

Geography 2021-2022

This year we have implemented an exciting new scheme of work for Geography. The Primary Knowledge Curriculum offers our pupils a knowledge rich curriculum that is well sequenced to ensure children are given the opportunity to build on previous learning. This not only provides important building blocks for children's knowledge in Geography but also develops their retrieval skills. Both teachers and pupils at St John's are finding that the knowledge this curriculum provides generates further questions and curiosity about our world and the importance of protecting and caring for it.

With the new curriculum came new knowledge organisers. These gather the core, factual information for each unit taught ensuring that children can easily access, digest and remember powerful knowledge.

Our Geography lessons follow a clear structure, beginning with 'prior learning'. This is an opportunity for children to reconnect to prior learning and develop retrieval skills. Next is 'vocabulary'. Here children are exposed to new vocabulary that will be used in the lesson. Following this the children are taught the content of the lesson and are then given a 'talk task' to discuss before moving on to their main activity where they can apply what they have learned.



Impact

Assessment takes place at the end of each unit taught so that progress can be measured. The impact since the implementation of the Primary Knowledge Curriculum has been very positive. This is reflected in the feedback children have given.

Pupil Learning and Feedback

Since the introduction of the Primary Knowledge Curriculum pupils have been very positive in their responses when asked about their learning in Geography. Here's what they have to say:

"I have learned about the countries of Great Britain and Northern Europe. It was interesting to see how different the climate is and how the Sami people live."

Evelyn Year 2

"We have just learned about the different environments in Africa. It is diverse. I found it interesting that Africa is the oldest inhabited country."

Celebrations and Events

What a year it has been! Not only have we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee but we have also hosted the Commonwealth Games in our very own city. Here's a few of the things we got up to...



Tweets

Year 2 have been out posting leaflets that they made to share how our community can do their bit in the fight against climate change 🌱 #LearningWeek #MissionWeek #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAISI1



Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from @SolihullCouncil, where they learnt about air quality and pollution. The children were very engaged and felt empowered to make a change! Thank you to our visitor Tracey for sharing this opportunity nifty with us! 🌱 #EcoWarriors



After learning about how our actions can impact negatively on our eco-system, in Year 4 we created bird feeders to help birds who are struggling to find food or shelter due to deforestation. #CatholicSocialTeaching @RSPB_Learning @OurLadyandAISI1



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In EYFS we read the story Handa's Surprise! We tried all the different fruits in the story 🍌🍌🍌 #SJBWeAreEarlyReaders #BringingBooksToLife @OurLadyandAISI1



As part of our Learning Week, Year 1 have been learning how to love our world by exploring how to reduce waste. #RE #CatholicLife #LearningWeek @OurLadyandAISI1 #MissionWeek



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Year 1 - Learning about the seven continents using atlas books, Google Earth, maps and a globe. #Geography @OurLadyandAISI1



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Thanks Dylan, what a conscientious and thought provoking letter. Thank you! 🙏

St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 14/10/2021

Dylan (Year 5) wrote a compelling letter to our local MP Sagib Bhatti MBE about climate change. He was delighted with the letter he received back, thanking him for his ideas! 🙏 #SJBWeCanChangeOurWorld @OurLadyandAISI1 #ClimateAction @UKParliament @bhatti_saqib



Y5 enjoyed a brilliant day at Hams Hall Environmental Studies Centre. We spend time pond dipping, looking for decomposers and, of course, climbing trees.



During #RefugeeWeek the children wanted to send a message through prayers for peace. We have been sharing the #SimpleActs with our children. #RefugeeWeek2022 @OurLadyandAISI1 @RefugeeWeek 🙏❤️



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This week, Year 4 have taken #action to help those displaced by the war in Ukraine. 🇺🇦 Thank you to everyone who bought lemonade or a tiptop this week, your money will go a long way to helping those in need. #CatholicSocialTeaching @OurLadyandAISI1 @BhamDES



Year 2 enjoyed creating family collages as part of #LivingWeek. We also explored what families are like in different parts of the world by reading texts Hue Boy and Grace and Family. We researched life and traditions in the Caribbean and Africa. #CatholicLife #RE @OurLadyandAISI1



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What a day! We joined with our MAC family to celebrate mass at St. Chad's and walked through the city centre to share our Climate Change Action 🙏🙏 #SeasonOfCreation @OurLadyandAISI1 @ColumbansUK @RCBirmingham @CAFOD

