

Transition Activities - Be an #ExcellentGeographer

The word geography comes from Greek. Geo means the earth and *graphy* means writing, so we write about the earth.

We don't need a classroom to learn about geography, the world is our classroom.

You will need a BBC account for some of these activities. Check with someone at home before registering with any site.

<p>Learn a skill</p> 	<p>Create a map</p> 	<p>Research</p> 
<p>The Ordnance Survey is the national mapping service of Great Britain. Every day they make 100,000 changes to their master map! Learn map skills such as scale, grid references and what map symbols mean, then test yourself on the map quizzes https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone</p>	<p>Create a map from memory of your journey to school. Can you add names of roads or places on the way? (use the symbols on the previous task to help you) You could even add the little things you notice. Is there a garden with nice flowers, or a dog that barks as you walk past? Ask someone else at home to take a look. Is it accurate? Can they help you improve it? Have you noticed things they haven't?</p>	<p>Geographers have a very particular set of skills, skills that they have acquired over a very long time.... Write a paragraph about an inspirational geographer. Here are some ideas, but you can choose your own</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levison Wood • David Attenborough • Bear Grylls • Ranulph Fiennes • Your geography teacher • Steve Backshaw
<p>Be a detective</p> 	<p>Be creative</p> 	<p>Watch</p> 
<p>South America is sometimes called the Hollow Continent. Most of it's major cities are along the coast, which is sometimes called 'the populated rim.' Look at the map of South America on the next page. Why do you think that this is so?</p>	<p>The Amazon rainforest is home to 40% of plant and animal species on earth. The climate is hot and wet and many animals have to adapt to survive in this ecosystem. Do some research and create a plant or animal that is perfectly adapted for this environment. This episode of planet earth might help https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0074tgb/planet-earth-8-jungles</p>	<p>Watch Series 2 of Race Across The World (available on BBC iPlayer) as teams travel through South America from Mexico City in the north to Ushuaia in Argentina, the most southerly major city in the continent. If you haven't got time to watch the whole series, there are a series of clips available on iPlayer to give you a taste of what their journeys were like. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002tvs/clips</p>