



Top Tips to help your child to be a brilliant geographer

- Know your local area- explore it with your children.
- Talk to your child about people, places and environments, have time to answer questions.
- Walk to school if possible – rather than go by car – touch the outdoor world – keep a record of what you see on the way. For example – Day 1 How many red objects did you see? Day 2 – What different types of vehicles did we observe?
- Play 1 – 10 on the way to school, or on another journey. (1 street sign, 2 red cars, 3 mummies with buggies etc).
- Play I spy on the way to school. What a fantastic way to investigate the features of places!
- Point out the range of maps that we can use, to help us solve the mystery of places. Collect maps in places that you visit that give out free maps – shopping centres - country parks, museums, tube maps etc.
- Let children plan the route to school they want to follow.
- Play with your child, with their small world lay outs – farm sets, train sets, dolls houses etc – discuss with them the layouts and rooms etc – what belongs where – where the tractors go etc.
- Board games, many of which have a geographical context e.g Snakes and Ladders.
- Join the public library with your child, have fun choosing exciting books about people and places.
- Take photos of the view from your back window once each month, at the end of the year we can order them together. How has the view changed through the months/seasons?
- Speak about places in films you watch together – Jungle Book, Lion King, Happy Feet etc.
- Hunt for different signs and logos while on shopping trips. What do they mean? Which shops are they outside of?
- Look at the food items you are purchasing – note where they are from- look for the countries together in an atlas at home or on Internet maps.
- Go for a walk in the local woods at different times of the year – springtime, summer, autumn or winter.
- Watch the weather forecast.

The list is endless – You will have many ideas of your own.

Food for thought - You can help your children learn by offering them exciting activities and by encouraging them to ask and try to answer questions about the world in which we live.

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