

Geography

At St Alphege children learn a wide range of Geography skills such as map and globe reading and can further their knowledge about topics such as places, environmental change, weather, water and transport.

Through a number of interactive activities children learn how to read and use maps, understand co-ordinates on a grid, plan routes and identify ordnance survey symbols. We provide opportunities for the children to study the area immediately round the school, and children practically observe their surroundings, both in the school grounds and in the town and beach of Whitstable. By examining photographs, pictures and a recently purchased large scale map of Whitstable in the playground, pupils gain geographical skills.

Children to learn about interesting places in the United Kingdom and to develop their knowledge of places further afield, in Europe and the rest of the world. Interactive activities and virtual tours support learning, and at St Alphege we draw on the experiences of current pupils when planning to discover and compare localities.

Children are encouraged to look at issues involving environmental change including climate change, conservation, and pollution and recycling. Each class recycles fruit and paper and issues that affect the school like wind-blown litter.

Weather is also an important aspect of KS 1 Geography and children are able to learn about the different types of weather, the effects of weather and the varying weather and climates around the world.

At St Alphege we have T.E.D. teams, (Together Everyone Decides,) which are groups of children from across the school who focus on a current area of school development. One of our teams is helping to develop out playground considering geographical issues.

At KS1 we focus on developing the vocabulary of places, weather, environmental change and transport.

Click on the link below to see the DfE programme of study for Geography:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239044/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_Geography.pdf

Google Earth is a fantastic resource to use with the children, register at:

http://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/