

Geography

Note to Parents

During Lockdown I will be holding zoom assemblies for the children in school.

My Monday assembly is our thinking assembly.

I don't want the children at home to miss out.

So this term I will post my Monday assemblies on Parentmail.

I normally use powerpoints to give the children visual prompts.

I will add a brief script to the powerpoints so that children at home can engage with them too.

You may need to read the slides to your child.

Hopefully you will find the assemblies of interest too and chat with your child(ren) about them.

As I am sending you a powerpoint you can hold your assembly at a time convenient to you.

Planet Earth is Beautiful.

Don't take my word for it.











I told you Planet Earth is beautiful

And when you study geography you get to learn about these places.

And maybe visit them.

Geography school trips are great –

the seaside in primary school including the Jurassic Coast in Year 6,

maybe Iceland to see the volcanoes and fjords in secondary school.

How did you feel when you were looking at those photographs?



This could be the River Colne but is actually the River Itchen. I used to walk along these river banks when I was a boy. It brings back happy memories. Walking is free and it is the best we can do at the moment.

Ask your parents to take you for a walk along the river bank.

What questions could you ask?



Where did the river start?
Where does the river end?
Why does it change direction?
What lives and grows in and
beside it?

How has it changed over time?
Have humans changed it?
How does it help humans?
Do humans need to protect it?
If so, how?

**Asking these kinds of questions and finding out the answers,
makes you a geographer**

What questions could you ask?



What questions could you ask?



Biomes of the World



These places are called biomes. When your grandparents were at school they would have called them habitats. What lives and grows in these habitats?

What are their differences?

How have humans adapted to living in them? How have humans changed them? How can humans protect them?

There is more to geography than the study of
Biomes.

What is weather?

How does it shape our world?



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Geographers study The Weather

And they get to understand the difference between weather and climate



Studying Planet Earth is called Physical Geography

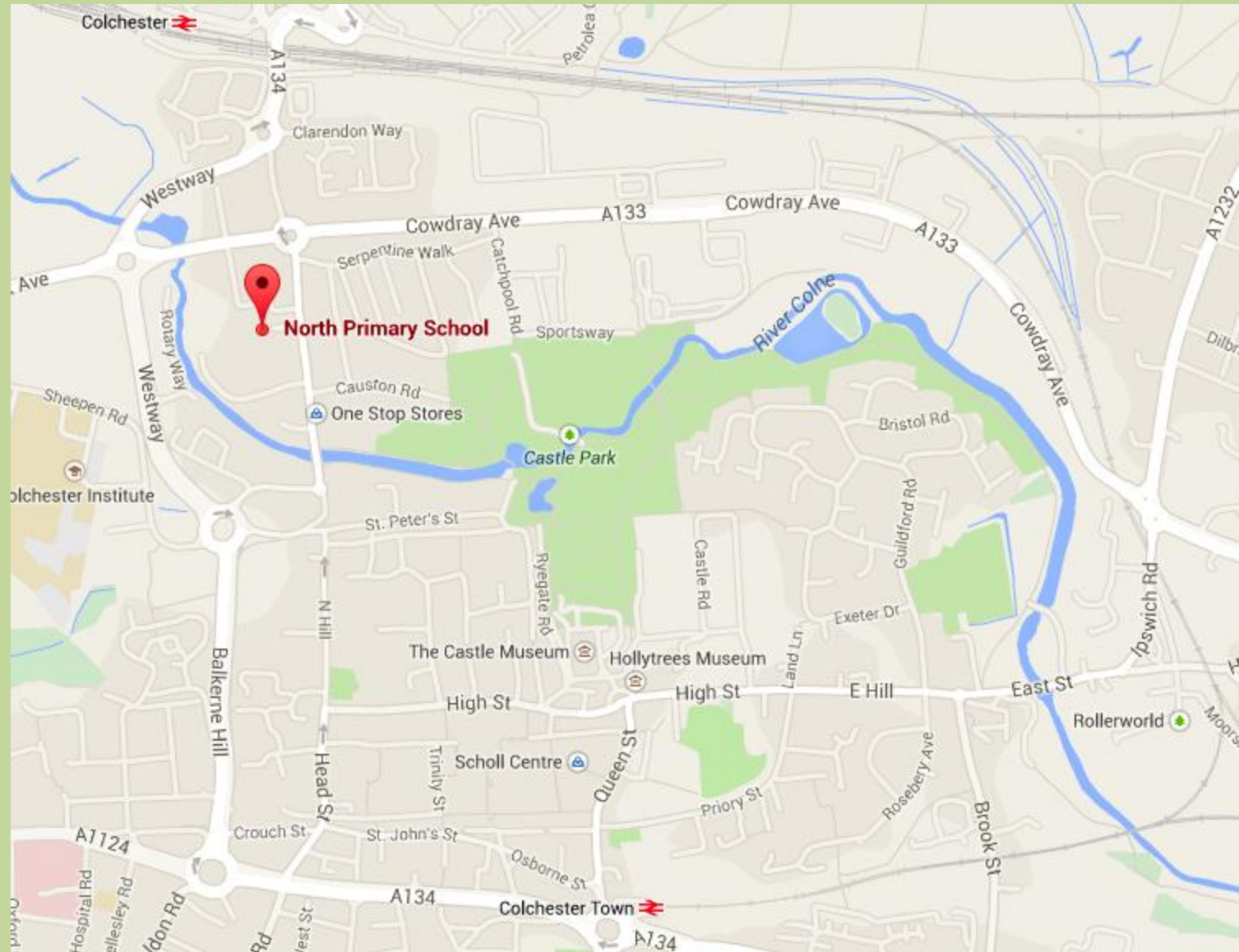


We are not finished yet.

There is more to study.

Do you recognise this place?





Studying where and how humans live is also
geography –

Human Geography

Human Geography – some questions

Why are towns often built near rivers?

Why are towns often built on hills?

Why do railway lines often run beside rivers?

Can you read this map?

Can you make maps?

What makes Colchester a good place to live?

Human Geography

Answering those types of questions can help us plan for the future?

If you were to build a new town what would you want to include?

Have a think...

Planning a New Town

Housing

Roads

Schools

Doctors

Shops

Businesses

Leisure Facilities

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think of anything else?

And when you think about
these things you need to
think about the natural
environment too –

Trees, rivers, ponds, fields,
animals

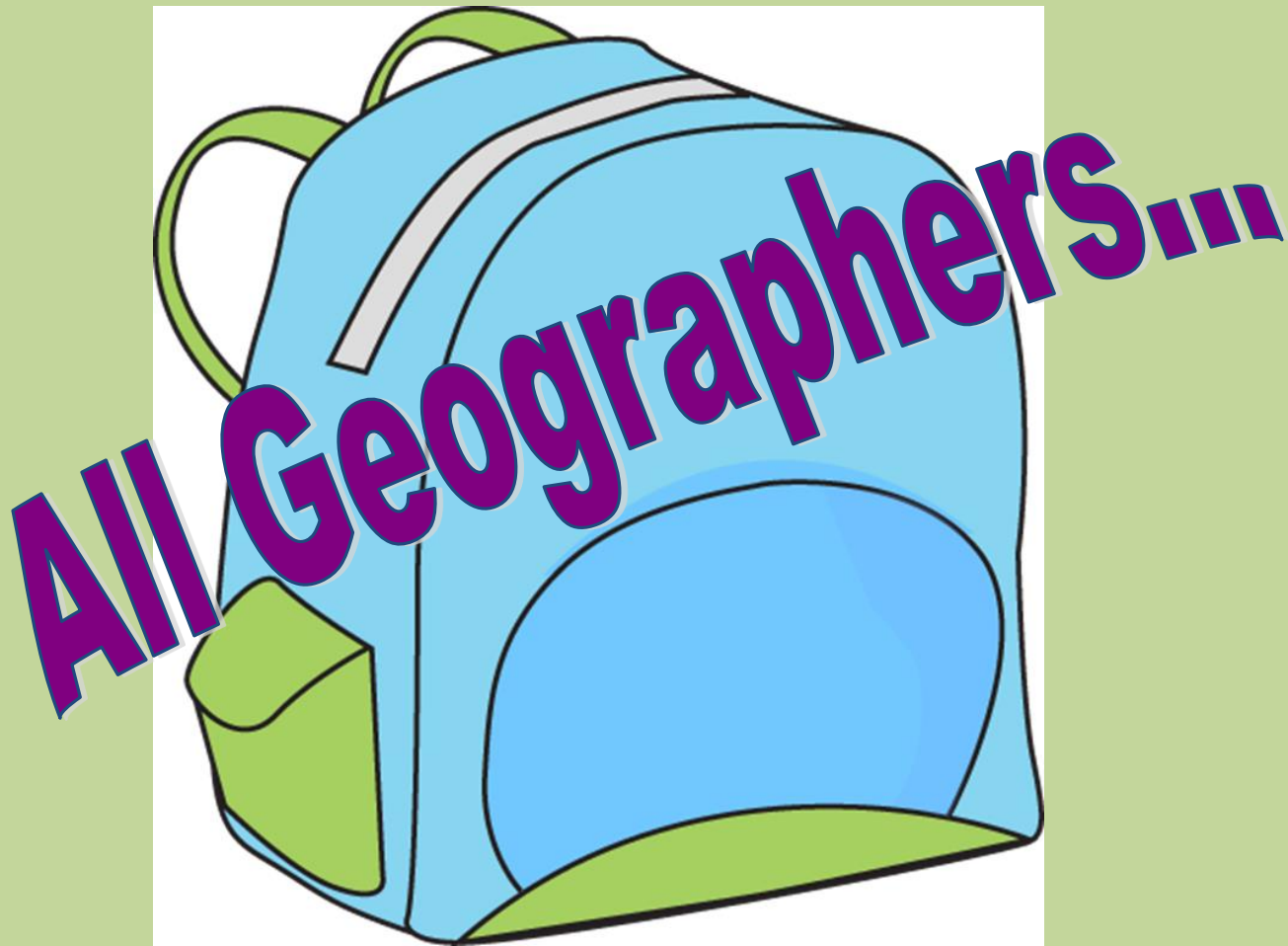
These are important
decisions

Enough questions for one assembly

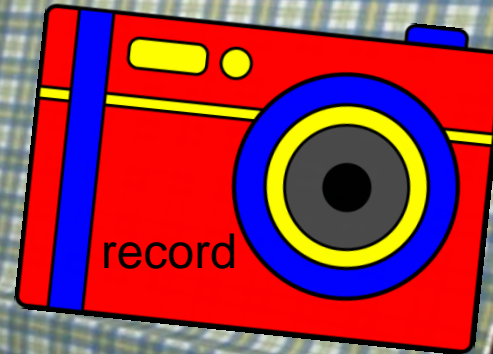
I will finish by showing your parents your
geographers' toolkit.

Or for this subject,
Maybe we should call it

your suitcase!



The skills of a Good Geographer



name



ask questions

locate



And it starts in the Foundation Stage

Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.

They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one to another.

They make observations of animals and plants and explain and talk about changes that occur.

So, what are you waiting for?



Thank you for listening to my assembly.

Goodbye

Work Hard.

Play nicely.

Be kind one to another.

Have a good week.

