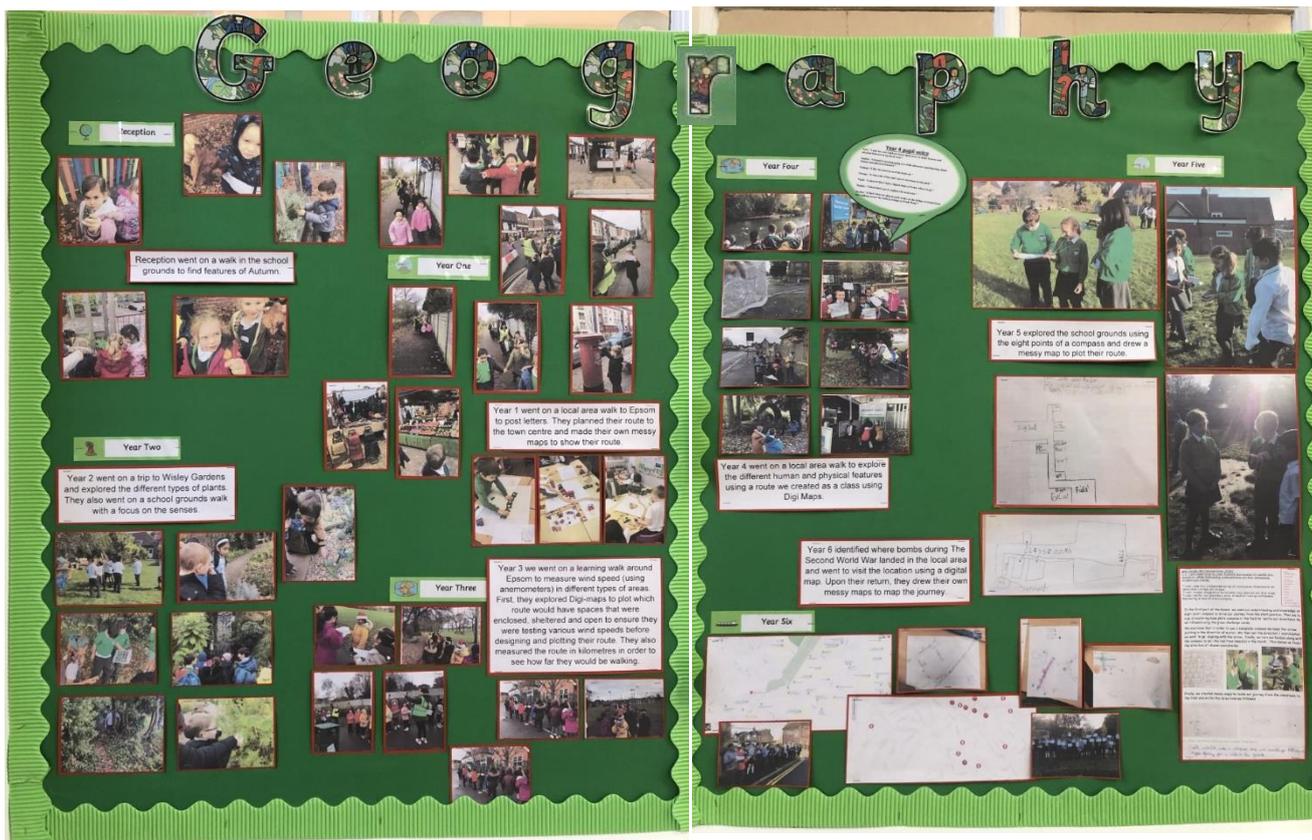


Geography

Our vision at Epsom Primary School is to equip all children with the skills, opportunities and rich experiences that will help them to choose and navigate their own future pathway whilst creating ambitious, lifelong learners. Geography develops pupils' understanding of the world in which they live through the study of place, space and environment. Whilst Geography provides a basis for pupils to understand their role within the world, by exploring locality and how people fit into a global structure, the subject also encourages children to learn through rich, first-hand practical experience, particularly through school trips and fieldwork activities in the school grounds and local area.

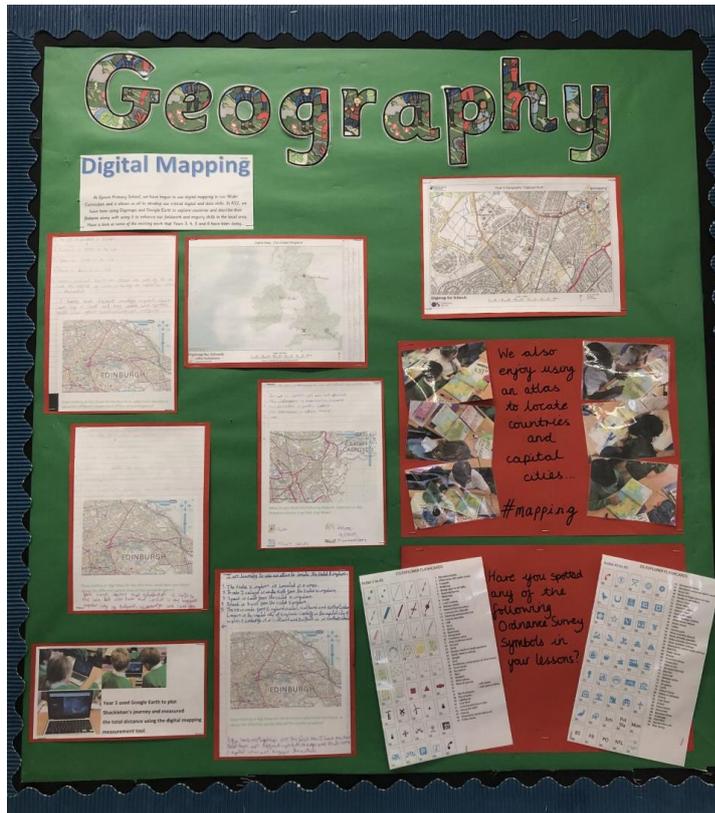


Children are provided with the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge during fieldwork activities and make use of working as 'geographers' in their local area with access to high-quality equipment such as compasses and anemometers. Furthermore, we have strong links with Epsom College who provide further support and expertise in the subject for staff and share resources and equipment to enhance teaching and learning. Classrooms are well-resourced with globes, atlases and maps and teachers utilise The Geographical Association website for additional, quality resources.



Our whole-school Geography display board that reflects our love of learning for the outdoors and applying fieldwork techniques.

The purpose of our curriculum is to provide every pupil at Epsom Primary and Nursery School with the skills, knowledge and personal attributes to develop into confident, resilient, lifelong learners. Most importantly, we allow our children to learn in a safe and stimulating environment, where their views are valued. Where appropriate, cross-curricular links are made with other subjects. For example, children read and interpret graphs and grid references and they develop map-reading skills in Maths. Links to History are made through the study of World War 2 where the children use DigiMaps (digital mapping website) to locate bombsites in their local area and visit them to observe any evidence that remains.



Our KS2 Geography display board that shows how we implement digital mapping into the curriculum including DigiMaps and Google Earth along with Ordnance Survey symbols and atlas skills.

At Epsom Primary School, we use a variety of teaching and learning styles in Geography lessons. Our principal aim is to develop the children's knowledge, skills, vocabulary and understanding in Geography. We use a variety of teaching and learning styles in our Geography lessons. We believe in whole-class teaching methods and combine these with enquiry-based research activities. We encourage children to handle resources and equipment and to ask as well as answer geographical questions. We offer them the opportunity to use a variety of data, such as maps (including digital maps), graphs, pictures, aerial photographs, geographical footage and we enable them to use IT in Geography lessons where this serves to enhance their learning. Children take part in role-play and discussions, and they present reports to the rest of the class. They engage in a wide variety of problem-solving activities. Wherever possible, we involve the children in 'real' geographical fieldwork activities by exploring the school grounds, the local area or by visiting relevant sites and carrying out fieldwork using a range of resources and equipment. Teachers plan using the Curriculum Overview for the year and the Knowledge, Skills and Vocabulary progression document. This document is used to plan and assess the children's understanding and is reviewed each year from feedback with the class teachers.

Useful Website Links



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2f3cdm>



<https://www.geography.org.uk/>

Digimap for Schools

<https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/>



<https://www.wwf.org.uk/>



<https://earth.google.com/web/>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>



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



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather>



<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>

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