

Geography Progression EYFS to Year 6

Phase	Locational knowledge	Place knowledge	Physical	Human
EYFS	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps	Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non- fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter	Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class
KS1	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non- European country	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop



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Lower	Locate the world's countries, using maps to	Understand geographical	Describe and understand key	Describe and understand key
KS2	focus on Europe (including the location of	similarities and differences	aspects of physical	aspects of human geography,
	Russia) and North and South America,	through the study of human	geography, including: rivers,	including: types of settlement
	concentrating on their environmental regions,	and physical geography of a	mountains, volcanoes and	and land use, economic
	key physical and human characteristics,	region of the United	earthquakes, the water cycle	activity,
	countries, and major cities	Kingdom, a region in a	and introduced to biomes.	
		European country (Naples)		
	Name and locate counties and cities of the			
Upper	United Kingdom, geographical regions and their	Understand geographical	Describe and understand key	Describe and understand key
KS2	identifying human and physical characteristics,	similarities and differences	aspects of physical	aspects of human geography,
	key topographical features (including hills,	through the study of human	geography, including: climate	including: types of settlement
	mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use	and physical geography of a	zones, biomes and vegetation	and land use, economic
	patterns; and understand how some of these	region of the United	belts	activity including trade links,
	aspects have changed over time	Kingdom and a region within		and the distribution of
		North or South America (Sau		natural resources including
	Identify the position and significance of latitude,	Paulo)		energy, food, minerals and
	longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere,			water
	Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and			
	Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the			
	Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones			
	(including day and night)			



Phase	Geographical skills and field work				
	Map work	Map and compass work	Field work		
EYFS	 Hands on experiences of world around them – exploration and talk Capturing observations, similarities and differences-comparing and contrasting Making representations of the world around them Exploring position, direction, shape and size – compare, contrast, making connections Using and creating simple maps- journey sticks/lines 				
Ks1	Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key	Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.		
KS2	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied	Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world	Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.		