

Geography the Stanton Bridge Primary Curriculum

Intent

Stanton Bridge Primary School's Curriculum Statement of Intent has been constructed to reflect and incorporate each curriculum subject whilst ensuring that each subsequent content designed meets the intent at every opportunity.

Thus, the context - past, present and future - are factored in. The past - family influences, social experience and how that may contribute to their new experiences. The present - school and expanding social networks, and how this can positively shape their future given the right environmental and social factors. Finally, the future - in search of what awaits them in a fast-evolving technological world.

Hence the premise upon which our pupils will grow:

- High ambition.
- Rich in language with a passion for learning.
- Habits of Mind that serves to support achievement across all areas of learning.
- Strong basis for continuous academic growth beyond their primary years.
- Ability to regulate their social, emotional well-being, with knowledge & skills to tap into a bank of resources that enable them to be flexible in their approach to problem-solving.
- Stand shoulder to shoulder and thrive with others in a range of different roles, exhibiting leadership qualities and skills.
- Acknowledge and appreciate their heritage in world where accepting themselves as individuals and celebrating who they are is key in steering a complex and ever-changing environment.
- Having a voice and knowing that they can make a difference to the world in which they live, changing things for the better.
- Positive relationships and social networks from which they can thrive and excel, seeking and working to include others.
- Belonging to the House of Values, focused on developing character, competence and connectedness.
 (Relationships, Equality, Care, Thinking Flexibly and Listening)

Character	Our pupil are taught to learning with a sense of honesty, coming to know, acknowledge and appreciate both strengths and areas for further growth learning. They are then taught to respect the learning ahead of them and to appreciate this opportunity to learn where this is not the case for many across the world.
Competence	Pupils will have high aspiration for learning, demonstrate confidence in key concepts learned, use subject specific vocabulary, working both independently and interconnected dependent on task set.
Connectedness	Pupils will work in harmony with others, within familiar and unfamiliar surroundings.



Implementation:

<u>Pedagogy:</u> The understanding of how concepts are taught.

Pedagogy is the 'method of teaching'. At Stanton Bridge, we use the Barak Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction to establish Effective Teaching Practice. This is further strengthened by the use of Thinking Frames that support in the development of Metacognition. Our school's approach to Teaching and Learning is rooted in the Science of Learning and as such, all staff members are routinely engaged in school improvement activities to develop pedagogy and specific CPD to ensure subject content is expertly delivered. This of course sits alongside individualised mentoring and coaching to support continuous improvements in practice. Responsive coaching also serves to ensure each adult knows the relevant next steps to maximise learning opportunities for all groups of pupils.

Core concepts

Core Concepts in Geography			
Place Knowledge	Locational Knowledge	Human and Physical	Geographical Skills
Understanding the key	Knowing where places are	Geography	Developing the ability to
features of places and	and having spatial	Understanding the processes	utilise a range of
identifying the similarities	awareness of different	that give rise to key physical	geographical information
and differences between	countries using maps of the	and human features of the	sources to help to develop
places and regions.	world and other sources.	world, how they are	an extensive knowledge of a
		interdependent and how they	wide range of places,
		bring about spatial variation	environments, and features
		and change over time.	at a range of scales.

Geography Delivery:

Lesson timings	Type of delivery
Lesson are weekly for 50 mins per lesson.	Geography lessons are predominantly discrete to enable
Geography is taught in half termly blocks.	focus on the core concepts of geography although
Children are taught 3 half termly blocks per year.	vocabulary is continually developed using sentence stems
	and tiers universally across the subject areas.



Geography Planning:

Lesson Structure

Lesson Structure	Notes
I. Starter	Key skills focussed.
2. Review	Pupils review prior learning (previous lesson, previous topic, previous year) in the form of low-stake quizzes.
3. Learning Intention	Teacher to share learning intention, learning outcomes and key vocabulary
Learning Outcomes	including definitions and images.
Vocabulary	
4. Main Teach	Didactic teaching of the key concepts.
5. Teacher Model	Teacher to verbalise thinking out loud, with no pupil input.
6. Shared Model	Pupil input using directed questions.
7. Independent	White board work and teachers check through questioning and observation.
8. Main Task	Independent/pair/groups — pupils practice and embed new concept/consolidate
	through scaffolded tasks designed tasks by their teacher.
	Teacher facilitates learning through teacher live marking and checks on progress
	throughout the lesson, intervene and question for understanding, furthering
	knowledge.
9. Plenary/Reflection	Check in at the end or during the lesson, flexible, as and when best suited.



Annual Organisation

Year	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Group			
Nursery	Topic: People, Culture and Communities	Topic: Past and Present	Topic: The Natural World
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Year I	Topic: Globetrotters	Topic: Up, Up and Away	Topic: Hats, & Shades, Buckets & Spades
	Geographical Unit: Foleshill	Geographical Unit: Coombe Park	Geographical Unit: The Seaside
Year 2	Topic: Globetrotters	Topic: Sparks will Fly	Topic: MasterChef
	Geographical Unit: Coventry	Geographical Unit: 7 Continents and 5 Oceans	Geographical Unit: Where does our food come from?
Year 3	Topic: Globetrotters	Topic: Mythical Museum	Topic: Dinosauria
	Geographical Unit: Birmingham	Geographical Unit: Trade and Economics	Geographical Unit: Volcanoes and Earthquakes
Year 4	Topic: Globetrotters	Topic: The Marauders	Topic: Volts & Bolts
	Geographical Unit: London	Geographical Unit: Tsunami & Tornadoes	Geographical Unit: Energy and Climate Change
Year 5	Topic: Clobetrotters	Topic: Infinity and Beyond	Topic: Castle Attack!
	Geographical Unit: Romania & France	Geographical Unit: Water Cycle and Rivers	Geographical Unit: Time Zones and Polar Regions
Year 6	Topic: Globetrotters	Topic: Tomb Raiders	Geographical Unit: World War II
	Geographical Unit: Japan and Africa	Geographical Unit: Egypt	Geography

Impact



The ultimate test of the impact of the curriculum is in whether the students know what you want them to know, and what you think they should know. This has been carefully mapped against the core concepts for history in the tables on the following pages. To determine this, we check and monitor children's learning, providing teachers and students with information about progress and analysis of deliberate retrieval practice. We need to be able to fluidly use 'checking for understanding' techniques in the moment as well as being able to know what has been learnt and retained over time and the depth of that learning:

- We use checking for understanding techniques through quizzes and questions to ensure we are aware of all students learning during the lesson and adapt the pace as necessary.
- Retrieval practice is built in where most impactful to interrupt the forgetting curve and secure constructs in long term memory.
- Depth of knowledge is then assessed through end of unit assessment quizzes, teacher discussion and observation and pupil portfolios on Showbie. Pupils are assessed against the core concepts, which is then recorded on DC Pro.

Geography Specific Impact Measures

In Geography, quizzing is used as a method of assessing pupils understanding at the end of a core concept to analyse the extent to which knowledge has been consolidated into long-term memory. Retrieval practice tasks throughout the lessons also interrupt the forgetting curve to enable faster access to prior learning.



Progression Points against the Core Concepts.

Core Concept	KSI	LKS2	UKS2
Place Knowledge	Recognise the features of our local area and our local city. Identify geographical similarities and differences between our local area and a contrasting area.	Recognise geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country,	Recognise geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region of North or South America.
Locational Knowledge	Name and locate the area which they live, identifying the country and continent it sits in. Name and locate the four countries, capital cities and surrounding seas.	Locate countries within Europe on a map and identify the key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities. Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics	Locate countries within Europe and North and South America on a map and identify the key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)
Human and Physical Geography	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human and physical features in their local city. Make comparisons between the features in different, contrasting location. Identify the location of hot and cold areas in relation to the equator and north and south poles.	Describe and understand key aspects of: Climate zones, rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, water cycle Types of settlement & land use	Describe and understand key aspects of biomes, vegetation belts, Types of settlement & land use, economic activity, trade links, distribution of natural resources: energy, food, minerals, water cycle.
Geographical Skills	To use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage To use simple compass directions (N,S,E,W) and locational and directional language (near, far, left, right) to describe the location of features and routes on a map To use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features To	To use maps and atlases locate countries and describe features studied To use 8 points of a compass, symbols and key to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom To use six figure grid references symbols and key to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom To use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps and plans To use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features	To use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied To use 8 points of a compass, symbols and key to build their knowledge of the wider world Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans, graphs and digital technologies



devise a simple map To use and
construct basic symbols in a key
To use simple fieldwork and
observational skills to study the
geography of their school and its
grounds, and the key human and
physical features of its
surrounding environment