

Geography

At Chantry Community Primary School, our geography curriculum is designed to develop knowledge and skills that are progressive, as well as transferable, throughout their time here and also to their further education and beyond. In this subject, children investigate a range of places – both in Britain and abroad – to help develop their knowledge and understanding of the Earth’s physical and human processes. We are committed to providing children with opportunities to investigate and make enquiries about their local area in Gravesham, so that they can develop of real sense of who they are, their heritage and what makes our local area unique and special. We are also developing the children’s ability to apply geographical skills to enable to confidently communicate their findings and geographical understanding to a range of audiences. Through high quality teaching, we develop the following essential characteristics of geographers: A genuine interest in the subject and a real sense of curiosity about the world and the people who live here.

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- An excellent knowledge of where places are and what they are like, both in Britain and the wider world;
- An comprehensive understanding of the ways in which places are interdependent and interconnected;
- An extensive base of geographical knowledge and vocabulary;
- The ability to reach clear conclusions and explain their findings;
- A growing understanding of how humans affect the planet and ways in which we can help;
- Excellent fieldwork skills.

Helpful Websites

Up to date weather forecasts

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather>

Activities, games and stories about Barnaby Bear's travels for KS1

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/barnabybear>

Newsround world current events

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/world/default.stm>

Newsround UK current events

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/uk>

KS2 geography support materials

<http://www.channel4.com/learning/microsites/E/essentials/geography/qmenu.shtml>

Environmental themes

The children's section has many useful facts, activities and animations and includes sections on: air, energy, land, climate change, people and lifestyles, resources and waste, water and wildlife.

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/fun/?lang= e>

| Mapping

An introduction for key stage 2 on how maps work and how to interpret them. It includes these 8 sections: starting mapping, symbols, compasses and directions, grid references, understanding scale, measuring distance, relief and contour lines and compass bearings.

<http://mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/index.html>

Local street maps including a 'find my nearest' function, which can be used to locate features e.g. schools, list them and link them to a map.

<http://www.upmystreet.co.uk/>

Search for local street maps by postcode, OS grid reference, place name or street name. Maps are extendable in eight compass directions.

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/>

Online mapping site which includes eye level 'Streetview'

<http://maps.google.co.uk/>

Maps resized to show population sizes, income, etc.

<http://www.worldmapper.org/>

| Distant Locations

Very child-friendly site for understanding development issues.

<http://www.globaleye.org.uk/>

Excellent site for global citizenship issues.

Children's pages include details of the history, geography and environment, people and society and a fact file for 14 countries), 'children' (exploring the lives of children in less developed countries) and 'food' (issues such as farming and fair trade).

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet/kidsweb/index.htm>

Includes a range of resources for information supporting distant locality studies.

<http://www.actionaid.org.uk/>

| Images

The Geograph® Britain and Ireland project aims to collect geographical photographs and information for every square kilometre of Great Britain and Ireland, and you can be part of it.

<http://www.geograph.org.uk/search.php?i=41689877>

Photographic images of countries which can be selected by continent, then by country.

<http://www.travel-images.com/>

UK, Europe and USA images

<http://www.freefoto.com/>

Panoramic images

<http://www.panoramas.dk/>