



Geography Curriculum Statements

Intention

At North Star 180, we recognise the importance of Geography in helping individuals gain a better understanding of the world around them and their position within it. Geography allows students to establish connections with their local surroundings and the global community. It facilitates an appreciation for a wide range of locations, cultures, resources, and environmental factors, while also promoting a comprehensive understanding of both the physical and human characteristics of the Earth. Our primary goal is for students to acquire a solid grasp of their local area, as well as the United Kingdom and the world at large, and develop the ability to compare and contrast different regions. Geography is an investigative discipline that encourages students to formulate and examine their own ideas, gather evidence, and draw conclusions through field research and data analysis. Our approach to teaching Geography at North Star 180 is designed to ignite students' curiosity and cultivate their knowledge, skills, and awareness of their community and the global landscape.

Implementation

Our curriculum is designed to align with our school's vision of providing a unique educational experience for all students, regardless of their background, abilities, or additional needs. We adhere to the National Curriculum, with a focus on skill and knowledge development, while remaining adaptable to cater to the individual needs of our students and keep them engaged.

Many of our students have experienced significant interruptions to their education, and our goal is to address any gaps in their learning by delivering a challenging Geography curriculum that promotes skill development and deep understanding. In addition to theoretical knowledge, our students have the opportunity to participate in hands-on Geography activities, such as outdoor lessons, field trips, and practical investigations. These experiences allow them to connect with their local environment and community, fostering a broader perspective that can be applied to understanding the world at large.

Impact

By the time our pupils leave North Star 180, they will be curious and inquisitive Geographers who:

- Possesses a solid understanding of geographical locations within the UK and internationally
- Proficient in utilizing various mapping tools such as OS maps, digital mapping services, atlases, and globes
- Capable of comparing the human and physical geography of their immediate surroundings with diverse locations
- Able to engage in discussions about cultural differences and listen attentively to others' perspectives
- Demonstrates a strong grasp of geographical terminology
- Skilled in conducting fieldwork to examine, discuss, and analyse local geographical features
- Proficient in using a compass for navigation and demonstrating knowledge of global geography.