



Our Vision for Geography

"The study of Geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents." – Barack Obama

At Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, pupils are encouraged to be inquisitive about the people and places of our world. We aim for pupils not only to be able to name and locate key locations in our world, but also to be able to make connections and comparisons.

As a Catholic school, we feel it's important that pupils have opportunities to engage and motivate their sense of awe, wonder and curiosity about the world around them, through fieldwork and tactile learning. A key aspect of our geography will also be learning about the different cultures around the world, including human, physical and financial characteristics.

Linking closely to our Catholic Social Teaching, pupils will develop an understanding and awareness of the wellbeing of people across the world, as well as how different cultures face different global issues. Pupils will also gain an awareness of the everchanging world that we live in, and the ever-more relevant affects of climate change and our environmental choices.

Living on the Isle of Wight, we understand it is key that pupils have the opportunity to explore our rich surroundings and the wealth of geographical resources on our door-step. Pupils will also explore how their communities have been formed and shaped.

Where possible, our geography topics provide cross-curricular links with other subjects, such as the water cycle (science link), map reading, co-ordinates, graphs, scales, and measurements (maths link).

Our geography teaching offers opportunities to:

- Stimulate pupil's interest in the world around them and to foster a sense of wonder at the world around them
- Understand geography in our local area
- Enhance pupil's sense of responsibility for the care of the earth and its people
- Develop a range of skills to interpret geographical information and to carry out geographical enquiry
- Study the location of places
- Explore human and physical processes and patterns, and look at physical systems
- Develop a sense of place
- Explore the relationships between people and their environment
- Look at changes to places, spaces and the environment and the consequences of these changes
- Develop enquiry skills
- Appreciate cultural and economic diversity