Curriculum Intent & Progression Document GEOGRAPHY

St. Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Grantham

2025-26



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Our School Mission

We Believe, We Succeed and We Soar

Christ is at the centre of St. Mary's as we strive to nurture and care for our community and encourage them to Believe, Succeed and Soar. Through God's love, we support our pupils in recognising their God given gifts, strengthening their work as missionary disciples.

'Do little things with great love' St Therese of Lisieux

The mission of St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy is that of Jesus Christ; to build a teaching and learning community where we show due regard for the development and understanding of the uniqueness and dignity of each person. At St Mary's, each child is valued as a unique individual, a child of God, made in the image of the Father,

Son and Holy Spirit.

Our School Vision

Our vision is for St Mary's to be an inspirational Catholic school which truly reflects God's love. Through a safe, caring and Christ-centred community, we nurture our pupils' spiritual development and support them in developing their unique God-given gifts. We aim to provide an outstanding Catholic education which equips our community with knowledge, skills and emotional intelligence and prepares them to serve the common good whether that be locally, nationally or globally.

Our Gospel Values

Our school values influence the whole school culture at St Mary's. They shape everything we do and every decision we make. They are the central thread, interwoven throughout our curriculum, our behaviour system and our pastoral support. Our pupils and staff endeavour to live these out every day.

With God's love we show:

Love

'My command is this: Love one another as I have loved you.' John 15:12

We recognise God's unconditional love to be our source of love. A Christ-like love respects the talent of each person in our school.

Respect

'In everything, then do to others as you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7:12

We believe that, as children of God, we have a duty not only to respect our friends and teachers but also to show respect to our environment as we are stewards of the earth.

Honesty

'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' 1 John 3:18

We show honesty in all we say and do, in the pursuit of justice and fairness.

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Forgiveness

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.' Luke 6:37

We believe that mercy will be shown by the way we forgive others, finding God in all things.

Generosity

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

Just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we have a role to serve our neighbours and the wider community. Through fundraising and prayer, we will strive to help the people in our world, our common home.

Patience

'Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' John 13:7

We remember to be patient and trust in God as we know he has a much greater plan for us. He allows us to be tested so that we learn to walk in his ways and trust in him.

Curriculum Intent General Principles:

Below, the General Principles of our whole school curriculum intention are in black print, along with what this translates to as regards Geography in red:

The **General Principles** of our curriculum are that children:

- Meet Jesus through all aspects of their work. It is our intention that the children will encounter Jesus through elements of their geography work. We hope to encourage them to look at the wonderful and complex world in which we live through new eyes and with greater understanding. Through the teaching of geography, our school values are embedded encouraging children to question and to foster/experience God's awe and wonder asking 'why', whilst showing respect when understanding people's backgrounds, religion, culture, nationality, languages, country and our wonderful world that God created. This then links in with our church and parish family where we all belong to a community that welcomes children and adults alike for whom England and English is not their native home or first language.
- Experience the challenge and enjoyment of learning. As you walk around our school, look at our work and talk to our children, you will see them enjoying learning experiences that demonstrate the love our children have for geography. We are a school that nurtures motivated and curious children; who learn about people, food, religion, culture, nationality, languages, their local area, countries, continents, oceans and seas as well as the world in its entirety. The subject of geography encourages comparison, questioning, hypothesising and analysis through practical research of secondary sources and educational visits where primary evidence can be seen and learnt about. Our school sits in the heart of Grantham town allowing for a number of opportunities to teach a child about the geography of their local area, from EYFS up to Year 6. Within our school children learn about countries, nationalities and languages as we welcome many children and their families for whom England and English is not their native home or first language. The teaching of Geography takes a visual, auditory and kinaesthetic approach to learning (VAK)

Mrs Chapman St. Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Grantham 2024-25 ensuring that it is accessible to ALL learners. Children find out about people, religion, food, culture, nationality, languages, their local area, countries, continents, oceans and seas as well as the world in its entirety through our progressive geography curriculum, which is inspiring and memorable for all, as it is practical and relevant: using video, artefacts, visits and links with the local community. Coming together to build knowledge and skills through lessons, trips and discussion fosters a sense of belonging.

- Learn within a coherent and progressive framework. Following a time of somewhat fragmented planning, that lacked fluency and clear progression, we have created our own long term and medium -term planning for all year groups from EYFS to Year 6. The framework is progressive and sequenced. It is powerful and transferable. It is intended to support a child to build up a sense of knowledge overtime and to use previous knowledge to access future knowledge. Our curriculum is planned in such a way that as a child moves through our school, their geographical knowledge and understanding will deepen as it would have been built on the foundations laid in the previous years. Planning provides the class teachers with three units of work for the academic year which will be taught in the terms of Advent 2, Lent 2 and Pentecost 2, with History being taught in the alternative terms. Within each unit, the class teacher is provided with six individual lesson objectives for the six lessons that they will teach. The planning allows opportunities for repetition and reinforcement of key learning/sticky knowledge between year groups and from EYFS to Key Stage One and from Key Stage One to Key Stage Two. This ensures that working memory is not overloaded but we give pupils and teachers time to 'dive deeper' and 'linger longer'. This supports a child to 'remember more and know more' securing this knowledge in their long-term memory. We have also structured the framework to allow staff to use 'Rosenshine' principles in their teaching alongside their own personal experiences, activities and resources to augment this planning, as we do not follow a scheme. As a school we are working towards small components of learning being taught to reach a bigger composite at the end of a unit of work.
- See clear links between different aspects of their learning. Geography is not a stand-alone subject. Links are made to other areas of the curriculum, particularly History and Science, Religious Education, Art and Design Technology as well as a child's outdoor learning in the WOW area.
- Understand the purpose and value of their learning and see its relevance to their past, present and future. We aim to equip our pupils with the knowledge, understanding and enquiry skills to understand the diversity of different people, religions, food, cultures, nationalities, languages, countries, continents, oceans and seas as well as the world in its entirety.
- Explore the breadth and depth of the national curriculum. The intention is that the learning goes beyond that of the National Curriculum and that areas of learning are planned to teach the geography of our local area here in Grantham and beyond, stretching out to our county of Lincolnshire, country England and the wider world, encompassing the countries that some of our children originate from. We believe that teaching geography in this way is important in broadening children's horizons and developing life skills, empowering a generation of life-long learners in secondary school and beyond.

Curriculum Intent: GEOGRAPHY (2025-26)

EYFS GEOGRAPHY						
ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2	
Children will	Children will Children will Children will Children will Children will Children will					
Do you want to be	Do you want to be Why do squirrels hide Will you read me a story? What's that sound? Do cows drink What can you see in					
friends?	their nuts? + Christmas	What features of	Can I draw a map of my	milk? Growth and change	summer?	
Where do I live?		countryside can I see?	journey?			

Where is my school? What is it like here? What differences are around the school environment? What can I see on an aerial map of school? What is the weather like now? What has changed outside?	Looking at migration of animals. What is the weather like now? What has changed outside? What is this habitat/environment like? How is it different? What are its features? What is it like to live here?	How is the countryside different to a town? What is the weather like now? How has it changed? How can I draw a map of my story? What symbols will I use?	Can I give directional instructions to a partner? Can I find the UK on a world map? Can I identify land and sea on a world map?	What is the weather like now? What has changed outside? What is this habitat/environment like? FARM VISIT What can I see on maps on the route I travelled? Can I draw my own route? What symbols will I put on my route?	Where are the seas and oceans? What's it like at the seaside? What's like on an island? What features can I see? What symbols can I use on a map? What is the weather like now? How has it changed? What is the weather like now? What has changed outside? Where have I been to? What countries have I visited?
		VOCAR	BULARY		visited:
Where, map, find, locate, differences, similarities, weather, world, earth, town, village, road, house.	Seasons, Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer, country, cold, windy, hot, sunny.	Features, symbols, farm, countryside.	Directions, up, down, across, left, right, North, South, East, West, land, sea, United Kingdom, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.	Route, plan, manmade, natural.	Island, other countries, seaside, coast.

Year 1 GEOGRAPHY					
ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2
Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will
	Our School-		Our Local Area-		The UK and its four
					countries-
	L1: I will know the key		L1: know what a map is		
	features of my school		and its purpose		

L2: I will know some physical features of our school L3: I will know some	use a map of the school, plan a route and walk it. Look simple map of	L1: I will know the capital city of England and what makes England special
human features of our school L4: I will know 4 human and 4 physical features surrounding our school L5: I will know how to	Grantham, discuss what things are and what they can see. Plan a route how to get to key places. L2: know features of a simple map L3: know that symbols are	L2: I will know the capital city of Scotland and what makes Scotland special L3: I will know the capital city of Wales and what
record observations of our school	used on maps Use images from lesson 2 and compare with symbol examples. Count how many schools they can see, etc Create their own symbol for eg. shops, leisure	makes Wales special L4: I will know the capital city of N. Ireland and what makes N. Ireland special L5: I will know the seas
	centre L4: know that there are different types of homes in our local area. Look at photos brought inL5: field trip to explore the human and physical	that surround the UK.
	features within our local area Drawing the learnt symbols on a map whilst on field trip, making observational drawings, tallying the types of homes etc.	
	VOCABULARY	

Classroom, corridor, hall, ICT suite, offices, playing field, playground, car park, WOW area, prayer garden, field, woodland area, trees, flowers, Building, carpark, fences, railings, gate, Next to, in front of, behind, left, right, in the distance, near, See, observe, record, draw, caption, heading, images, pictures, diagram.	map, location, place, find, route, travel, names, places, river, blue lines, images/symbols, symbols, find, identify, locate, compare, image, house, building, local, area, terraced, bungalow, semidetached, detached, flat, caravan, upstairs, house, school, church, hospital, tally, marks, number, count, total.	schools, stations, shopping centre, bigger than, smaller than, population.
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Year 2 GEOGRAPHY						
ADVENT 1 Children will	ADVENT 2 Children will	LENT 1 Children will	LENT 2 Children will	PENTECOST 1 Children will	PENTECOST 2 Children will	
					NC Objective: Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: • key physical features including: beach, cliff, coast, forest hill, mountain, sea, ocean,	

Our World- L1 know the names of the continents Song, find and label on map, L2 know the names of the 5 oceans L3 know where to find the Equator, the north and south poles on a map. (link to whether their home country is eg. north or south of the equator) L4 know where to find hot and cold countries in the world and some of their features L5 know how to compare the features (animals and vegetation)	Egypt/UK comparison- L1 know where Egypt is located on a world map, its capital city and which continent it is in. L2 know about different landmarks in Egypt (human and physical features) L3 know about the river Nile- location, purpose (transport and trade) L4 know the similarities and differences between farming in the UK with farming in Eqypt. L5 know the similarities and differences between nature/animals in the UK and Egypt.	river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather. • key human features including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop. Beside the Seaside- L1To know some of the human and physical features of a local coastal resort. L2 To know what a coastal resort is and to locate some key coastal resorts in England. (4 point compass) L3 Fieldtrip To use fieldwork and observational skills to identify the features of the seaside. L4 know some of the physical and human similarities and differences between a coastal resort and Grantham. L5 To know how seasonality effects coastal towns.
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Europe, Asia, Africa,	Country, capital city,	Coast, seaside, beach,
North and South America,	continent, map, Cairo,	England, sea, resort,
Antarctica and Australia,	Landmark, human,	Cromer, Blackpool,
continent, surrounded,	physical, feature, Giza,	Scarborough, Brighton,
Atlantic, Indian, Pacific,	Pyramids, River Nile,	North, South, East, West,
Southern and Arctic,	Mount Sinia, Aswan Dam,	Grantham, Observe, see,
oceans, sea, difference,	River Nile, transport,	identify, cliffs, shoreline,
map, locate, Equator,	trade, compare,	promenade, groin, pier,
imaginary, north pole,	similarities, differences,	lifeboat station, arcade,
south pole, locate, find,	farming, agriculture,	harbour, beach hut,
Countries, hot, weather,	livestock, exports,	caravan, hotel, wind farm,
climate, nearer, further	farmland, rural, River	observe, see, cliffs,
away, Survive, need,	Nile, Egypt, UK, camel,	rockpool, dunes, caves,
animals, food, water,	gazelle, hyena, Report,	shells, Sea, sand, beach,
shelter, vegetation,	non-chronological,	roads, dunes, marram
plants.	heading, opening	grass, same, different,
	sentence, captions,	café, shops, parking,
	images/diagrams/tables,	bridges, hotels, holiday
	concluding sentence.	park, merchandise, cloud
		mirrors, Seasons: spring,
		summer, autumn, winter,
		busier, tourists, seasonal,
		coast, quieter, reasons,
		explain, evidence.

Year 3 GEOGRAPHY						
ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2	
Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	

Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis – links to Sri Lankan earthquake. L1To know the main layers of the earth, what tectonic plates are and their effects. L2 To know how a volcano is formed and it's stages of activity L3 To know where many volcanoes are located and why people choose to live there. L4 To know what an earthquake is and how it is caused. L5 To know some of the effects of an earthquake.	L1 To know the 8 compass points L2 Know the names and locations of a range counties local to Grantham. L3 Know the most important city or town in each of the East Midlands counties and that these are known as County Towns L4 Know how to locate cities in the UK in an atlas L5 Know some important rivers in the East Midlands and locate these on an OS map. (follow the journey of rivers through which counties – each group to follow a river)	Land Use- L1 Know that land in Grantham and the surrounding area of Lincolnshire is used for different purposes (mapwork – Woodland waters/Syston fruit farm, Barkston Heath)L2 Know how land is used in Grantham and the surrounding area of Lincolnshire (field trip) L3 Know the impact of some changes to land use. L4 Know what a national park is and why they are important. L5 I know that there are advantages and disadvantages to different types of land use.
	VOCABULARY	
Crust, mantel, outer core and the inner core, layers, earth, solid, rocky, crumbly, thin, moving, tectonic plates, convergent, divergent, transform, movement,	North, south, East, West, compass, direction, point, route, County, Lincolnshire, town, East Midlands, region, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire (except North and North	Land, function, use, purpose, urban, rural, same, different, forestry, agriculture, farming, residential, houses, commercial, shops, retail, business, recreational, parks, protected, Map,

Year 4 GEOGRAPHY						
ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2	
Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	
	Water-		Settlements-		Our World-	
	L1 Know what the water		L1 Know what is meant by		L1 Know where to find	
	cycle is and why it is		'a settlement' and how		the Tropic of Cancer and	
	important		they are represented on a		Tropic of Capricorn and	
	L2 Know what		map.		what the climate is like	
	evaporation is and the				there.	

L C F V L E F V	part it plays with the water cycle. 3 Know what condensation is and the part it plays with the water cycle. 4 Know what corecipitation is and the part it plays with the water cycle. 5 Know what run off is and the part it plays with the water cycle.	L2 Know that the settlement of Grantham has changed over time and why people settled here. (Saxon settlement) L3 Know that Ancaster was a Roman settlement – compare with Grantham L4 Know how to use a grid reference to find different settlements and identify transport links. L5 Create a map of a settlement that includes its features (symbols).	L2 Know the position of key features of the World. L3 Know the locations of some countries within each hemisphere – using grid references (discussion around what they know about identified countries eg. Mexico, Norway and applying their knowledge) L4 Know where the Polar regions are and compare the climates with the tropics. L5. Know some of the climate changes and impacts that are occurring in these regions. (Greta Thunberg, cafod
			letters, Earthshot prize, links to English writing
		VOCABULARY	tasks)
	Cycle, constant, repeat,	Settlement, location, live,	World, identify, explore,
	surface, river, streams,	work, population, large,	label, Equator, Northern
	circulates, atmosphere,	small, vary, map symbols,	hemisphere, southern
p	process, evaporation,	size, Grantham, Anglo-	hemisphere, tropic of
p	precipitation,	Saxon, growth, village,	Cancer and tropic of
C	condensation, run off,	town, 'ham', industry,	Capricorn, identify,
E	Evaporation, liquid,	employment,	halves, tilt, climate,
C	change, gas, heat, impact,	opportunities, trade,	seasons, weather, Region,
V	apour, boiling point,	development, industry,	lines, climate, weather,

water, chang	e, cooling,	employment,	same, different,
clouds, Partic	cles, hail,	opportunities, trade,	continent, survive, thrive,
snow, sleet, i	rain, absorb,	growth, potential,	adaptations, Change,
cycle, continu	ues.	Junction, links, routes,	time, impact, problems,
		opportunities, population,	conservation,
		transport, access,	sustainability, protect,
		Reference, grid,	future.
		settlement, map, links,	
		figures, across, up,	
		symbols, locate, find,	
		nearest, symbol, grid,	
		locate, find, plot.	

Year 5 GEOGRAPHY						
ADVENT 1	ADVENT 2	LENT 1	LENT 2	PENTECOST 1	PENTECOST 2	
Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	Children will	
	River, Weathering and		Mountains-		UK/France Comparison-	
	Erosion.		L1 Know how a mountain		L1 Know where France is	
	L1 Know the main rivers		is formed and their key		and some facts about its	
	within the UK and beyond		features.		location.	
	and that all rivers lead to		L2 Know that the climate		L2 Know that Paris is the	
	the sea (map route of		on mountains can affect		capital city of France and	
	River Witham)		the weather and		that there are different	
	L2 Know how a river is		vegetation on them.		ways to travel there.	
	formed and it's main		L3 Know some of the		L3 Know some of the	
	features.		human and physical		physical features and	
	L3 Know the purpose of a		features of the 3 Peaks of		landmarks in London.	
	weir and its impact (River		the UK		L4 Know some of the	
	Witham/fieldwork)		L4 Know some of the		physical features and	
	L4 Know some of the		human and physical		landmarks in Paris	
	effects a river can have		features of the Alps			

erosion L5 Knownivers for	environment (eg n) w how to sustain for the future and is is important.	L5 Know how the Alps and Mount Snowdon have shaped the tourism of the area and compare them.	L5 Know how to compare the physical features and landmarks of London and Paris. Would you rather visit London or Paris? Explain with supporting evidence
		VOCABULARY	
the Wy Nile, Th Danube identify flow, m Upper c course, valley, rapids, tributa flood p estuary barrier, irrigatio functio Route, Granth River, e effect, alter, c transpo	UK, vern the Thames, ve and the Trent, he Amazon and The e, locate, map, y, Source, downhill, nouth, stream, course, middle , lower course, channel, waterfall, gorge, meander, ry, confluence, blain, levee, delta, y, Weir, dam, r, prevent, alter, on, purpose, on, flow, follow, map, nam, Witham, environment, erosion, sediment, change, landscape, ort, Protect, n, preserve, future,	Mountain, range, crag, ridge, peak, tectonic plate, fold, slope, high, collide, volcanic, Altitude, difficult, breathing, pressure, sickness, height, cooler, climate, weather, thinner, biome, coniferous, alpine, deciduous, UK, Snowdon, Scafell Pike, Ben Nevis, peak, ridge, cirque, plateau, height, weathered, tourism, impact, community, advantages, disadvantages, Europe, dense, population, country, species, varieties, climate, habitat, Alpine, tourism, pros, cons, advantages, transport, employment,	Country, Europe, continent, neighbour, France, French, border, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Luxemburg, Andorra, Spain and Monaco, English Channel, south, hemisphere. City, capital, Paris, transport, Charles de Gaulle, Eurostar, channel tunnel, ferry, routes, map, Orlay, City, London, capital, south, England, Thames, landmark, City, Paris, north, France, Seine, Same, location, label, different, evidence, Pros, cons, advantages, disadvantages, reasons, argument.

damage, pollution, waste,	opportunities, growth,	
clean, habitat, livelihood.	visitors, avalanche,	
	dangers, risks, tourism,	
	pros, cons, advantages,	
	transport, employment,	
	same, different.	

	Year 6 GEOGRAPHY							
ADVENT 1 Children will	ADVENT 2 Children will	LENT 1 Children will	LENT 2 Children will	PENTECOST 1 Children will	PENTECOST 2 Children will			
	Trading- Economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy food minerals and water. L1 I know what trading means and some of the goods and services traded by the UK including countries which trade energy and why. L2 know some of the main countries that the UK trades with and can make some suggestions as to why this is. L3 I know the impact of Brexit on UK trading and begin to		Environmental Sustainability. L1 Know what is meant by sustainability and some examples of different areas. L2 Know that land is used for different purposes (brown field, green field) L3 Know that there are many considerations when building houses. (Visitor from planning/Environmental agency) L4 Gather and prepare information about sustainability and the housing crisis.		North and South America. L1 I will know how to locate N. and S. America on a map and names of some of the states and countries. L2 I will know that the world has different time zones. (start in Greenwich and then plot places in USA to compare – link to major cities) L3 I will know some of the landmarks in North America L4 I will know some of the landmarks in South America L5 Work in pairs/small groups to research and			

understand the economic implications of these. L4 I know the impact of a Global Crisis on trading. L5 I know what Fairtrade is and why this is beneficial.		present information on one of these regions.
	VOCABULARY	
Trade, import, export, key, Fairtrade, Globalisation, brand, multinational company, supply, British Empire, export, import, goods, services, Brexit, economy, economic, impact, implication, rules, laws, changes, issues, Europea Union, borders, restrictions, Trade, demand, supply, energy, impact, problems, primarily, crude oil, refined oil, supplier, sources, Global, crisis, trade, reasons, effect, Fair, pay, equal, discrimination, support, partnership, mutual,	Sustainability, environment, change, planet, future, protect, resources, habitats, pollution, waste, climate, Land, purpose, urban rural, agricultural, brownfield, greenfield, development, Planning, application, submit, agency, habitat, erosion, flooding, conservation, protect, supply, effect, permission, agency, housing, supply, demand, sources, arguments, evidence, for, against, advantages, disadvantages.	locate, map, identify, label, north, America, south America country, states, continents, name, hemisphere, population, Globe, time zone, Meridien, latitude, Prime, Landmark, locate, identify, map, feature, equator, climate, Landmark, locate, identify, map, feature, equator, climate, Sustainability.

	benefit, farming, growth,		
	price, trust.		