

Spiritual Development in Geography

Spiritual development is about supporting the children to be able to develop the language to talk about life: its great times, its difficult times and times that are happening right now. To help these discussions, we have introduced to the children the language of 'wows' (the great times), 'ows' (the difficult times) and 'nows' (the times that are happening right now).

Spiritual development is promoted throughout the teaching and learning of Geography at Holy Trinity Primary School. The use of maps, globes and Google Earth, for example, helps children to understand the scale of the Earth that they live on and their place in the world. Children have the opportunity to:

- develop an awe and appreciation of their beautiful planet through the use of maps, photos, videos, news articles etc.
- develop a sense of wonder and reverence as they start to understand the power of the natural world
- imagine and reflect what life is like in other parts of the world (e.g. South America, Europe) and how landscapes, people and their cultures are similar and different to their own,
- develop their sense of self as well as feeling connected to others around the world.
- understand different viewpoints and are able to make their own conclusions about what is important to them.
- understand their own roles and responsibilities as citizens of the Earth and creates a sense of unity as we have a shared aim to preserve the planet.
- be curious about the world
- wonder what we can do to find our place in the world we live in and the impact we have

Opportunities to explore Wows and Ows in Geography could include:

	Wows	Ows
All subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration of success• Learning from a mistake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disappointments / failures and mistakes• Struggling – finding something hard
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fieldwork - trip to seaside, local area walk• The spectacular power of certain physical elements e.g. volcanoes, tsunamis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural disasters and their impact on people who live in those places