



Geography

Geography is the **study of the world**. Geographers study **people**, what we do, where we live and the way we interact with our **natural environment**. This means we are part of the **Humanities** department and work closely with History and RS to study topics, but we are also a **Science**.

You will have **two** Geography lessons a week and these are usually held in the **West Wing** at school. We like to keep up with **current affairs** so make lots of use of our computer rooms too. We also enjoy getting out of school to see real places and practise our **fieldwork skills**.



Geography is a great subject that helps us to make lots of links with our everyday lives and to see them through the eyes of a geographer. In year 7 we start with a topic called **Amazing Geography** that takes us on a virtual fieldtrip around the world. Then we go to Africa to study **Ghana and Development**. **Climate Change** is our third topic that helps us understand more about our atmosphere and the importance changes will affect humans and their surroundings. After that we explore **Planet Ocean** to find out more about the importance of our blue planet. Then we come back to places and ask **Where do we live?** by looking at the reasons for settling down but also what modern cities are like.

What Geography can I do before I arrive?



Watching and reading the news is always a good start. Watch documentaries like David Attenborough's "Blue Planet" to gain a sense of awe at the world around us.

When you are on holiday or travelling get to grips with some maps – this is a great website to help: <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>

Try and visit other places and people. How are they different or similar to you? <https://www.gapminder.org/dollar-street/> is a fascinating insight.