

Meaningful Learning Experiences

Strategic Commitment	✓	Part of a large academy trust's curriculum strategy
Curriculum Provision	✓	Key Stage 2 - Maps, Atlases, Globes & Digital Mapping
Employer Partnerships	✓	Part of an initiative to promote Allied Health Professions
Reflective Young People	✓	<i>'There are lots of learning opportunities from this'</i>
Informed Career Choices	✓	Insights into Paramedics and App Development

Paramedic and mobile phone app give purpose to Year 6 Geography topic

National Curriculum objectives for Key Stage 2 Geography require children to *'use maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate countries and describe features studied'*. Teachers at Newington Academy in Hull said this can *'lack a sense of gravitas and purpose around knowledge and understanding of the world [and] tends to lack purpose and connection'*.

The project involved Year 6 children and focused on the use of the what3words app to locate accurately a 3m x 3m spot anywhere in the world – and to help direct emergency services to the location of incidents. Teachers felt that *'what3words could be used as it is locating areas within countries and can also be used to describe surroundings. An extension could be searching for different three-word addresses on the app and asking the children to look at the surroundings and to describe the geographical features, linking back to the curriculum objectives'*.

A short informal greeting from a Paramedic was followed by a message telling children that *'getting an ambulance to someone quickly can sometimes mean that we save their life'* and finishing with *'I hope you enjoy learning about the importance of knowing exactly where you are, particularly in an emergency, and how you might explain that'*.

The team at what3words were enthusiastic about the project: *'This sounds fantastic, we would love to get involved! We have created a bunch of resources that I think could work really well for this project'*. Children used the app to find the three-word addresses of different locations related to seas and coasts and they were given three-word addresses and asked to find the location.

Benefits for the Students

- *'I enjoyed learning about the app because it could save your life. I told my family and they have all downloaded it.'*
- *'The What 3 Words app is really easy to use, you just click and you can see where you are. It's really good because you can also see the satellite view too.'*
- *'I think the What 3 Words app is really helpful. My favourite activity was looking for different three-word addresses of places that I have been.'*
- *'I really enjoyed exploring the app and I wanted to find the three-word addresses of places I know.'*

Benefits for the School

- 'Because of how much the children enjoyed the app and discussing its benefits, we linked it to our work in English as we were writing newspapers.'
- 'We really enjoyed completing the work around What 3 Words and it definitely engaged the children with our objective.'
- 'The children have loved this project ... We would love it if you shared pictures of our work and we will show the children how it is being celebrated.'

Benefits for the Employer

'I just wanted to let you know how impressed myself and the wider what3words team are with your students' work. From the very convincing - and dramatic - newspapers covering the three-word rescue stories, to the fantastic testimonials woven throughout the articles. We particularly enjoyed Sally's 'Oh my gosh I'm so glad I had the what3words app downloaded. It's wonderful!' - it was really great to see what3words presented alongside other location-sharing methods as yet another tool in the emergency preparedness and navigation toolbox!'



An informal message from a Paramedic was the starting point for children discovering how the what3words app can help ensure that accurate locations are given to emergency services during an incident – anywhere in the world.

