

<u>Year Group:</u> 1	<u>Topic: Geography:</u> Wonderful Walsall: What is our local area like?	<u>Term: Aut 1</u>	<u>Main Focus: Geography</u>
Rationale For Topic This half term we will be focusing on localities, focusing on our local area! We take the children to two very different local parks (Leamore Park and Walsall Arboretum) where the children make observations about their similarities and differences. In addition, the children will spend time exploring a range of maps of the local and surrounding areas, both paper and electronic, to help develop their map reading skills. They will also create their own maps of the local area. All such activities will help develop their knowledge of the local area and their understanding of physical geography and their understanding of maps and how to use/understand them.			
<u>Lesson Number</u>	<u>Learning Objective (s):</u>	<u>Success Criteria:</u>	<u>Brief outline / reasoning for sequence</u>
1	LO: I can describe a locality that I have visited using words and pictures. (skill – physical geography)	• I can say where I have been • I can say where I would like to go and why • I can talk about features of a place I have visited.	This lesson will provide the children with the opportunity to learn what a 'locality' is and will provide them with the opportunity to talk about their own experiences, making it relatable and real.
2	LO: I can identify features of Leamore and create a simple map. (skill – physical geography)	• To describe what Leamore is like. • To devise a simple map. • To talk about features of their own immediate environment	The children will learn about their local area and will begin to develop a greater understanding of features that are associated with their own town. Using Google Earth they will look at the features of the local area. They will be familiar with these features and therefore more likely to embed learning. It is something that all the children will be able to talk about as they have first hand experiences.

			During the lesson they will also locate Leamore Primary School using the OS maps. Discussion around what an OS map is and how to use it will also take place.
3	LO: To explore the weather at Leamore. (skill- geographical enquiry)	• I can answer questions about the local weather. • I can make observations about the weather. • I can help keep a weather chart.	The geography skill set has a number of points that relate to the weather. This lesson will provide the children to explore the weather themselves, reporting on their findings. As a class they will create a weather chart which will be regularly updated to ensure this skill is frequently visited thus developing the geographical skill further.
4	LO: To share my likes and dislikes about my locality. (skill- geographical enquiry) Visit to Leamore Park and local area	• I can say what I like about my local area. • I can say what I dislike about my local area. • I can find out more information about my local area.	The children will visit Leamore Park and will walk around the local area, highlighting the different features they can see. Now that the children have a firm understanding of their local area and its features, we will then look at what they like/dislike about their locality. The lesson will provide opportunities for them to ask further questions and to find the answers to these questions using a range of resources.
6	LO: To explore a different place, Walsall Arboretum (skill – physical geography) Visit to Walsall Arboretum	• I can ask geographical questions. • I can express own views about places and environments. • I can describe what places are like. • I recognise how places compare with other places.	To provide children with hands-on experience of a different locality we will be going on a trip to the Walsall Arboretum. This will provide the children with the opportunity to explore and experience an alternative locality. They will spend time talking about the features of the Arboretum, thinking about how it is the same/different to Leamore Park.

7	LO: To compare two different localities, Leamore Park and Walsall Arboretum (skill – physical geography) (skill- geographical enquiry)	• I can describe what places are like (landscape, weather) • I can share my opinions about both places, my likes and dislikes. • I recognise how places compare to other places	The children will explore OS maps and Google earth, highlighting where Leamore Park and the Arboretum are located. Children will then compare the two different parks they visited. They will write about things they liked and disliked about both places and identify features that were the same/different. The experiences throughout this half term will provide them with the knowledge and skills base to compare two different localities, talking about their features, likes and dislikes.
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