

The Vine Schools embrace a geography curriculum intent that goes beyond the mere acquisition of knowledge and skills. Our approach is rooted in empathy, understanding the unique needs of our rural communities. We carefully select themes and topics that resonate with the lived experiences of our students, connecting their local context to the broader world.

Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to be both appropriate and useful, ensuring that every concept, place, case study, and skill addressed holds relevance for our pupils. The sequencing of content is a deliberate journey, building upon prior knowledge to foster a deep understanding of geography over time. We recognise that progression is not a linear path but a dynamic process, embracing the uniqueness of each student's learning journey.

At the heart of our geography curriculum is a commitment to instil excitement, creativity, and critical thinking about the world. We believe that by nurturing these qualities, we equip young minds to navigate the complexities of the world independently. The Vine Schools view geography as more than just facts and figures; it's a discipline that encourages students to think geographically, bridging the gap between the near and far, the physical and the human, and the universal and specific.

Informed by the aims and objectives of the national curriculum, as well as the Geography Association's Framework for the school geography curriculum, our curriculum reflects a deep understanding of the discipline. Our teachers maintain clear expectations and standards, recognising that progress in geography involves fluency, extension, sense-making, complexity, and investigative skills.

We acknowledge the importance of a spiral approach to curriculum, revisiting places and topics to build depth of knowledge. Our focus on disciplinary knowledge ensures that learning geography goes beyond rote memorisation, providing meaningful, worthwhile, and distinctive insights into the world. The Vine Schools are not just shaping a geography curriculum; we are cultivating a mind-set that sees the world through a uniquely powerful lens, where facts and concepts come together to inspire understanding and empathy.