

Geography at Claycots

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The Vision For Geography

At Claycots School, Geography helps pupils to make sense of the world around them and piques their curiosity in places and people. The curriculum is inclusive to all, engages pupils in their world, is fun and spurs them into action for looking after their environment and being aware of their surroundings. Even though it is a subject that is taught discreetly, it is a subject that is cohesive with the rest of our curriculum.



Subject Intent

At Claycots, we believe geography is essentially about understanding the world we live in; it enables children to make sense of the complex and dynamically changing world that they live in. Through a high-quality curriculum, we aim to inspire curiosity within our pupils about their local environment, national environment and the wider world. Pupils will be equipped with the knowledge and skills they require about the diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. The aim of the curriculum is to develop pupils geographical skills that enable them to think like geographers. This will include: reading and understanding maps; position and directional studies; fieldwork which includes children collecting and communicate information. This will all be taught through engaging lessons with many opportunities for meaningful fieldwork.



Subject Implementation

How we teach Geography

Geography at Claycots is taught in blocks throughout the year, so that children can achieve depth in their learning. Key knowledge and skills for each unit have been identified and mapped across the school, ensuring that knowledge builds progressively and that skills are developed systematically. This will also include a progression of knowledge in topic areas such as using maps and comparing places. The vocabulary the children will be taught will be relevant to the topic and meet age related expectations. All learning will start by revisiting prior knowledge. This will be scaffolded to support children to recall previous learning and make connections.

Medium- and short-term plans will be monitored to ensure that lessons are inspiring, ambitious and well delivered to ensure all pupils learn the skills and knowledge required. In addition to this, learning walks will take place regularly to ensure that the quality of teaching is at least good. Staff will explicitly model the subject-specific vocabulary, knowledge and skills and books will demonstrate this.



Subject Implementation

How we teach Geography continued

Geography will be taught through a cross curricular approach linking to as many other curriculum subjects as suitable. However, during dedicated geography lessons, the focus will be on the geography skills and knowledge as outlined in the progression map document. At Claycots, the geography curriculum will be enriched through trips, workshops and through links with the wider community. The local area will be fully utilised to achieve the desired outcomes in fieldwork, with extensive opportunities for learning outside the classroom embedded in practice. Pupils will be encouraged to use a range of sources such as atlas's, books, photos and digitally software (Digimaps).

Subject Overview

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	Autumn one	Autumn Two	Spring One	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two
Year One	Slough and Guatemala comparison linked to key text. Fieldwork: focus on the geography of the school. Create simple routes on a map and use directional language. (Across the year identify links to world map).		Seasons/Weather (World Maps – identify season/weather patterns in the UK. Know where hot & cold countries are located relation to poles & equator).		Countries/landmarks in the UK (focus on landmarks of London). Location knowledge of 4 capital cities. Surrounding Seas. (Aerial photographs and plan perspectives)	
Year Two	Local Study (Map work of the Local area – Windsor)			Continents and mountain ranges. Brazil location Comparison Study of human & physical study. Rainforest. Amazon River.	Map Skills - a map of The Living Rainforest and key. Sketch locations in The Living Rainforest. Fieldwork.	
Year Three	Mountains & Volcanoes in the UK. Compare Lake District to Italy – Mount Etna.		North America Locate the world's countries using maps to focus on North America. Human and Physical Geography. Write a class travel guide to North America – present to rest of the class. Discover of the Americas (Drama)		Chocolate Farming/Fairtrade Where does chocolate come from? (Economic activity including trade links) Including maps & atlases	
Year Four	Where in the world is India relative to the UK? (atlas skills and globes – using a key). Physical features. Landscapes, Climate zones. Environmental regions. Locate Russia on a world map (locate continents).		Other landscapes/climate zones/ environmental regions not covered under India on maps. Contour lines. Map work – create own imaginary world & label environmental features with key.		Fieldwork – plan a trip to the library. Using OS maps 4 figure grid references sketches. Digital mapping.	
Year Five	What does the earth look like from space? (Geographical vocabulary: equator, northern and southern hemisphere, latitude, longitude, Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic, Time Zones) Aerial Photographs. Look at photos where desertification can be seen.		Weather The Water Cycle Climate Zones. To compare weather/climate patterns in Slough and Kansas – Climate graphs linked to maths (Fieldwork)		World map – Where do the largest groups of ethnic minorities in the UK originate from? Name and locate key cities in the UK. Immigration – why do people immigrate/ move from their country of birth? Distribution of natural resources & economic resources.	
Year Six	Map Skills Write an escape route using the 8 points of a compass, four and six grid references, contour lines, symbols and keys.		Rivers – Fieldwork study of human and physical features in the local area based on rivers. (Sketch maps, plans, graphs)		South America Locate the world countries using maps/ focus on South America. Environmental regions/ physical characteristics.	

Geography National Curriculum

Subject Strands		National Curriculum Keystage 1 Attainment Targets	Year 1	Year 2	National Curriculum Keystage 2 Attainment Targets	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Locational knowledge	Local Area	Name the town in which we live	Name the town in which we live	Name local towns & identify on a map		Name local towns & identify on a map	Name and locate local towns (eg, Slough) on a map and in relation to the rest of the UK.	Name and locate local towns (eg, Slough) on a map and in relation to the rest of the UK.	
	United Kingdom	Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas	Use world maps & globes to identify the United Kingdom Name & located the four countries & capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas	Use world maps & globes to identify the United Kingdom Name & located the four countries & capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas	Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time	Use world maps & globes to identify the United Kingdom Name & located the four countries & capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas Name and locate geographical regions, identifying their human & physical characteristics (Lake District)	Use world maps & globes to identify the United Kingdom Name & located the four countries & capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas Name and locate geographical regions, identifying their human & physical characteristics	Locate a range of countries and cities on a map of the UK and it's surrounding seas. Name and locate geographical regions, identifying their human & physical characteristics	Locate rivers in the UK in relation to the major cities.
	Global	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans	Understand that world maps & globe show all the countries in the world	Understand that world maps & globe show all the countries in the world Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. For the countries studied identify which continent they are located in Brazil	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)	Locate the world's countries & their capital cities, using maps (focus on North America) Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. To describe North America in relation to the equator and Tropic of Cancer Use maps to locate environmental regions in Europe focusing on key physical & human characteristics (Mt Etna) Identify key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns Understand how some of these aspects have changed over time	Locate the world's countries & their capital cities, using maps (focus on India) Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. Identify the position and significance of Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere and Equator. Use maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia), concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical characteristics, countries, and major cities Identify key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns Understand how some of these aspects have changed over time	Locate on a world map the following: equator, northern and southern hemisphere, latitude, longitude, tropic of cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic, time zones, Prime/Greenwich Meridian. Understand where different climate zones are located across the world in relation to the Equator & Tropics of Cancer/Capricorn. Use a world map to identify the countries where the largest ethnic minority groups in the UK originate from. Identify key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns Understand how some of these aspects have changed over time	Identify countries in South America and their relation to the rest of the world.
Place knowledge		Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of Slough & Guatemala	To identify some of the ways in which life may be similar/different in a town & a village (comparative study between Brazil and Slough). Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of Slough & Brazil.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region in North or South America	Comparative study of Mount Etna (Europe) and Lake District. Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area	Understand latitude, longitude, Equator, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, grassland, savanna, and rainforest

Human features of the world		Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop	Know basic geographical vocabulary including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, shop	To know the key geographical features which make a place a city, town or village. Know basic geographical vocabulary including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, shop To be able to identify key human features such as: factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop etc.	Human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water	Human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including food. To know some of the key human features of North America.	Human geography of a local area: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water To know some of the human features of countries/ continents studied (India and Europe, including Russia)	To know that natural & economic resources are not spread equally between countries & the people who live in those countries. To understand some of the reasons why people chose to immigrate/move from their country of birth (push & pull factors). To know that the countries people emigrate to the UK from changes over time. To know about the Windrush generation & their experience in England.	Impact of weather on humans Land-use patterns
	Physical features of the world	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather	Know basic geographical vocabulary including: forest, coast, mountain, ocean, river To understand that the weather is different in different parts of the world, and typically what type of weather is found where. Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather	Know basic geographical vocabulary including: forest, coast, mountain, ocean, river To understand that the weather is different in different parts of the world, and typically what type of weather is found where. Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather Physical features of the Amazon forest.	Physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes, and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes, and earthquakes, and the water cycle	Describe and understand key aspects of mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes To know about the climate, landscape and some of the physical features of North America, Lake district, Mt Etna and countries where cocoa is grown.	To identify key physical features such as mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes on a map To know about the climate, landscape and some of the physical features of countries studied (India and Europe, including Russia)	Key features of some of the different climate zones, weather, biomes & vegetation belts, time zones	Key physical features such as The Andes Mountains, tectonic activity, weather and subsequent biomes & vegetation belts of the region. Topographical features: including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers





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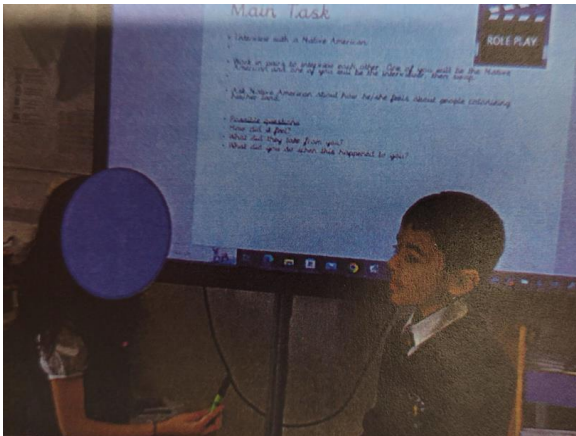
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Visits and experiences



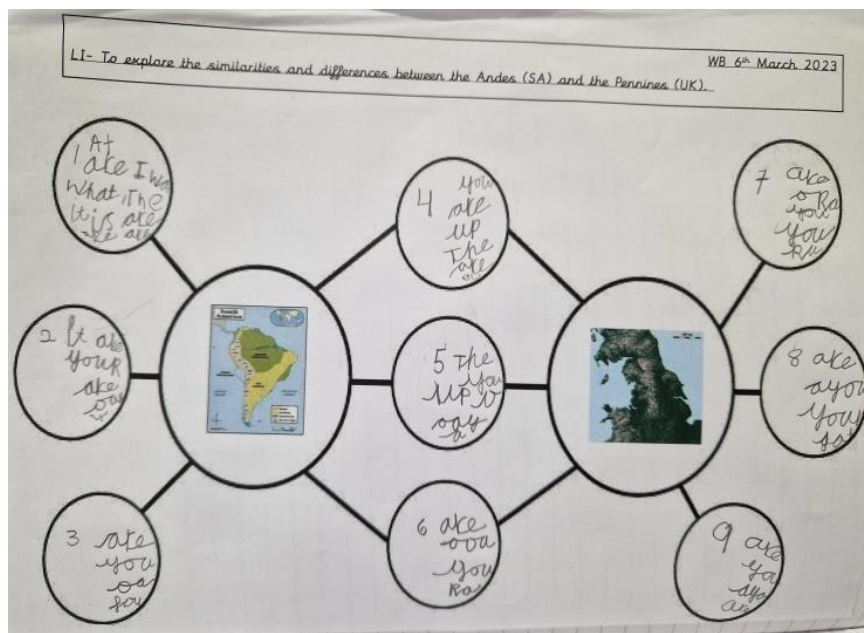
Local area field trip

Examples of learning

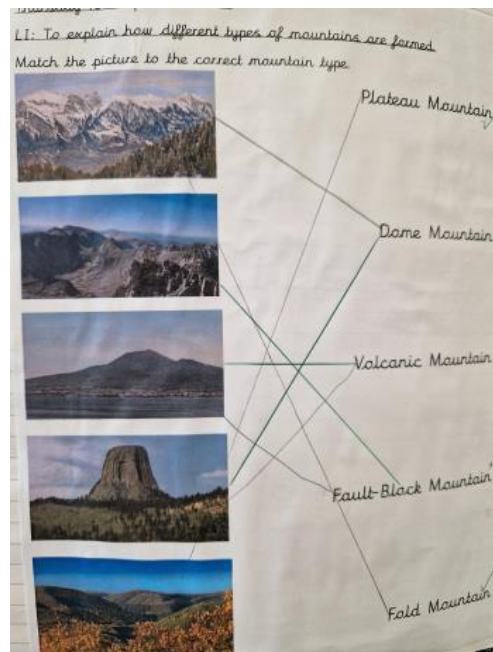


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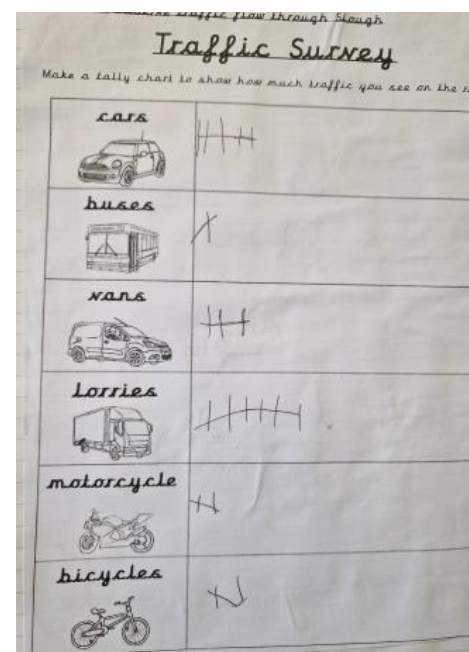
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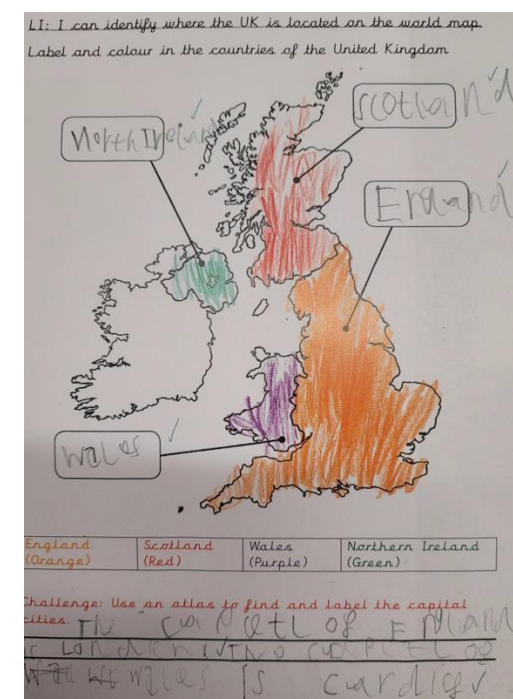
Similarities and differences bubble map



Matching task



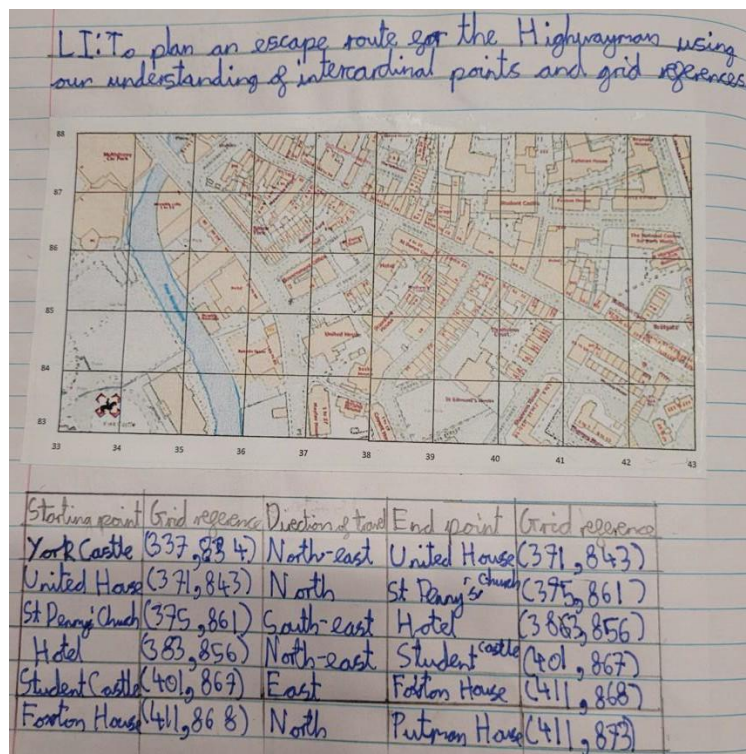
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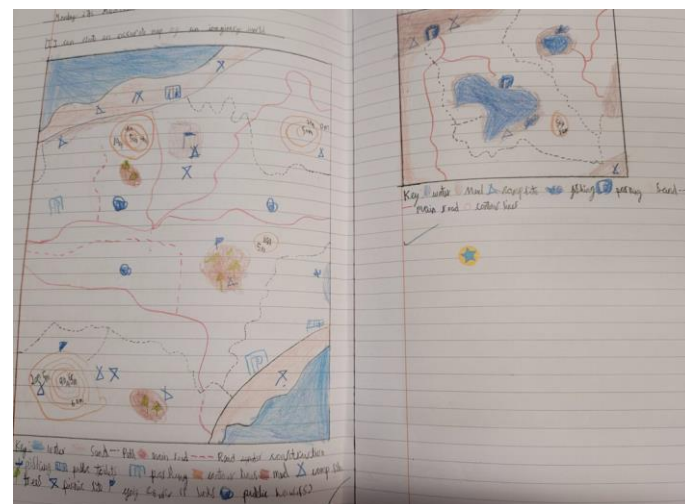
Locating countries in the UK and using a map to find capital cities

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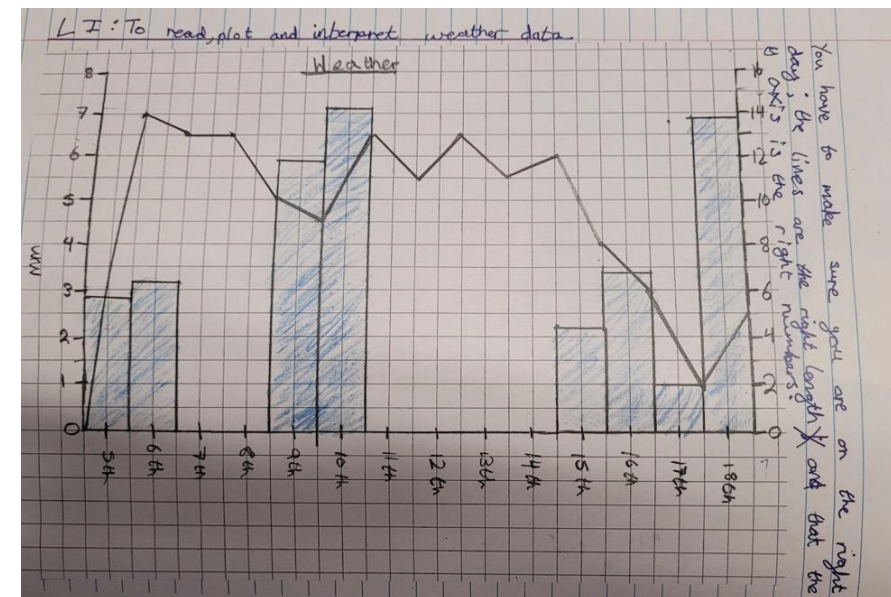
In KS2



Map work to create an escape route



Creating an imaginary world using a key



Reading, plotting and interpreting data

Pupil Voice

What our children say about Geography

- *"I like looking at maps of England. The capital is London"* - Sophia, Year 1.
- *I like exploring the world and finding out what life is like in the Amazon Rainforest. It's so different to Slough."* - Amina, Year 2.
- *"In geography, I liked the lesson on North America as I worked on chrome books with my partner to research. I like looking at maps and exploring the world. I learnt that North America is the third largest continent. I'd like to go there one day."* - Ehsan, Year 3.



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"I like learning facts about the Earth. I enjoyed the practical lesson where we matched climates to the correct countries using sticky notes. I like learning about new countries with a partner as I get to share my ideas with them and listen to what they have to say. I think I want to travel more when I get older." - Suprince, Year 4.

"I like learning about the Earth in geography because I learn facts that I didn't know before. I also like lesson where I get to work in a group because we can help each other." - Kalaya, Year 5

"I've enjoyed the most this year using compasses and maps and plotting out the Highwayman escape route and then acting it out." - Zain, Year 6