



Geography Reading Spine

St James Church of England Primary School

Our Journey Drivers:

Joyful Readers
Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills
Understanding of British and Christian Values
Resilience and Perseverance
Nurture Curiosity
Encourage Articulate Learners
Your Wellbeing and Health



"We are Joyful Readers."

With our first curriculum driver to ensure that all children are 'Joyful Readers', our 'Geography Reading Spine' has been carefully selected to complement our QUEST approach to lesson delivery. The selection of books is intended to nurture our children's curiosity further in addition to providing opportunities to build upon knowledge and skills. The core text is intended to support the acquisition of knowledge throughout the topic and drive learning forward; therefore, the class teacher will choose when to deliver this to have the greatest impact. Learning is further enhanced by a range of supporting texts.

- Core Text (A book which is shared with a class to develop knowledge throughout the unit of work).
- Supporting Text(s) (A book which is ideal for children to independently study and learn key knowledge or information, often providing sources of information and evidence. This supports further learning about the topic and could also be perfect for a cross-curricular VIPERS Reading lesson).

The School's Library Service is also used to provide a plethora of books that complement our curriculum delivery and are used throughout all Geography topics as additional supporting texts. Alternative resources, such as the internet for research and use of maps, may also be appropriate, meaning that individual books have not been chosen for each topic.

Each core text has fulfilled the four following criteria (Mary Myatt, 2021) to be chosen:









Year 3 Geography:								
Topic: Exciting Europe		Topic: Natural Disasters						
Core Text EUROPE	Europe - Where on Earth?	CORE TEXT E ARTH SHATTERING E VENTS	Earthshattering Events: The Science Behind Natural Disasters					
Supporting Text(s)	A - A Walk in Paris. B - France in Our World. C - Spain in Our World. D - CGP - Europe.	Supporting Text(s)	A - CGP - Natural Disasters.					

Year 4 Geography:									
Topic: Mountains		Topic: Rivers							
MOUNTAINS OF THE WORLD	Mountains of the World	Core Text NVER STORES WAR STORES	Riwer Stories						
Supporting Text(s)	A - Snow Leopard - Grey Ghost of the Mountain. B - When the Mountains Roared C - Everest - The Remarkable Story of Hillary and Norgay.	Supporting Text(s)	A - CGP - Riwers.						