

THE GEOGRAPHY STAR

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Edition 2

Welcome to the second edition of The Geography Star. We hope you enjoy reading about all the latest geography events at Bournmoor Primary School. Wishing you a fabulous half term!

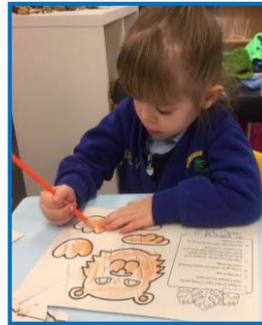
Flag Competition

It's competition time at Bournmoor Primary School! Pupils have learnt about the importance of flags and what they represent. So, they have designed their own flags that symbolise all that we stand for at Bournmoor Primary School. They discussed our key values of determination, resilience, never giving up and making learning fun. Additionally, they also linked our flag to their love of geography as they created a geography motto. The winning flag will be made into a banner that will be proudly displayed on our school grounds.

We will announce the winner soon!

Geography in EYFS

Pupils in EYFS continue to become geographers and to develop their necessary geography skills. They explored different cultures and traditions when they learnt about Chinese New Year and made brave and fearsome tigers! They have also continued to develop their knowledge of other countries and cultures through a variety of different stories. Furthermore, they have discussed the local area and things they can see on their journey to school. Superb work EYFS!

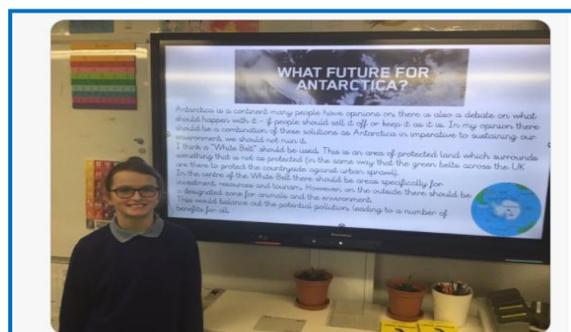


Geography in Key Stage One

Pupils in Year One and Two developed their fieldwork expertise this half term. They had to answer the question: *Where is the best place for a wildlife pond?* To answer this question the pupils started by looking at aerial maps of the school and discussing the different areas available. They used this to identify human and physical features on school grounds. After this, they used the five senses to make their observations about different locations around the school. What could they see? What could they hear? After collecting all of their data, they decided that the science area was best because it had trees which would encourage wildlife and also provide protection from predators. Great work! Our Infant pupils are all geographers!



Infants pupils developing their fieldwork skills.



A Year 6 pupil sharing their ideas for the future of Antarctica.

Geography in Key Stage Two

This term Year 3 pupils finished exploring the rainforest and learning about the tribes that live there. Pupils have had the opportunity to compare the trees that are found in the school grounds and those in the rainforest, as well as discuss the impact of deforestation. Year 3 pupils thought of their own solutions for the problem of deforestation and explained their opinions using geographical reasoning and vocabulary. Furthermore, the pupils have learnt why rainforests are so important and how human beings can impact the planet.

Pupils in Year 4/5 have continued their journey around the world and have travelled to many different continents. They used their map and atlas skills to locate variety of countries to compare and contrast the landscapes. Then they were able to independently research these continents and present their information via PowerPoints. We know who to ask for advice for our next holiday!

Year 6 investigated the continent of Antarctica. This vast icy landscape is a mystery to a lot of geographers, so Year 6 had the opportunity to answer the question: *What future for Antarctica?* They came up with amazing solutions that focused on the wellbeing of our planet. Furthermore, they have continued to develop their compass skills and directional skills too. Superb!

Half Term Geography

If you would like to explore more geography activities over the holidays, then try these tasks.

- Create a map of the local area. What symbols can you use?
- Keep a weather and seasons diary. What do you notice? What is changing?
- Could you design and cook a multicultural recipe?
- If you travel anywhere, describe the journey. Be on the look-out for any signs. What do they mean? How can you tell?
- Make a family flag! The design should be all about you!
- Create a treasure hunt! Hide your treasure and design a map to help people find it.



Geography Jokes

Q: What stays in the corner but travels around the world?

A: A stamp!

Q: What's the fastest country in the world?

A: Rush-a!

Q: What's in the middle of the Pacific?

A: The letter I!

Can you think of any of your own? The teachers would love to hear them!

Geography Quiz

1. How many continents are there?
2. Can you name the five oceans?
3. How many states of America are there?
4. What is the equator?
5. Can you describe the flag of France?
6. Can you name five counties beginning with the letter A?
7. What is the longest river in the world?

Answers in next term's newspaper. Good luck!



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