

Geography matters at Talavera Junior School!



"You can't put reading in geography!" This is a phrase I've heard a lot in my teaching career and I couldn't disagree more. Too often, inspiring learning opportunities are missed to ignite children's curiosity about the world and its inhabitants. Is there a more perfect way to kindle that passion than through a book?



At Talavera, we have a strong ethos of embedding reading across the curriculum and use texts to drive our curriculum. Within geography, Year 3 have been using the book: *Geography Matters In Ancient Rome* as part of their Roman Empire unit.

We would recommend this non-fiction book as either a tool within a geographical enquiry or as a topic book that children can read for pleasure. Using books like this to enable children to research is a great way to encourage their fascination within a subject and explore the geographical fieldwork from a historical period.

One child commented how they loved to see the trade routes on the maps to 'make the learning real'. Another said that the 'Did you know...?' boxes within each section made them want to explore further. It was thrilling to see the children comparing geographical features from the past and comparing them to the present-day Italy too.

Using a book as a tool within a geography enquiry cycle can help children to make connections and remember more.

Where will your next book take you?

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