



Geography in EYFS



Geography is taught in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) through the area of learning 'Understanding the World'. Initially the children will learn about their own home, school environment and the local surrounding area. Weekly 'Welly Wednesday' sessions in our school woods give the opportunity to learn through real first hand experiences, exploring the natural world and understanding the effect of the changing seasons. This awareness is extended through providing the children with further first hand experiences, by visiting places, such as a farm and a town trail, and by finding out about different environments in books, on TV and through using other technology.

The children will learn about their community and the world in which they live. They will develop their understanding of similarities and differences. They will begin to talk about their environment and make observations of the place they live and their environment. They will begin to ask questions, explore, investigate and make comparisons.

Using children's interests when planning the curriculum, we take opportunities as they arise to identify and learn about specific countries and environments related either to an event/festival or such things as animal habitats.

Maps are very popular - the children often choose to create their own treasure maps or maps based on where they would like to go. This encourages them to expand their language and oracy skills and consider geographical detail e.g. how would they travel?