

THE GEOGRAPHY STAR

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Edition 3

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

Flag Competition

We have a winner! The competition was very fierce and all entries were absolutely fantastic. Pupils worked very hard to symbolise our school and to include a geography motto. It was hard to choose a winner as the designs were so brilliant. So, we chose two! Arabella (Year 1) and Matthew's (Year 6) designs are our geography flag winners!



The designs were amalgamated and now form our new banner. Please look for it around school.



Geography in Year 1

What a busy term in Year 1! Pupils have been learning about the four countries and capital cities of the UK. They have used maps and globes to find the countries and have researched human and physical features of the four countries as well as developing an understanding of weather and climate. They have learnt that it mainly rains! The pupils are flag experts and they have also had the opportunity to explore the seas surrounding the UK. What superb explorers! Well done Year 1!

Homework Project

There were so many fantastic entries for our geography competition that it was difficult to choose a winner! Dr Leddra (Geography Governor) had the tough job of selecting the best ones. Our first prize winner was Grace (Year 4) with her amazing model of Christ the Redeemer; the second prize winner was Paige's (Year 1) superb Africa work and third prize went to Jack's (Year 5) fabulous White House. Thank you so much for your continued support with our fabulous geography work.

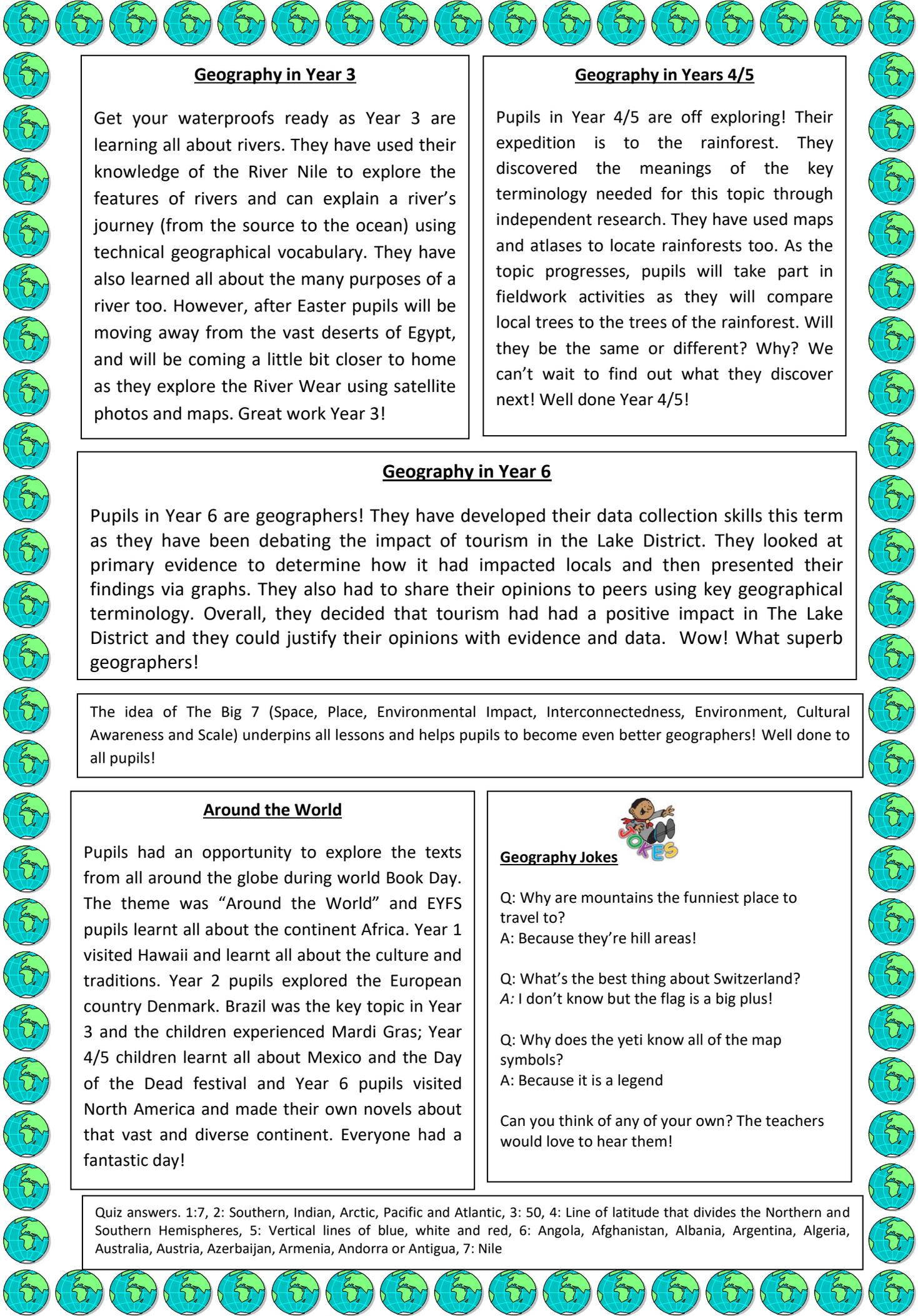


Geography in EYFS

Pupils in Reception continue to explore the world around them and to become geographers. They have started to develop an understanding of other countries as they have been exploring Africa. They used the story *Giraffes Can't Dance* to learn about the weather and natural features of the continent and to compare it to life in Bournmoor. Great work Reception!

Geography in Year 2

Year Two pupils have been developing their practical geographical skills this term as they have learnt all about compasses and maps. They know how to use a compass and can plan a journey using these. The pupils also completed compass challenges by directing each other around the school grounds. They were lucky enough to receive a visit from Dr Mike Leddra who shared his geographical and cartography expertise and helped the pupils to understand how maps are used and how they are created. Using this knowledge, they were able to design their own map and plan a journey. Wow! Superb work Year 2.



Geography in Year 3

Get your waterproofs ready as Year 3 are learning all about rivers. They have used their knowledge of the River Nile to explore the features of rivers and can explain a river's journey (from the source to the ocean) using technical geographical vocabulary. They have also learned all about the many purposes of a river too. However, after Easter pupils will be moving away from the vast deserts of Egypt, and will be coming a little bit closer to home as they explore the River Wear using satellite photos and maps. Great work Year 3!

Geography in Years 4/5

Pupils in Year 4/5 are off exploring! Their expedition is to the rainforest. They discovered the meanings of the key terminology needed for this topic through independent research. They have used maps and atlases to locate rainforests too. As the topic progresses, pupils will take part in fieldwork activities as they will compare local trees to the trees of the rainforest. Will they be the same or different? Why? We can't wait to find out what they discover next! Well done Year 4/5!

Geography in Year 6

Pupils in Year 6 are geographers! They have developed their data collection skills this term as they have been debating the impact of tourism in the Lake District. They looked at primary evidence to determine how it had impacted locals and then presented their findings via graphs. They also had to share their opinions to peers using key geographical terminology. Overall, they decided that tourism had had a positive impact in The Lake District and they could justify their opinions with evidence and data. Wow! What superb geographers!

The idea of The Big 7 (Space, Place, Environmental Impact, Interconnectedness, Environment, Cultural Awareness and Scale) underpins all lessons and helps pupils to become even better geographers! Well done to all pupils!

Around the World

Pupils had an opportunity to explore the texts from all around the globe during world Book Day. The theme was "Around the World" and EYFS pupils learnt all about the continent Africa. Year 1 visited Hawaii and learnt all about the culture and traditions. Year 2 pupils explored the European country Denmark. Brazil was the key topic in Year 3 and the children experienced Mardi Gras; Year 4/5 children learnt all about Mexico and the Day of the Dead festival and Year 6 pupils visited North America and made their own novels about that vast and diverse continent. Everyone had a fantastic day!



Geography Jokes

Q: Why are mountains the funniest place to travel to?

A: Because they're hill areas!

Q: What's the best thing about Switzerland?

A: I don't know but the flag is a big plus!

Q: Why does the yeti know all of the map symbols?

A: Because it is a legend

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

Quiz answers. 1:7, 2: Southern, Indian, Arctic, Pacific and Atlantic, 3: 50, 4: Line of latitude that divides the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, 5: Vertical lines of blue, white and red, 6: Angola, Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Andorra or Antigua, 7: Nile