

Geography in the Early Years Foundation Stage at Dobwalls

At Dobwalls Primary School, we ensure our children in EYFS are prepared for the National Curriculum. The learning within the EYFS curriculum forms the beginning steps of learning linked to our spiral curriculum of concepts. This sits within the EYFS curriculum early learning goal '[The Natural World](#);

Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

Our Concepts:

Human geography: We explore how we can utilise the natural world to support human life, e.g. using straw and sticks to build houses. Human impact on the environment is studied, e.g. litter and energy use.

Physical geography: We explore the impact of the seasons and how this affects the environment. We compare our locality with very cold places during our study of the North and South Poles. Children use our outside grounds to make observations of living things.

Place/map skills: Children play with small world cars, people and animals on play mats and maps using pathways, roads and tracks along with town and country features. Children go on walks around the school and discuss features passed and the way they are going.

Please see below experiences that are provided within each topic to support development of children's geographical skills, knowledge and conceptual understanding.

	Autumn 1 The Three Little Pigs	Autumn 2 Space	Spring 1 Ice and Snow	Spring 2 Animals around the world	Summer 1 Transport	Summer 2 Looking after ourselves and others
Human geography	Building houses from natural materials for the 3 little pigs	Save our world litter pick	Compare our homes with homes in snowy places	Making bug hotels	Road safety	Litter pick on the beach
Vocabulary	House, path, build	Rubbish, Litter, recycle, world	Winter, snow, ice	Insect, home, house, hotel	Road, path, safe	Rubbish, Litter, bin, reuse
Physical geography	Autumn leaf hunt - exploring different leaves	Looking at Dobwalls from Space (Google maps)	Compare the weather and conditions in UK and Antarctica	Bug hunt around school - observational drawings of bugs	Building a station with blocks and aerial photographs	Staying safe in hot weather
Vocabulary	Autumn, season, tree, leaf	Earth, Space, land, map, globe	Weather, winter, snow, ice, cold.	Spring, forest.	station, train track	Weather, summer, hot

Place/map skills	Farm yard small world play mat	Map to church Large Cornwall, UK and world maps for role play. Globes introduced.	Footprints in the snow - footprint trail maps	Treasure maps around EYFS garden	Transport play mats with tracks and roads Bike ability - following the track	Train trip to Looe
	Place, farm, land,	Church, road, map, path, school, house	Map, direction, forwards, backwards,	Map, direction, forwards, backward,	Map, track, road, land, view	Travel, journey, map, track, timetable.