

Why is it important to teach Geography?

At North Road, pupils develop a good understanding of the world. An awareness of the wider world teaches pupils about a variety of geographical features and cultures. It encourages a self awareness and responsibility toward the future of our world, both locally and globally.

Geographical skills, such as map reading, knowledge of places and enquiry based research are valuable learning tools through which pupils can gain a deeper knowledge of the world.

Pupils need to be aware of climate change and the impact that their actions have upon the world.

Events and learning opportunities

Pupils enjoy a range of opportunities using our outdoor school environment and local community:

- Weather station recording
- Orienteering and map making activities
- Forest school activities
- River Frome
- Chill ancient woodland in Iron Acton
- Family orienteering challenge

What does Geography look like at North Road?

At North Road, pupils learn a variety of skills to help them understand and learn about their environment.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, these incorporate forest school experiences and activities to develop skills of observation, exploring, investigating and questioning about their immediate environment.

As pupils progress through North Road, these skills are built upon and developed to allow pupils to compare and contrast places in our world. Pupils compare Yate to towns in Italy, Greece, South American and Africa.

Pupils learn about the United Kingdom, continents and oceans, countries and capital cities of the world. Pupils are taught how to use maps, atlases, globes, compasses and grid references. Pupils learn about physical geography, such as rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, weather and the water cycle and how these events affect the human geography of the world. Pupils are also taught how human choices and actions affect the geography of the world, the environment and climate change.

What our children say....

"I liked finding different countries on a globe."

"I like learning about different countries and their capital cities."

"I liked it when we went on a walk and made a map of North Road."