

# Geography at Weston Secondary School

## **What is Geography?**

Geography the study of the world we live in. We ask questions about how the landscape is shaped and how people affect the environment. We find out about how people's lives are affected by the natural processes that change the earth. It is so much more than the study of maps and flags.

## **What is included in a Geography lesson?**

Geography lessons are very varied. One thing they have in common is that we always start by asking a question. We then explore information to find the answer to that question. Geographers use all sorts of different sources of information which includes maps, graphs, photos, newspaper articles and diagrams which help us to understand the world.

## **What have Year 7 been looking during Autumn term?**

Geography at Weston Secondary School starts with finding our place in the world and thinking about how we are all connected. Fieldwork and enquiry are an important part of geography. We start asking questions about how we have an impact on the environment. We do this through school-based fieldwork. Do we produce too much air pollution travelling to school? What is the biggest issue at WSS, litter or energy use? Our year 7s can tell you!

We have also been finding out more about our city. What are the challenges for people in Southampton? How can our city become a better place? Is Centenary Quay a sustainable development?

## **What do we offer outside the standard geography curriculum?**

All year 7 pupils are invited on a fieldtrip in the summer term. The location and activities are all organised, but I'm keeping quiet about this at the moment so I can surprise our current year 7 nearer the time!