

# Geography Curriculum Statement

## Intent

The intention of the Geography Curriculum at Samuel Cody School is to inspire pupil's curiosity and interest to explore the world that we live in and its people, which aims to ignite a love of learning. We intend to equip children with geographical skills to develop their knowledge through studying places, people, natural and human environments. This seeks to deepen the understanding of the Earth's human and physical forms and processes. Geography, by nature, is an investigative subject. Through our teaching, we intend to provoke thought, questions and to encourage pupils to discover answers to their own questions through exploration and research to enable them to gain a greater understanding and knowledge of the world and their place in it.

## Implementation

In order to foster children's curiosity about the world, interest and creativity, we are enthusiastic about Geography and encourage pupils to explore and make discoveries that develop their own lines of enquiry and questions. In Year 7 at Samuel Cody School, Geography is taught through a skills based curriculum. We enable teachers' autonomy to use the National Curriculum to select objectives and tailor teaching and learning to meet the needs and interests of the children. By the end of Year 8, it is expected that the children will have developed their knowledge and understanding of all of the skills set out in Year 7 and use these as the building blocks for their discoveries as they grow as keen geographers. In Year 9, pupils use those foundations and skills taught in year 7 and 8 to build into developing their own lines of enquiry over a range of topics. For some pupils they will use these skills and take the geography entry level option where they will further develop their skills and love of a subject that enables them to understand the world we live in and build them into a well-rounded citizen. Topics covered are linked to the national curriculum and refreshed to ensure they are up to date with the ever changing world we live in. Geography will be linked into current topics within our ever changing world, where appropriate, to develop children's knowledge and understanding. It will also ensure all areas of the curriculum are covered in depth. Teachers and pupils are encouraged to consider opportunities available to use the school grounds and the local area for fieldwork to enable children to base learning on first hand experiences to enhance teaching and learning in Geography.

## Impact

Children will have developed the geographical knowledge and skills to help them explore, navigate and understand the world around them and their place in it. Children's knowledge and skills will develop progressively as they move through the school, not only to enable them to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum but to prepare them to become competent geographers in an ever changing world.