



# St James Church Of England Primary School

## Geography Policy

At St James Primary School we have aspirations for every single child to succeed. Our children learn through a creative and inspirational curriculum that enables all children to live "life in all it's fullness" (John 10:10) to enjoy life and purpose underpinned by Christian values and a love of learning.

**Dream, believe, learn, achieve.**

### **Rationale:**

At St James Primary School we aim to promote equality of opportunity for all our pupils regardless of particular characteristics. When planning our curriculum, staff take due regard to ensure no child feels discriminated due to their particular characteristic.

Our curriculum is made up of the planned activities that we as a school deliver in order to promote learning, personal growth and development. It includes not only the formal requirements of the National Curriculum, but also an exciting range of opportunities to enrich the experience. We aim to teach our children to grow into positive, responsible role models who can work and co-operate with others whilst developing the knowledge, skills and understanding within subjects as well as a positive attitude to use throughout their lives.

Geography provides a means of exploring, appreciating and understanding the world in which we live and how it has evolved. Geography explores the relationship between the Earth and its people.

### **Purpose:**

Geography offers opportunities to:

- Communicate geographically, using the correct vocabulary to refer to key physical features and key human features.
- Geography provokes and answers questions about the natural and human worlds, using different scales of enquiry to view them from different perspectives.

- Investigate patterns, understanding similarities and differences between countries and describing geographical diversity across the world.
- Investigate places, naming and locating countries and cities of the world using a variety of resources.
- It prepares the pupils for adult life and employment.
- Geography is a focus within the curriculum for understanding and resolving issues about the environment and sustainable development. It is a link between the natural and social sciences.
- As pupils study geography they encounter different societies and cultures.
- It can inspire them to think about their own place in the world, their rights and responsibilities to other people and the environment.

#### **Guidelines:**

1. All children are given equal opportunities to follow the new National Curriculum for Geography.
2. Work is planned to ensure progression of content and skills across each Key Stage, appropriate to the children's ages and abilities.
3. Cross-curricular links are made with other subjects, including ICT, where appropriate.
4. Practical learning experiences are provided, and involve discussion as well as reading and writing. The importance of effective communication and expression of results is emphasised.
5. Practical activities should involve appropriate aspects of geographical enquiry including: asking questions, observing and recording, expressing views and communicating findings.
6. Pupils should be taught to: use appropriate vocabulary, develop fieldwork skills, use globes, maps and atlases, use secondary sources, make their own maps and plans and develop decision making skills.
7. All children are made aware of Health and Safety issues when undertaking work in Geography. They are encouraged to show respect for living things and the physical environment.

#### **Conclusion:**

Geography is, essentially, an enquiry based subject and working in this way will help children to

build up an understanding of process and places, and provide a framework of knowledge in which to develop key geographical skills and concepts which will then enhance skills and concepts in other areas of the curriculum.

**Policy date: September 2018**

**Next Review Date: September 2019**

Our school aims to support all families and the wider community. Any queries or concerns regarding individual policies will be considered on an individual basis.