

At Buttsbury Junior School the **intent** of our Geography curriculum is to allow children the opportunity to learn about the wider world and its human and physical processes through a range of engaging, creative and ambitious lessons, including the development of field study skills. It is important for children to have strong geographical knowledge which they can develop and apply to their local surroundings and beyond.

How is Geography **implemented** at Buttsbury Junior School?

We have a broad and balanced Geography curriculum at Buttsbury Junior School where children are given the opportunity to master their learning by ***'applying what they have learnt to a new situation'***.

Units of learning are blocked, well sequenced and build on previous learning. Lessons ensure that progress is achieved through small steps, allowing children to develop their subject knowledge, consolidate skills and apply their learning. Strands in Geography include: Locational Knowledge, Place Knowledge, Human and Physical Features, Geographical Skills and Fieldwork.

At Buttsbury Junior school, Geography lessons may include:

- Development and application of map skills
- Making comparisons between the landscapes of our local area, surrounding areas and the rest of the world
- Looking at case studies
- Teaching of how to use an atlas and globe independently
- Understanding physical geography and the impact it has on human geography
- Learning about our local area
- An awareness of continents, key countries and capital cities from across the world - being able to locate the Northern and Southern Hemisphere

What is the **impact** of the Geography curriculum on our children?

Our curriculum encourages a chance for children to be inquisitive and enthusiastic about the world around them. By learning about the wider world, along with their local area, the children are given the chance to expand their geographical knowledge and understanding of both human and physical processes.

With a range of skills that they can build on throughout their primary school education, our Geography curriculum ensures that the children can apply what they have learnt to the next stage in their learning.

What our children say about Geography

Year 3 "I like learning about the different countries and seeing how they are different to where I live."

Year 4 "I enjoy learning about different parts of the world and what the features of the land are like."

Year 5 "I remember learning a lot about rivers and the fun facts about them and the country they were in."

Year 6 "I really like learning about the different characteristics belonging to each country and comparing them across the continents."