

## **GEOGRAPHY**

"The study of geography is about more than just memorising places on a map.It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together." Barack Obama



At Wootton Primary School, we encourage our children to have a **curiosity and fascination with the world.** Throughout their geography journey with us, our pupils explore the geographical concepts of: **place**, **space**, **scale**, **interdependence**, **physical and human processes**, **environmental impact**, **sustainable development**, **cultural awareness** and **cultural diversity**. Across all year groups, they are encouraged to ask questions that will develop their awareness **of themselves**, **others and the world around them**; they will also have regular opportunities each lesson to show their knowledge and understanding through increasingly more detailed answers.

Map reading skills are taught to develop automaticity so that children are able to interpret maps and develop their spacial awareness while increasing their understanding of how places are connected year on year. This is achieved through maps and atlases that get progressively more complex as well as using technology such as Digimap and Google Earth. Indeed, from their first years at our school they will start to learn about the village of Wootton and how our town compares to the city of London as well as being part of the U.K. As they travel through the school, they will learn about the wider world exploring our big concepts through engaging units such as: Biomes, Globalisation, Population, Energy and Sustainability, Rivers and Slums.

Through these units where possible, and through additional planned activities, **Fieldwork** is given importance within our geography curriculum: it enables formal learning to occur outside of the classroom and immerses children in the key content of their learning, allowing them to think deeply and therefore make stronger memories.







