

Geography Vision Statement – St Mary’s Hampton CE Primary School

“Inspiring a lifelong curiosity about the world and its people”

At St Mary’s Hampton CE Primary School, our Geography curriculum nurtures children’s natural curiosity about the world, encouraging them to explore, question, and understand the diverse places, people and environments that make up our planet. Through a carefully sequenced, knowledge-rich curriculum, we aim to develop children’s geographical understanding alongside values rooted in our Christian ethos—fostering a deep respect for creation (faith), a sense of responsibility for the future (hope), and care for others and the world we share (love).

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, Geography is embedded within Understanding the World. Children explore their local environment, notice seasonal changes, and begin to describe places and communities beyond their own. These rich experiences support them in achieving the Early Learning Goals in People, Culture and Communities and The Natural World, laying the foundations for geographical enquiry and a sense of wonder about the world.

As children move into Key Stage 1, they develop their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world, learning to name continents, oceans, countries and capitals. They begin to explore similarities and differences between places, understand basic human and physical features, and use simple maps and fieldwork to connect learning to the real world.

In Key Stage 2, pupils deepen their understanding of geographical processes and the relationship between people and the environment. Through topics such as rivers, mountains, climate, and global trade, they develop critical thinking, analytical skills and a growing awareness of global issues. Children are encouraged to consider their role as responsible stewards of the Earth, reflecting on how human choices impact communities and ecosystems, and how they can contribute to positive change.

Throughout all phases, Geography at St Mary’s reflects our commitment to developing compassionate, informed global citizens. By exploring the world through the lens of faith, hope and love, we help children grow in knowledge, empathy, and a sense of purpose.