Geography Curriculum Intent

Why is Geography important?

1. Through studying geography, we can begin to **appreciate how places and landscapes are formed**, how Physical Geography is the foundation for all human Geography.
2. Understanding this, we are able to understand how our human world, how people and environments interact and what consequences arise from our everyday decisions.
3. Geography promotes the **understanding and development of literacy and grammar. Every lesson includes a literacy sheet which builds on reading skills, learning new disciplinary language, word classes and comprehension question.**

What learning looks like in Geography at PACA

At PACA, our learning journey in Geography involves …

- Developing vocabulary by focusing a section of every lesson on comprehension and recall.
- We use thinking tools such as Venn diagrams and diamond 9s designed to encourage students to problem solve and **'think like a Geographer'**.
- To drive this, lessons facilitate enquiry based learning, designed to enable students to investigate an issue, and build a sequence of impacts.
- Developing our literacy and numeracy skills and presenting our ideas clearly and effectively using these skills, to **'write like a Geographer'.**

As students become more competent, we see progress in students' …

- Use of increasingly more complex key concepts
- Moving from describing - explaining - analysing - critically evaluating
- Building a wider subject-specific vocabulary
- Applying knowledge in unfamiliar settings
- Ability to make synoptic links between different topics in geography – and across other subjects.

The attributes that help students achieve success in Geography are …

- Having a curiosity (asking questions) and interest in the wider world
- Striving for accuracy
- Problem solving and team-work skills
- Clear communication skills