tracking of children's knowledge and skills
- To explore geography in EYFS new curriculum.
- To add writing opportunities into the subject.
- To ensure fieldwork is planned for each term.