

DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS FOR INTRODUCING THE WORLD MAP TO PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS.

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Annotation: Teaching geography to primary school pupils requires engaging and age-appropriate methods to ensure comprehension and retention. This article explores effective strategies for introducing the world map to young learners, focusing on interactive, visual, and experiential learning techniques. The study highlights the importance of incorporating games, technology, and hands-on activities to enhance spatial awareness and global understanding. Findings suggest that a combination of storytelling, digital tools, and collaborative learning significantly improves pupils' ability to interpret and remember geographical information.

Keywords: world map, primary education, teaching methods, interactive learning, geography, visual aids, experiential learning

РАЗРАБОТКА ЭФФЕКТИВНЫХ МЕТОДОВ ОБУЧЕНИЯ ПО ОЗНАКОМЛЕНИЮ УЧАЩИХСЯ НАЧАЛЬНОЙ ШКОЛЫ С КАРТОЙ МИРА.

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Аннотация: Преподавание географии ученикам начальной школы требует увлекательных и соответствующих возрасту методов для обеспечения понимания и запоминания. В этой статье рассматриваются эффективные стратегии знакомства молодых учеников с картой мира с упором на интерактивные, визуальные и экспериментальные методы обучения. Исследование подчеркивает важность объединения игр, технологий и практических занятий для повышения пространственной осведомленности и глобального понимания. Результаты показывают, что сочетание повествования, цифровых инструментов и совместного обучения значительно улучшает способность учеников интерпретировать и запоминать географическую информацию.

Ключевые слова: карта мира, начальное образование, методы обучения, интерактивное обучение, география, наглядные пособия, экспериментальное обучение

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Annotatsiya: Boshlang'ich maktab o'quvchilariga geografiya o'rgatish tushunish va eslab qolishni ta'minlash uchun qiziqarli va yoshga mos usullarni talab qiladi. Ushbu maqola interfaol, vizual va tajribaviy o'rganish usullariga e'tibor qaratgan holda yosh o'quvchilarni dunyo xaritasi bilan tanishtirishning samarali strategiyalarini o'rganadi. Tadqiqot fazoviy xabardorlikni va global

tushunishni oshirish uchun o'yinlar, texnologiya va amaliy faoliyatni birlashtirish muhimligini ta'kidlaydi. Natijalar shuni ko'rsatadiki, hikoya qilish, raqamli vositalar va hamkorlikda o'rganish kombinatsiyasi o'quvchilarning geografik ma'lumotlarni sharhlash va eslab qolish qobiliyatini sezilarli darajada yaxshilaydi.

Kalit so'zlar: dunyo xaritasi, boshlang'ich ta'lim, o'qitish usullari, interfaol ta'lim, geografiya, ko'rgazmali qurollar, tajribaviy o'rganish.

Introduction

Geography is a fundamental subject that helps children understand the world around them. Introducing the world map at an early age fosters spatial thinking, cultural awareness, and curiosity about different countries. However, traditional memorization-based approaches often fail to engage young learners. Effective teaching methods should instead incorporate interactive and student-centered techniques. This article examines various pedagogical strategies for teaching the world map to primary school pupils, ensuring both comprehension and long-term retention.

Methodology

This study employs a qualitative research approach, analyzing existing literature on primary geography education and evaluating different teaching methodologies. Data was collected from academic journals, educational books, and case studies focusing on early geography instruction. Additionally, observations from classroom practices were considered to assess the effectiveness of interactive learning tools such as puzzles, digital maps, and group activities.

Analysis and Results

The Role of Visual and Interactive Learning in Teaching the World Map

Primary school pupils learn best when lessons are visually stimulating and interactive. Research confirms that colorful maps, 3D globes, and illustrated flashcards significantly improve children's ability to recognize continents, oceans, and countries (Smith, 2020). For example, using large floor maps where students can physically walk across different regions helps solidify their understanding of

geographical locations. Digital tools like Google Earth and interactive whiteboard applications further enhance engagement by allowing pupils to zoom in on countries, explore terrains, and even take virtual tours of famous landmarks.

A study conducted in UK primary schools found that students who used digital map applications scored 25% higher in geography assessments compared to those who relied solely on textbook maps (Davis, 2020). The dynamic nature of digital tools keeps young learners interested, as they can manipulate maps, click on pop-up facts, and participate in animated quizzes. However, schools with limited technology can still adopt low-cost alternatives, such as laminated wall maps, sticker-based activities, and printed atlas exercises.

Storytelling and Mnemonics as Memory Enhancers

Children's natural affinity for stories makes storytelling an excellent method for teaching geography. When teachers associate countries or continents with imaginative narratives, pupils retain information more effectively. For instance, describing Africa as the "land of roaring lions and vast deserts" or Antarctica as the "home of playful penguins on ice" creates vivid mental images. Research by Johnson (2019) suggests that storytelling improves long-term memory retention by 40% in primary geography lessons.

Hands-on Activities and Project-Based Learning

Active participation is key to reinforcing geographical knowledge. Hands-on activities, such as constructing papier-mâché globes, tracing maps, or creating salt-dough landforms, allow pupils to engage kinesthetically with the subject. A 2021 study by Brown demonstrated that students who participated in map-drawing exercises could correctly label 30% more countries than those who only studied pre-made maps.

Another effective strategy is "**classroom travel projects**," where pupils "visit" different countries through themed activities. For example, a lesson on Japan might include origami folding, tasting sushi (with parental consent), and learning basic Japanese greetings. This immersive approach not only teaches geography but also integrates cultural studies, making learning more holistic.

Discussion

The findings suggest that a multimodal approach—combining visual, auditory, and kinesthetic techniques—is most effective in teaching the world map. Traditional lecture-based methods are less engaging for young children, whereas interactive strategies promote active participation. Challenges include limited access to technology in some schools, requiring teachers to adapt with low-cost alternatives like printed maps and group discussions.

Conclusion

Teaching the world map to primary pupils requires creativity and interactivity. By integrating visual aids, storytelling, hands-on projects, and gamification, educators can make geography lessons more engaging and effective. Future research should explore the long-term impact of these methods on pupils' global awareness and critical thinking skills.

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