



Tuition, Medical and Behaviour Support Service

Curriculum Policy - Primary Geography

Harlescott Education Centre

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1. AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

The national curriculum for geography aims to ensure that all students:

- develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes.
- understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time
- are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
 - collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes.
 - interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).
 - communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

2. Delivery

TMBSS Primary Geography Offer

The 'Tuition, Medical and Behaviour Support Service' (TMBSS) exists to meet the needs of students aged between 5 and 16 across Shropshire who cannot be taught in school for a short period of time. Our key purpose is to provide a high-quality learning experience appropriate to the needs of the individual student. Ultimately, we are a short-term intervention.

TMBSS Primary operate from Harlescott Education Centre which caters for students in Years 1 to 6. Children can access two different models at Harlescott, depending on their circumstances. These are the Sixth Day Provision Model (for permanently excluded students) and the Shared Placement Model (alongside a mainstream school) accessed via the Inclusion Advice Forum.

The Shared Placement Model is for morning and afternoon students who attend for 4 sessions weekly and have a partner school. Shared Placements are 16 weeks in length. The Sixth Day Provision Model is full-time and these placements are 13 weeks in length. Due to the short-term nature of placements at TMBSS Primary, we strive to provide a broad, balanced Geography curriculum although it is not covered in the same depth as it would for a student accessing fulltime mainstream/specialist education.

Details of both offers are contained within the Medium and Long-Term Curriculum Plans. Students will access at least 1 weekly session of Geography over three half-terms if they are on the Sixth Day Placement Model.

Once Sixth Day Provision students are on a short integration plan, attending their mainstream school for full days, they may not be attending TMBSS on the day Geography is taught.

3. PURPOSE OF STUDY

A high-quality geography education should inspire in students a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip students with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As students' progress, their growing knowledge about the world should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the framework and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

Subject content

Key Stage 1

Students should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. They should understand basic subject-specific vocabulary relating to human and physical geography and begin to use geographical skills, including first-hand observation, to enhance their locational awareness.

Students should be taught to:

Locational knowledge

- name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans
- name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas

Place knowledge

- understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country

Human and physical geography

- identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:
 - key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather
 - key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far, left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map

- use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key
- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment

Key Stage 2

Students should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. They should develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge.

Students should be taught to:

Locational knowledge

- locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities
- name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time
- identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).

Place knowledge

- understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region in North or South America.

Human and physical geography

- describe and understand key aspects of:
 - physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
 - human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- use the 8 points of a compass, 4- and 6-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world
- use fieldwork to observe, measure record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies

PLANNING

At TMBSS Primary there is a Shared Placement and a Six-Day Provision offer which has been in place since Autumn 2023. The Shared Placement is for morning and afternoon students who attend for up to 4 sessions weekly and have a partner school. The Six-Day Provision offer is for students who attend for 5 full day sessions weekly as they do not have a partner school. Details of both the Shared Placement and Six-Day Provision offer are contained within the Medium- and Long-Term Plans. Geography is part of the Six-Day Provision offer.

Students at Harlescott Education Centre prior knowledge and experience of geography will differ, depending on their involvement in mainstream school. Students are taught in their classes, which include a range of age and ability.

Taking the above into consideration at TMBSS primary we strive to embed Geography across the curriculum and teach it where appropriate.

It is on this basis which we have planned our 'Long Term Plan' over a 'Two Year Cycle'.

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	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Cycle A	UK Rivers	Natural Disasters	Climate Zones and Biomes
Cycle B	UK Rivers	The Water Cycle and Coasts	Climate Zones and Biomes

4. ASSESSMENT and RECORDING

This is achieved through:

- discussion with students;
- observation of students;
- marking work.

5. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

This is achieved by the Geography coordinator through;

- monitoring and evaluation of students' work;
- monitoring of planning.

6. MARKING WORK

The purpose of marking is to move children forward in their learning.

1. Feedback and marking should be part of a process in which children need to have some involvement.

2. Written or verbal comments made by the teacher could link back to the learning objective and/or success criteria.

Written or verbal comments made by the teacher could give advice/suggestions/clues on how to 'close the gap'.

Written or verbal comments made by the teacher could set out the 'next steps' for learning.

For further guidance and detail on marking, please refer to TMBSS Marking and Feedback Policy.