



Geography Core Concepts

At Royston St John Baptist Primary School, we want to build a curriculum that promotes remembering. We believe it is essential that the 'very bones' of our curriculum across years and across subjects needs to link up in a highly well thought out way, so that knowledge taught in one subject is explicitly reinforced and revisited in not only other subjects, but in subsequent years.

Each time a concept is encountered within a different context, not only is the concept more likely to be remembered, the understanding of that concept becomes more nuanced. We ensure that this revisiting is done in a deliberate, planned way and not as an inconsequential aside along the lines of 'remember when you learnt about the climate of the Arctic Circle'. References to previously studied content need to build on or develop previous learning, as well as strengthening students' ability to remember the terms. These links form the bones of our curriculum.

These Core Concepts are carefully sequenced in our Geography Scheme of Learning to ensure our children arrive at secondary school with a sophisticated understanding, grounded in different contexts.

Core Concept		Definition	Times Examined
	Climate	<p><i>Climate is the average weather conditions of a place taken over a long period of time, typically 30 years.</i></p>	22
	Settlement	<p><i>A place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.</i></p>	5
	Environment	<p><i>The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.</i></p> <p><i>The natural world, as a whole or in a particular geographical area, especially as affected by human activity.</i></p>	13
	Population	<p><i>All the inhabitants of a particular place.</i></p>	12
	Resources	<p><i>A resource is any physical material constituting part of Earth that people need and value</i></p>	14
	Migration and Immigration	<p><i>Migration</i></p> <p><i>Movement of people to a new area or country in order to find work or better living conditions.</i></p> <p><i>Seasonal movement of animals from one region to another.</i></p> <p><i>Immigration</i></p> <p><i>The action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country</i></p>	5