

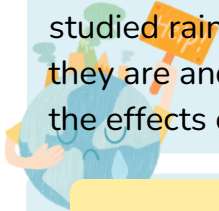


# LOUGHTON CURRICULUM: GEOGRAPHERS

Welcome to the latest edition of the Loughton curriculum newsletter on geography, The children have been engaging in a variety of different geography lessons across the school so far with fieldtrips and more geography-based theme lessons still to come.

## Autumn term

Year 3 were immersed into the theme of amazing animals where each class studied a specific continent and made a documentary on the animals that live there. In year 4, Celts and then Romans were the focus and in year 5, the children studied rainforests. First, identifying where they are and then moving on to analyse the effects of humans on these areas.



## Spring term

This term, year 4 are studying India and carry out a weather study where they can then compare the climates of a city in India and our city of MK. Year 5 look at Vikings and map out where they originally came from and year 6 look at different biomes. The biomes work includes a focus on animals and how they adapt to their environments.



## Summer term

Summer term sees year 3 venture out on a local walk, mapping their route and using a compass to guide their way round. Meanwhile year 6 focus on The Americas, locating some of the countries and cities in these continents, describe physical geographical features and use digi-mapping to locate volcanoes along the tectonic plates.



## An inspirational geographer...

Gillian Rose is a professor of Human Geography at the University of Oxford. Her main research has been in visuals, urban spaces and digital technology. Her first book was called 'Feminism and Geography', raising the profile of women in the field and her recent project was all about how other cities can learn how to use digital intervention as effectively as our very own city of Milton Keynes!





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## Enrichment session

Last term, some children from across the school gathered together for the latest geography enrichment session. After a quick discussion about geography and a look at their work, which they were very proud to show off, they then took part in a map symbols matching activity. The children worked well as a team to match the symbols and were shocked to find out there are over 90 symbols used by the Ordnance Survey!



## Geography challenges

There are plenty of activities you can do at home to inspire your geographer!

- Make a video diary of any trips you go on.
- Study a map of the local area and locate key landmarks.
- Use digimaps such as Google Earth to explore other countries remotely.

## Useful websites:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com>  
<https://natgeokids.com>  
<https://www.world-geography-games.com>



## Fieldwork

To improve our geography skills at Loughton, children are given opportunities to take part in fieldwork each year. In year 3, the children will use compass and map skills on a walk of the local area (summer term). In year 4, a weather study is carried out to compare climate here and in India. In year 5, the children will link up with the park's trust whilst year 6 will be utilizing their orienteering skills in the summer term.