

Year 3 Geography

Areas of Learning

- Continents and Oceans
- Country Study: UK (focus on: Mountains, Rivers, Coastal Regions of the UK)
- Earthquakes
- Types of Settlements: villages
- Passport to the World, examples: South America, Asia, India, Chile, Europe: Scotland
- Travel
- Water around us
- Caring for the countryside
- Reading Maps

Approaches to learning

- Pupils label and identify oceans, continents and countries on a world map.
- Pupils use world maps, atlases and globes to locate the world's countries and continents and describe features studied.
- Pupils use the 8 points of a compass, 4 and 6-figure grid references symbols and keys to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world
- Pupils locate mountainous areas in the UK and understand what contours show on maps. They name and locate the main rivers in the UK and recognise the different uses of a river. They explain how different coastal landforms were made and know why some coastal settlements developed.
- Pupils explain what causes earthquakes and understand their effects and consequences.
- Pupils explain why people chose certain areas to settle, are aware of the features of different types of settlement and can identify them on a map.
- Pupils understand the importance of protecting the environment and how to achieve that. They become familiar with the effects of water, how water is shown on maps and where water can be found.

Examples of learning

Pupils use a wide variety of worksheets, materials, books, atlases and ICT resources. Pupils work in groups (group projects) and in pairs (pair work) to enhance their learning. Field trips enrich their understanding.

References:

Primary Curriculum 2014: <http://www.primarycurriculum.me.uk/>

CGP: Geography Years 3-4 (Study book and Activity book)

Collins Primary Geography Pupil Book 3 and Teacher's guide

Oxford's International Primary Atlas /Reading Maps Prim-Ed (lower)