



"Geography is a subject which holds the key to our future." - Michael Palin

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2025 Geography Newsletter!

This academic year, geography has taken our pupils on exciting journeys, from exploring the local area in Year 1, to discovering hot and cold places in Year 2, and investigating volcanoes and earthquakes in Year 6. While following the National Curriculum, our aim goes further: to spark a love for the world around us. We're weaving geography into real-life experiences, encouraging oracy, and focusing on community and environmental well-being, making learning meaningful and memorable.

All curriculum information is available on the school website <https://www.stdennis.academy/geography/>.

Whole school focus on fieldwork!

At St Dennis we believe that geography is best learned not just in the classroom, but out in the world! Whether it's a walk around the school grounds or a trip to a local river, fieldwork helps our pupils see the world through a geographer's eyes



'It was great to see the river and think about what we had been taught about; things like erosion and the different stages of the river'. Alice

We are focused on developing our fieldwork experiences. Children will explore places using all their senses, helping them connect more deeply with their surroundings. They'll be interviewing members of the public to gather real opinions and using the data they collect in meaningful ways, such as writing to the Parish Council to share their findings and ideas.

Map work from Nursery to Year 6!

Geography starts in the EYFS. Our youngest children from the Nursery are exposed to maps and have opportunities to create their own.



Journey map using natural materials.

'I liked making a map of, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt.' It shows where they went.' George



Collaborative map making with a key after looking at human and physical features around school.

Upcoming Events

- EYFS – Traffic survey around the village
- Year 1 – Virtual visit to London!
- Year 2 – Fieldwork around St Dennis to support their learning when comparing St Dennis to a village in Zambia
- Year 3 – Practising using 8 points of a compass to locate different areas
- Year 4 – Mapping skills around St Dennis
- Year 5 – Fieldtrip to a local river
- Year 6 – Fieldtrip to local harbour to study the impact of fishing on the local geography

What is my Child Learning?

We aim to develop the children's love of the world around them through geography and inspire curiosity and fascination for the planet, and their place in it, for many years to come.

We aim to do this through developing knowledge of the location of globally significant places, including their physical and human characteristics. We also aim to ensure that children understand the geographical processes that bring about physical and human features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about change over time. Whilst observing and studying these, we aim to ensure children are competent in the geographical skills needed to collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork, interpret a range of sources, and communicate geographical information in a variety of ways.

Visit the school website to discover which topics each year group are taught in geography.

<https://www.stdennis.academy/geography>

Geography Learning at Home

The best way to support your child with their geography learning at home is through practical, hands on experiences.

If you are out walking, look at an OS map together. If you are planning a journey, look online at the route using a mapping tool such as Google Maps. Play games with your children – how many capital cities of the world do you know? Can you name and locate a country for each letter of the alphabet?

There are lots of great websites which have content and activities to explore with your child:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

https://world-geography-games.com/en/countries_world.html

<https://www.playgeography.com/games/countries-of-the-world/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zcdqxn>

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