

## Our vision for Geography at St George's

## 'Let all that you do be done in Love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

The example of Jesus Christ and the Good news that he brings inspire St George's school to be a place of hope and a caring and inclusive community in which we all love to learn and learn to love.

Geography develops children's knowledge and understanding of places around the world and the people who live there. Through an enquiry-based curriculum, children at St George's will explore local and global links making geography relevant and purposeful to their personal lives. They will develop a sense of curiosity through practical activities both inside and outside the classroom. Their learning will be linked to the whole school Challenge Question and to quality texts where possible.

Children will use their love of reading and modern technology to find out about different places around the world; how and why people live the way they do. They will investigate different cultures around the world, learning to show understanding and respect for others and demonstrating our Christian values in action both locally and globally. Children will be encouraged to develop their own viewpoints and to use and grow their geographical language to describe and discuss local and global issues. They will develop the skills to explore the issues surrounding an ever changing and diverse world.

At St George's we celebrate the cultural diversity of our pupils and personalise learning to reflect our school community, whilst challenging geographical stereotypes. We encourage children to be curious and passionate geographers, to question their place in the world, and to show understanding for the current human and physical challenges to our planet. Through their Learning Challenges, our children are given opportunities to become courageous advocates at local, national and global level and to take an active role in making change happen; taking responsibility for their part in ensuring a sustainable future. We believe that God created a beautiful world and it is our job to look after it - to be Stewards of Creation.



The study of geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world"

— President Barack Obama

## Our six principles for the teaching of geography are:

- Exploring local links to make geography relevant
- Investigating geography through field trips and outdoor learning
- Investigating and using geographical vocabulary
- Using questioning to discuss and reflect on current issues around the world
- Explore and develop an understanding and respect for cultures around the world
- Using our love of reading to understand the wider world and where we live



## St George's Geography approach

