

Initial ideas from members of the Hampshire Geography Champion Network at the Third meeting.
Can you add other ideas?

A geography friendly classroom

Snazzy titles for geography led topics

"Go with the flow" - rivers	"Wish you were here"	" My life as a banana " – rainforests	My place, our story
"Ain't no mountain high enough"	"Let's Fly Away to... "	"Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside"	" A rough guide to ..."

Explore the potential of cross - curricular links

Use Google Earth to take children to the setting of a book, film or news item they are studying.	MADD week (Music , Art, Drama and dance week) Each class /year group relate their week to a particular country. At the end of the week celebrate children's work in an assembly N.B Use geographical enquiry questions to help ensure the geography content e.g. What is this place like? How is this place connected with other places	Explore a geographical theme like the journey of a river in dance and drama	Twinning with other schools in different places – e mailing friends. Sharing ideas e.g. tell us about your place or alternatively encouraging the children to ask and answer geographical questions about their place.
Reading poems about the landscape in that place	Link to work on ' my special place ' in RE and citizenship	Visit places prior to descriptive writing sessions on story settings	Use surveys, questionnaires etc to provide real life data to use in data – handling situations in Numeracy.

Provide a context for their Geography work to bring the theme alive

<p>Tourist Officer – create tours of the local area Promotions officer for the local area – Can the children help promote the area, local produce , services etc and have a mini market in the classroom</p>	<p>Explorer</p>	<p>Teachers in role as characters to promote geographical learning e.g. air steward</p>	<p>"The Wombles of ..." Isn't it time we revisited these furry creatures from the 1970's! Their environmental message is still relevant today and children would find them engaging.</p>
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Random Acts of Geography

<p>Hold whole school events days and celebrations e.g. ' equinox day '</p>	<p>Mapping day for the whole school – Map your journey to school Map the world! Enables you to assess progression in current mapping skills</p>	<p>Odd one out! Use photographs with geographical themes to promote children's thinking skills</p>	<p>Cloud watching – spend time finding pictures in the clouds!</p>
<p>"One World Day" –</p>	<p>Take a different view around your locality – What would the place be like for ... A person with a disability, An older person A toddler etc</p>	<p>Geo- doodling – use a Geography stimulus e.g. a walk , a piece of music , taps of sounds in a locality and ask the children to respond (Thanks for Jo from Ridgemedede for this idea)</p>	<p>Watch Newsround and use a variety of maps and globes to show children where the news has taken place.</p>

Resources within and outside the classroom

<p>Atlases , maps and Globes in the classroom</p>	<p>Set up trails in the school grounds – e.g. flags hidden around the school grounds with questions to answer</p>	<p>Photographs of inspirational landscapes</p>	<p>Posters with inspirational quotes from travellers , conservationists , explorers</p>
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