



# Millbrook's Curriculum Matrix through Geography



## Awe & Wonder



- Year 1: Trip to Letcombe Brook to practise compass directions to and from school.
- Year 1 & 2: Engaging and practical activities to understand key concepts of the geography of our country and our world
- Year 4: visit from a member of the Letcombe Brook Project to share information on the wildlife that lives there.
- Year 5: Trip to 'The Living Rainforest' to experience what a rainforest is like.

## Knowledge & Understanding



- 'Sticky knowledge' as part of MTPs, which children need to understand in order to access the next stage in their learning. This is informally assessed throughout and after the unit.
- Learning journeys are sequenced carefully, allowing children to understand the context and key vocabulary at the beginning of each unit
- KS2: orienteering as part of PE lessons to embed compass and direction skills.

## Good Citizenship



- Year 4's trip to Letcombe Brook raises children's awareness of the importance of caring for our local environment. They organise a campaign to make others aware of the environmental impact of littering.
- Year 5's unit on South America raises awareness of the importance of the Amazon Rainforest, and they write to the environment minister to encourage the Brazilian government to do more to protect it.



## Achievement & Success



- Through scaffolding such as discussing and exploring vocabulary and immersive activities, 'low threat/high challenge', all children are able to access the key learning in Geography lessons.
- Children are given the opportunity at the end of the unit to share their learning on in different ways.