



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

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SMSC and British Values through Geography

At St Mary's, we aim to develop SMSC through Geography by:

Spiritual	Studying Geography is a way of promoting a sense of awe, wonder and fascination with the physical and human world. An understanding of scale is an important aspect of Geography and how small changes in climate can have far reaching consequences. We need to understand that all life is linked together and create the processes that make Earth the only known inhabited planet. Pupils reflect on the long and short-term impacts noting the rights and wrongs linking into the value of justice. We learn the importance of taking care of something by looking at reduce, reuse and recycle.
Moral	Moral issues are a vital part of many of the topics covered in Geography, particularly when debating about the environment. We study issues linked to increasing population, deforestation, economy and trade links, and the different approaches taken by countries to tackle these problems. We also explore issues of poverty; disasters; the development of various settlements and the moral dilemma of recycling and trade, focusing on the consequences of it on global warming.
Social	Social issues are common themes within Geography. At KS2 we study the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. Focus studies of countries in development and why we have fair trade also support to develop compassion. Year 5 complete a project on deforestation with an emphasis on how they can make a difference by making small changes to their lifestyles. At Year 6 social impacts are studied in detail from natural disasters to meeting the increasing demand for water. Pupils also develop leadership and teamwork both in the classroom and on field work visits.
Cultural	We aim to understand different cultures and recognise this is an important part of Geography. We look at how different cultures and beliefs can be affected by weather and climate and how communities work together in times of need. KS1 look at the development of settlements within the United Kingdom and at KS2, they further understand the importance of leisure and tourism and how shifts in culture have impacted on tourism. At Upper KS2, pupils look at different places around the world and are introduced to their customs and traditions allowing pupils to develop their humility and an understanding of the world as a global community.

At St Mary's, we aim to develop British Values through Geography by:

Democracy	We take the views and opinions of others in to account and take turns and instructions from others.
Rule of Law	We understand the importance of safety rules when working with equipment and ICT and know that there are consequences if rules are not followed.
Individual Liberty	We make choices when researching or planning projects, understanding that others may have different viewpoints as to where to start.
Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs	We know that discoveries, research and developments have come from other cultures. We understand that religious beliefs may compete with global issues around the world.
Mutual Respect	We work as a team; discuss ideas and findings and offer support and advice others.



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