



Newbold Church of England Primary School

At Newbold we aim to support each other to live, learn and excel together as a Christian community.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up," 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Geography

Geography develops children's knowledge and understanding of people and places. At Newbold Church of England Primary School, we learn about the wider world as well as local areas, looking at the physical, social and economic issues surrounding each case study. Use of maps, atlases, photos and the internet ensure a well-balanced and interactive method of learning for all pupils. There are many cross-curricular links with subjects such as literacy, numeracy and ICT. In the Foundation Stage, children learn about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects and materials. They are able to discuss their own immediate environment and understand how environments may vary from one to another.

During Key Stage 1 and 2, pupils explore physical and human differences in the world around them. Children learn about the skills needed to ask geographical questions about a locality in the UK compared to a locality in a less economically developed country. Children are taught how settlements differ and change and they understand environmental issues linked to these. Children also learn about water and its effect on landscapes such as rivers and coasts. They are taught about the differences in weather and the effect of climate change.

History

At Newbold Primary, we view History as a way to inspire pupils' curiosity about the past. History presents children with the opportunities to develop fundamental skills of enquiry and questioning; to become open minded 'historical detectives' and explore the past in an exciting and engaging way. Our history curriculum aims to bring history to life, in order to help pupils to understand the process of change and the diversity of societies, as well as understanding their own identity and the challenges of their time. It is designed to enable the children to develop their knowledge of the people and events that have shaped the past, and therefore give them a better understanding of the present. Through History, children learn to make comparisons and links between the past and modern times and discover how and why things have changed.

History at Newbold Primary is taught through our cross curricular topics; which ensures the continuity and progression of skills, whilst providing engagement for all pupils. Our children study a wide range of ancient, British and world history, learning about famous historical figures and exploring how and why they have influenced our lives today. We enable opportunities for our children to explore the past through the use of a variety of sources of information to find clues and evidence and take part in discussions with their peers. We also aim to provide first hand experiences with role play, class assemblies, historical visits, workshops and visiting experts playing an important part in all our topics. At the end of a unit, our children enjoy expressing what they have learnt in a variety of interesting and creative ways including; writing, art, drama and ICT.