

Geography

Here at Whetstone, we follow a Creative Curriculum. This means we have adopted a topical approach when teaching parts of the curriculum that link well together. Each year group, in KS1 and KS2, has 3 topics per academic year (one per term). As we follow a rolling programme within each phase (KS1, lower KS2, upper KS2), 3 different topics are studied the following year then the cycle starts again. These topics consist of 1 Geography based topic and 2 History based topics. In EYFS, Geography is accessed through Understanding of the World and is also topic-based and cross curricular. Prior to introducing a new topic, teachers find out what children already know about the topic and what they would like to find out over the course of the term. The children's thoughts are then taken into account when planning the topic. At Whetstone, we have found that the creative curriculum builds learners' skills and knowledge as they continue to progress, placing child-led enquiry at the heart of our school. We place a strong emphasis on developing creativity in all areas of the curriculum and prioritise independence in learning in order to encourage all children to make their own choices and gain a thirst for knowledge. At our school, we have found our children are excited by their learning and are able to develop a wide range of skills that they will be able to carry with them through to adulthood.

Nursery	Hot and Cold Seasons Celebrations
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	Visits to local area
Reception	Seasons Celebrations Visits to local area Seaside
Year 1	Castles and Knights
Year 2	Africa
Year 3	France
Year 4	America
Year 5	Rivers (Extreme Earth)
Year 6	Ice World