



Rowde C of E Academy

Geography Policy

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Intent:

We want our children to be curious about the world they inhabit, both spiritually and environmentally, and gain the information and skills required to help them better understand and explore it. The children will learn about different aspects of both human and physical geography, and develop skills to help them interpret the world around them, such as map reading. They will leave Rowde better able to understand their world, its people, and how it is evolving. At Rowde, we believe that an appreciation for our world is essential to the development of a sense of guardianship for it, and to our respect for it and all its inhabitants. Geography is key to our message of *Learn – Grow – Love*.



Implementation:

Geography is taught from Early Years (as Understanding the World) through to Year 6. Throughout this time the children will learn new skills and knowledge, as well as further developing their understanding about what they already know. They will look closely at their own local area, and be able to compare it to different places, evaluating the similarities and differences they see. Geography has a dedicated allocation on each Year Group's timetable, alternated with History in termly blocks which allow for deeper study.

Geography is delivered through KS1 and KS2 using Knowledge Organiser booklets which cover all required and extension content, as well as matching up with the Rowde Progression Steps. Details of this can be found on our website in the document What We Mean by Progression at Rowde, under Curriculum.

A summary of the Humanities (History and Geography) units across KS1 and Ks2 is provided below:

	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6
Year 1/2*	Seaside and Devizes comparison	The History of Toys	Florence Nightingale	Local Geography and Map work	Brunel	Forest vs Jungle
Year 3	Landmarks of London	India and its Mountains	Climate zones, biomes and vegetation	Ancient Egypt	The River Nile and local comparison	The Stone Age
Year 4	South America comparison study	Longitude, Latitude and Hemispheres	Human Geography (South Africa study)	The Romans	Settlement, Place Names and Village Life	Vikings and Anglo-Saxons
Year 5	Ancient Greece	Ancient China	The Space Race	Natural Disasters	The War of the Roses	Geography depth study
Year 6	WW1: The Battle of the Somme	WW2: the Battle of Britain	Geography – OS Maps and Fieldwork	Retrieval work	Geography Depth Study – human and physical geography	

Impact:

Children at Rowde will leave the school equipped with both the skills and knowledge required to access both physical and human geography at Key Stage 3. They will also be able to better understand the diversity of their planet and be fueled with a desire to explore more of it.