

## The Geographical Association, Biggin Hill Primary School and Warren Road School Teaching Alliance

*The GA has delivered several bespoke subject knowledge CPD sessions for our cluster of schools in the teaching alliance over the past two years. These sessions have been informative, relevant and incredibly useful. Teachers who attended the sessions said that they felt more confident in delivering the curriculum content for a range of geography topics. During these sessions teachers were provided with a range of lesson ideas and activities for each topic that could be used to develop knowledge, skills and understanding in geography lessons and were easily transferable for use in the classroom.*

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**Programme aim and scope:** To build bespoke training sessions in response to the needs of teachers across the Warren Road Teaching Alliance aimed at building teacher confidence in the subject.

**Developing the teachers:** Primary classroom teachers have a varied knowledge base across the subject and this can lead to low confidence in delivering aspects of the curriculum. This might be due to: a lack of specialist subject knowledge around such topics as rivers, coasts or settlements, linked to the specialist skills such as mapping or contrasting localities or it might be linked to organising, sequencing and assessing the subject. The teachers from across the Warren Road School Teaching Alliance are surveyed annually on which aspects of the subject they would most like help and support with. In response the GA develops a series of bespoke 1½-2 hour sessions to provide the maximum impact on the teaching and learning of geography across the teaching alliance.

