

# Early Years – Laying the foundations of Geographical Understanding

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At Bude Primary Academy Infants, children develop their understanding of place by exploring their local environment and learning about the wider world. Through activities like nature walks around the school grounds, map-making, and role-playing familiar settings, they begin to recognize key features of their community, such as their home, school, and local landmarks. They are encouraged to observe and discuss differences and similarities in places they visit, helping them make connections between where they live and other areas. By engaging in discussions, looking at pictures, stories, and simple maps, children start to learn about different cultures, countries, and environments, broadening their awareness of the world beyond Bude. This exploration nurtures curiosity, a sense of belonging, and an early understanding of geography.

# EYFS termly checkpoints and experiences Understanding of the world. **People and communities**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Know how to navigate their way around our school both inside and out</li><li>• Know the purpose of each room in the school is and where relevant who they will find there</li><li>• Can say that our school is in Bude and know that some of us live in Bude and some of us live in places near Bude</li><li>• Know that some of us can walk to school but some of us must come by car or bus</li><li>• Describes what they see, feel, and hear when outside</li><li>• Explores the natural world around them, commenting on colours, shapes, textures, size etc</li><li>• Understands that maps show where places are.</li><li>• Understands that signs and symbols can tell us about a place</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Talks about where they live in relation to the building, how busy the environment is and describes what they can see.</li><li>• Knows where they live and the type of building they live in (e.g. flat, Bungalow and now about the different types of home we all live in</li><li>• Knows that every home has its own address and know their own address</li><li>• Knows that more than one house is in a village or town and that cities have lots of houses</li><li>• Understands that we are in the town of Bude that is by the sea and in small part of the county of Cornwall,</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand that Bude is in Cornwall which is a small part of a country called England which is part of the United Kingdom</li><li>• Know what the UK looks like on a map and know where both Cornwall and Bude are on the map</li><li>• Know that there are lots of countries in the worlds and see this on a map</li><li>• Know that these countries are all very different in terms of climate, geography, and culture</li><li>• Know that some of us have family they visit abroad or have lived in <u>a</u> other country they talk about their experiences.</li><li>• Know that some of us have been abroad on holiday, they talk about their experiences</li></ul>