

# Geography at DCINS

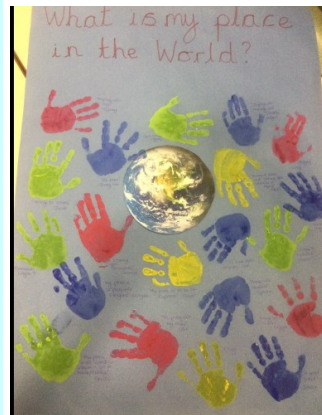
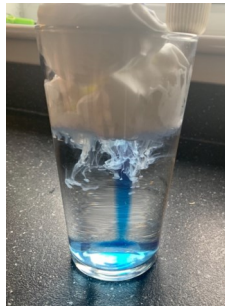


## What does Geography look like at DCINS?

Geography is an enquiry based subject, that seeks answers to fundamental questions such as; *where is this place? What is this place like? How does this place compare with other places? How and why are places connected?* Geography draws on the range of children's vocabulary to identify, name and investigate places, the features within them, and the human and physical processes. Such core knowledge provides our children with the building blocks to inquire, to develop their fascination and to have opportunities to discuss the world. Geography explores the 'here' and 'now' of real life, where we discover our local area, name and locate the seven continents, the five oceans, and the four countries and capitals cities of the United Kingdom. We provide all children with first hand observations of our school and local environment. Our children discover daily and seasonal weather patterns in the UK, in addition to hot and cold areas of the world.

## Why is Geography important in our school?

Geography nurtures curiosity and wonder about the world, people, environment and cultures. It is a 'living' subject vital to the enhancement our curriculum. It develops our children's spatial awareness in and about our environment, alongside widening their understanding of their sense of place and space in the world. At DCINS, Geography provides all children with opportunities to become responsible for the environment and to encounter different societies and cultures, fostering their awareness and acceptance of the diverse world we live in. Our children develop their geographic skills, such as map reading, providing them with the necessary tools and techniques to think geographically.



What our children say: "I like learning about the continents in our world, like Antarctica and Africa, one is really hot and the other is really cold"- JB

"At play time we like to jump across the map of the UK on our playground, to fly from England, to Wales, to Scotland then to Northern Ireland. We also use the compass to move on it." - AN

