

THE WORLD AROUND US

KEY STAGE 2

The minimum content for The World Around Us is set out below.

Through the contributory elements of History, Geography and Science and Technology, teachers should enable pupils to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in:

Interdependence

Pupils should be enabled to explore:

- How they and others interact in the world;
- How living things rely on each other within the natural world;
- Interdependence of people and the environment and how this has been accelerated over time by advances in transport and communications;
- The effect of people on the natural and built environment over time.

Place

Pupils should be enabled to explore:

- How place influences the nature of life;
- Ways in which people, plants and animals depend on the features and materials in places and how they adapt to their environment;
- Features of, and variations in places, including physical, human, climatic, vegetation and animal life;
- Our place in the universe;
- Change over time in places;
- Positive and negative effects of natural and human events upon place over time.

Movement and Energy

Pupils should be enabled to explore:

- The causes and effect of energy, forces and movement;
- Causes that effect the movement of people and animals;
- How movement can be accelerated by human and natural events such as wars, earthquakes, famine or floods;
- Positive and negative consequences of movement and its impact on people, places and interdependence.

Change over Time

Pupils should be enabled to explore:

- How change is a feature of the human and natural world and may have consequences for our lives and the world around us;
- Ways in which change occurs over both short and long periods of time in the physical and natural world;
- The effects of positive and negative changes globally and how we contribute to some of these changes.

