

**Geography** is concerned with the study of places, the human and physical processes that shape them, and the people who live in them. At Elmridge, we aim to inspire our pupils to think about their own place in the world, their values and their rights and responsibilities to other people and the environment. In line with the changes to the National Curriculum 2014, the way in which Geography is taught at Elmridge is changing.

Geography teaching begins in the Foundation Stage (FS) and is driven by the children's own interests, with an emphasis on the child's experiences. In KS1 they begin to investigate the school environment and local area, and a contrasting area in the United Kingdom, finding out about the environment in both areas and the people who live there. Pupils in FS and KS1 are taught Geography thematically, making links to



History, Art and DT as we feel that making connections across their learning helps to secure our pupils understanding.

In KS2, Geography encourages a sense of enquiry, and develops pupils' knowledge and understanding of places and patterns. The children begin to look at other countries around the world, comparing and contrasting them with their own area, using atlases, maps, photos and the Internet to locate cities, countries, mountain ranges, rivers, seas and oceans. Detailed studies incorporate research to explore the environment and the economics of those countries. Enjoyable and varied activities are planned to allow children to build upon their knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts. Pupils will be taught Geography through a thematic approach during Autumn term to aid the transition to discrete Geography lessons from January 2015.

All pupils at Elmridge are given the opportunity to participate in a number of class trips throughout the year and these are often linked to theme work. Visits in the past have included Tatton Park, Styal Mill woodland and the River Bollin.

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
N	Theme dependent on children's interests- Please check the Nursery class page on the website for details of theme work each term.		
R	Theme dependent on children's interests- Please check the Reception class page on the website for details of theme work each term.		
1	The Jurassic Forest <i>and</i> Out of this World	Toys in the Past	Around Our School
2	The Great Fire of London	Fighting Fit	Holidays
3	The Romans <i>Theme unit</i> <i>encompassing both History and</i> <i>Geography</i>	Volcanoes and Earthquakes	<i>History Unit taught</i>
4	Rivers and the Water Cycle, inc map work <i>History Unit taught</i>	Polar Environments	<i>History Unit taught</i>
5	<i>History Unit taught</i>	<i>History Unit taught</i>	North America and the Rockies  Food for Thought
6	<i>History Unit taught</i>	The UK, inc fieldwork	South America and the Amazon Basin <i>History Unit taught</i>