

“Geography is a subject which holds the key to our future”

Michael Palin

We live in an ever changing world and the discipline of Geography is vital to understanding the world we live in. At Toot Hill School we harness students' curiosity and fascination about our world and the people who populate it. The Geography curriculum is designed to give pupils a deep understanding of the human and physical processes which shape our lives and the interactions between Human and Physical Geography, the two disciplines within the subject. Geography enables pupils to understand the complexity of our world; the diverse nations, peoples' culture, our finite and infinite resources as well as the formations of natural landscapes. By exposing student to novel situations, students will be able to envisage alternative ideas and debate based in specialised knowledge. Students will be able to recall important facts which are the foundation to our subject but will be able to discuss them with fluidity. The curriculum fosters a sense of understanding of the 'other' making our pupils more accepting of diversity and future changes. As Geographers, students will be able to explain the interconnectedness of the world at different scales; local to global and to be able to think synoptically between subject disciplines. Moreover students will have powerful knowledge to be able to acknowledge how their present actions can impact the future of the world and for future generations. Geography is not a static subject therefore the curriculum is topical and contemporary.

Whilst our Geography curriculum utilises the National Curriculum as its anchor, we also choose to teach our students:

- Topical and current events which keep the subject relevant and relatable to pupils' lives
- The importance of scale from global to local and how similar opportunities and challenges exist within all areas of the world.
- The implications of globalisation for development across the world and how it can eradicate culture yet develop countries economically
- The link between Geography and History – the impact of colonialism on nations and the development of the UK
- The emerging superpowers across the world and the implications this will have for the future
- The link between Human and Physical interactions for the 'Global Commons'