



## Our Geography Subject Leader



My name is Mr Simmons and I am the Geography Subject Leader.

### **My passion/ personal experience with my subject.**

I have long had an interest in maps, which started when I found my father's Ordnance Survey maps in the caravan when I was holidaying as a child. I have always found that looking at places from above gives a clear sense of space and place. I have a particular interest in Geology, where I have always found plate tectonics and volcanoes especially fascinating, albeit somewhat concerning. My background in Biology often required a good geographical understanding, especially with regards to biomes and habitats, further cementing my interest in the subject.

### **Experiences in our school**

Our Geography curriculum is heavily knowledge-based, with children beginning their journey in their local area, before moving further afield within the UK and eventually countries and biomes throughout the world. To support this, we develop their understanding of key concepts, including their sense of place, the environment, cultural awareness and human and physical processes. To bring these experiences alive, we incorporate fieldwork opportunities within their learning, in order to apply their skills such as map work. This brings a sense of purpose to their learning, as they realise how Geography helps shape the places and spaces in which they live.

### **Hopes and goals in my subject**

I hope that the children's experiences of Geography allow them to perceive the world around them and their place within it with context and purpose.

I hope that pupils begin to look at their surroundings from a combination of human and natural needs, helping them to understand why the places they visit are the way that they are.

Finally, I am looking forward to facilitating the pupils' fieldwork experiences, helping them to see the real world through the eyes of a geographer.

