Geography seeks to develop a sense of place and helps students make sense of their surroundings and to gain a better appreciation and understanding of the variety of physical and human conditions on the Earth’s surface. The subject extends students’ interest and knowledge beyond their immediate experiences, using images and information to help them interpret about people and concepts that they acquire from media, internet and textbooks. Geography develops major skill areas: Map and fieldwork skills; cross-curricular skills such as ICT, Literacy and Numeracy; as well as an increasing awareness of the world around us and the idea of sustainability. We want students to become global citizens and show a keen awareness of the geography around them. Geography is everywhere and students at Settlebeck develop a keen awareness and appreciation of the geography around them.

Geography is a sprawling, hybrid discipline that spans both the natural and social sciences. Geography provides students with new ways of thinking about the world using ‘big ideas’ such as Place, Space and Interconnection. Geography Provides students with powerful ways of analysing, explaining and understanding the world. Further, geography gives students power over their own knowledge- students need to know about the discipline and how knowledge has been developed and tested. Geography enables students to follow and participate in debates in significant local, national and global issues and takes students beyond their own local environment allowing them to become global citizens.

We study Geography because it is a multi-faceted discipline that combines the analysis of social questions, environmental issues, and modern real-world solutions. Geographers investigate interactions between the human and physical environments such as the causes and impacts of climate change or the development gap. We equip learners with empathy of other cultures and the variety of local, national and global issues and their solutions through the study of real-world examples as well as using practical fieldwork, investigatory skills and research skills.