

Curriculum Update

Welcome to a new section of the weekly newsletter. Each week we will focus on a different area of the curriculum, sharing information about what and how we teach that subject across the school as well as any tips for how you can get involved.

This edition is all about **Geography**

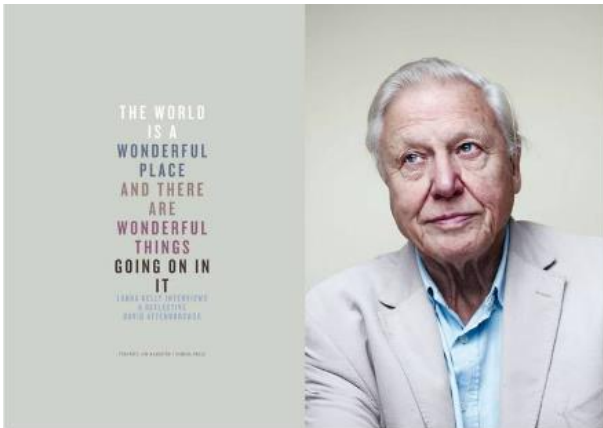
Geography at Acomb

Geography at Acomb is all about inspiring children with a curiosity about the environment around them and a fascination with the wider world and its people.

Field work is at the heart of our curriculum and children are provided with opportunities to explore their local environment to help develop an understanding of their place in the world.

Through hands on experiences, visitors and trips, the children develop enquiring minds and an appreciation for the world around them.

We have a rich and diverse curriculum that celebrates diversity and also allows the children to find about cultures and difference around the world.



David Attenborough

English treasure David Attenborough is probably the most famous British Geographer and naturalist having dedicated his whole life to studying and campaigning for the protection of natural habitats around the world. During the COVID 19 pandemic, he offered his services to the BBC to help children continue their Geography learning at home and provided lessons on the oceans, mapping the world and why animals behave the way they do.

Our Spring curriculum

Y1	The four countries of the UK and the seasons.
Y2	The four countries of the UK and the seasons.
Y3	Acomb and how it has changed over time.
Y4	Acomb and how it has changed over time.
Y5	Comparing the UK to a country in Europe.
Y6	Comparing the UK to a country in Europe.

Fantastic fieldwork

Fieldwork takes place throughout the year at Acomb and we use the skills we learn across the curriculum. Practically exploring the world around us helps to bridge the divide between the classroom and the real world, developing observational and investigative skills, team work and communication.

On the school site, this might include activities such as plotting coordinates on the playground or searching the grounds for evidence of natural habitats or geographical features.

Visitors to the school enrich our curriculum and allow the children to understand different perspectives. A recent visit from Dr Bryce Stewart from the University of York inspired in us a curiosity about the world's oceans and the creatures that live in them. The children also have the opportunity to take part in extracurricular activities such as Earth club.

Did you know?

You can support your child's geography learning at home by taking part in activities that allows them to explore the natural world around them. Whether this is going on a walk following a map or making a compass at home.

York is also home to lots of green spaces that are ripe for exploring. The nature reserve at St Nicholas Fields has 24 acres of unique green space to explore where children have the chance to spot a diverse range of wildlife, including 20 species of butterfly! In Spring and Summer the nature reserve also allows access to the wildlife pond for pond dipping (equipment provided).

<https://stnicks.org.uk/enjoy-nature/wild-things-to-do/>