Spirituality in Geography

How are we promoting Spirituality in Geography?

Landscape **Connection** **Earthly** **Wonder** **Harmony** **Appreciation** **Unity** **Awe**	The study of geography extends beyond the physical environment to encompass the social, cultural, and spiritual dimensions of the world. Geography plays a significant role in helping pupils understand their place in the world, fostering a sense of identity, connection, and responsibility towards the planet and its people. Through the exploration of different cultures, pupils learn how spiritual beliefs and religious practices shape worldviews, traditions, and human geography. For example, children can investigate how religion and spirituality influence settlement patterns, such as the location of holy sites, pilgrimage routes, and the design of sacred buildings. These studies help develop an appreciation of how belief systems are interwoven with landscapes and communities across the globe. Geography also encourages pupils to consider how spiritual and religious values impact environmental attitudes and actions. Children can explore how teachings from various faiths promote conservation, sustainability, and respect for natural resources. These perspectives foster ethical awareness and a reverence for the Earth. Additionally, geography provides opportunities for mindfulness and contemplation. Spending time observing and reflecting on natural landscapes—whether in the school grounds or through fieldwork—can nurture a spiritual connection to the environment. These experiences help children develop gratitude, stillness, and a deepened sense of environmental stewardship. Big Questions play a crucial role in spiritual development within geography. Pupils are encouraged to reflect on fundamental, existential inquiries such as: • What is the meaning of life? • What is my place in the universe? • How am I connected to something greater than myself? These questions support children in developing a deeper understanding of themselves, others, and the world they inhabit.

	At STW, spirituality is a vital thread within the geography curriculum. It supports children in gaining a broader understanding of diverse cultures and belief systems, while promoting empathy, harmony, and a deep respect for the world around them.