



## Geography Statement of Intent



### **Statement of intent:**

Pupils are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, as well as their place in it. Geography is, by nature, an inquiry based subject, which develops and understanding of key concepts, knowledge and skills. The curriculum is designed to develop knowledge and skills, which will support children in the outside world.

At Willow tree Academy we ensure that our children develop knowledge and skills that are transferable to other curriculum areas and which can and are used to promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

One of our key aims is to inspire children to develop a fascination about the world and its people which will remain with them for the rest of their lives; to promote the children's interest and understanding of diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

### **Implementation:**

Our curriculum is shaped by our school vision which aims to engage hearts and minds in the joy of learning. We teach alongside the National Curriculum, supported by a clear skills and knowledge progression. This ensures that skills and knowledge are built on year by year and sequenced appropriately to maximise learning for all children. This can be seen in our geography scheme of work. The local area is fully utilised to achieve desired outcomes, with opportunities for learning outside the classroom embedded in practise. School trips and fieldwork are detrimental, to provide quality first hand experiences, which enhance children's understanding of the world beyond their locality.

### **Impact:**

By the time children leave Willow tree Academy they will:

Have an excellent knowledge of where places are and what they are like. Geographical understanding, as well as children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is further supported by the school's links with international partner schools through our Nemesis projects. Children will have an extensive base of geographical knowledge and vocabulary. Be fluent in complex, geographical enquiry and the ability to apply questioning skills and use effective analytical and presentational techniques. We encourage our children to have a passion for and commitment to the subject, and a real sense of curiosity to find out about the world and the people who live there.