Geography

Progression of Knowledge and Skills



Key Vocabulary							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
village	animals	Atlantic	adapt	ash cloud	aerial	aerial	aerial
town	beach	Ocean	Africa	atlas	aftershock	Amazon River	Arctic Circle
seasons	building	autumn	Antarctica	climate zone	Antarctic Circle	biomes	Antarctic Circle
place	city	building	Arctic Ocean	compass	Arctic Circle	climate	biomes
people	countryside	beach	Asia	continent	atlas	digital mapping	climate zones
path	desert	capital city	Atlantic Ocean	dormant	avalanche	distance	digital mapping
park	England	castle	atlas	earthquake	British Isles	economical	distribution
map	farm	church	Australia	equator	cities	features	energy
house	flag	city	beach	European	compass points	fieldwork	industrial
hill	forest	cloud	Cardiff	grid reference	(8)	graph	minerals
journey	globe	cliff	cliff	human features	earthquake	itinerary	national
building	hill	coast	coast	index	economic	journey	Ordnance Survey
farm	house	cold	compass	landscape	activity	land use	port(s)
animals	journey	compass	continent	land use	eruption	locality	scale
	lake	country	diagram	locality	European	mountainous	settlements
	land	countryside	desert	Mediterranean	island	Ordnance Survey	Soviet Union
	language	desert	Dublin	mountain range	key	riverbank	sustainable
	local	England	East	North East	measure	River Nile	third world
	map	farm	Edinburgh	North West	Ordnance Survey	scale	time zones
	mountain	forest	England	Northern	rainfall	source	trade links
	park	freezing	equator	Hemisphere	renewable	symbols	vegetation belts
	path	hot	Europe	Ordnance	survey	trade links	water
	people	Ireland	Facilities	Survey	topographical	transportation	
		Irish Sea	farm	Precipitation	tropics	vegetation belts	
		island	forest	region	trade	water cycle	
		local area	globe	South East		4-figure grid	
		map	habitat	South West		references	
		month	harbour	tropical			

North Sea	hill	settlement		
place	human	volcano		
people	Indian Ocean			
rain	island			
route	Ireland			
Scotland	London			
season	man-made			
snow	maps			
spring	mountain			
street	North			
summer	North America			
symbol	oceans			
temperature	Pacific Ocean			
thunderstorm	people			
town	photograph			
United	physical			
Kingdom	population			
valley	port			
vegetation	Scotland			
village	seaside			
Wales	South			
weather	South America			
wind/windy	Southern Ocean			
•	town			
	United			
	Kingdom			
	valley			
	village			
	Wales			
	West			
	wildlife			

Reception **Nursery** Objectives (Understanding The World & Communication and Language) Objectives (ELG) Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community. Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and people. life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps. Explore the natural world around them, making observations and **Knowledge** drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world Know that there are different countries in the world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences. <u>Skills</u> and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world Talk about the differences they around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter. have experienced or seen in photos. Knowledge Understand 'why' questions, like: Learn new vocabulary. "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" Draw information from a Talk about what they see, using simple map. a wide vocabulary. Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. Skills Use new vocabulary through the day. Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them. Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.

Human and Physical Geography				
Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6		
 Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom. Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to; season, weather, city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop. Know which is the hottest and coldest season in the UK Recognise and describe main weather symbols Recognise, describe and observe the human and physical features of a place (city, town and village) Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation. Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and north and south poles. Identify physical features – mountain, lake, island, valley, vegetation, river, cliff, forest and beach Identify the hot and cold areas of the world (equator, North and South pole) Recognise, describe and observe the human and physical features of a place, and make comparisons (e.g. between a place in England and a place in a non-European country) 	• Describe and understand key aspects of • physical geography, including: volcanos • and earthquakes • Describe and understand key aspects of • human geography, including types of • settlements and land use, economic • activity including trade links and the • distribution of natural resources including • energy, food, minerals and water. • Know what causes an earthquake • Label the different parts of a volcano • Explain the location of human and physical features (eg: why is there • not a settlement directly below a volcano?) Y4 • Describe and understand key aspects of • physical geography, including: mountains, • rivers and the water cycle. • Describe and understand key aspects of • human geography, including types of • settlements and land use, economic • activity including trade links and the • distribution of natural resources including • energy, food, minerals and water. • Know and label the main features of a river • Explain the features of the water cycle • Know the name of, and locate, some of the world's longest rivers • Know, and locate, some of the world's highest mountains • Know why most cities are located by a river	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including types of settlements and land use, economic activity including trade links and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. Label the main features of a river and explain the purpose of a river. Locate The River Nile. Know what is meant by 'biomes' and identify the features of a specific biome and vegetation belts Label parts of a rainforest and know what is meant by deforestation Describe and understand key aspects of climate zones Describe economic activity such as trade links and the distribution of natural resources (eg: energy, food, water) (Link to how ancient Egyptians used the River Nile for growing crops, drinking water and transportation. Y6 Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanos and earthquakes and the water cycle. Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including types of settlements and land use, economic activity including trade links and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.		

Locational Knowledge				
Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6		
 Name and locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. Know the names of the four countries that make up the UK Know the names of the three main seas that surround the UK Name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans. Name and locate the capital cities of the United Kingdom. Know the names of, and locate, the seven continents of the world and the five oceans of the world. Know the names of, and locate, the four capital cities of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland 	 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on environment regions, key human and physical characteristics, countries and major cities. Name and locate countries and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) and land use patterns. Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, equator, northern hemisphere, southern hemisphere. Locate at least 8 countries in the world, including capital cities Identify UK cities and geographical regions Identify the position and significance of the equator, northern and southern hemispheres Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on environment regions, key human and physical characteristics, countries and major cities. Name and locate countries and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) and land use patterns. Identify the position and significance of the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, The Arctic and Antarctic Circle. Know and label the main features of a river Explain the features of the water cycle Know the name of, and locate, some of the world's longest rivers Know, and locate, some of the world's highest mountains 	*Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on environment regions, key human and physical characteristics, countries and major cities. Name and locate countries and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) and land use patterns. Use maps, atlases and digital software to locate the world's countries (including Russia) and identify key physical and human features Use a compass and maps with four figure grid references Y6 Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanos and earthquakes and the water cycle. Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including types of settlements and land use, economic activity including trade links and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. Use a compass and maps with six figure grid references Know most of the ordinance survey symbols and use some of these to create a detailed map Know about different time zones and calculate differences		

	 Know why most cities are located by a river Know what is meant by the term 'tropics' Identify the position and explain the significance of the tropics of Cancer, Capricorn and the Arctic and Antarctic circles 	
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Fieldwork Skills				
Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6		
 Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom. Use simple locational and directional language (for example, near and far, left and right to describe the location of features. Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical feature of its surrounding environment. Know their address including postcode Use locational and directional language (eg: left, right, near, far) Observe a location, discussing likes and dislikes Use aerial photographs and plans to recognise places and landmarks Local survey (eg: traffic on road adjacent to school) 	 Use maps, globes and digital software to locate countries and describe features studied Use the 8 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 Know and name the eight points on a compass Use maps and digital software to locate at least 8 countries in the world, including capital cities Record information using questionnaires, surveys and sketches to investigate a place 	Use maps, globes and digital software to locate countries and describe features studied Use symbols and keys (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 Know how to use graphs to record features such a temperature or rainfall across the world Identify questions and select appropriate ways to gather information and data through detailed sketches, observation, questionnaires and surveys Record information using a range of methods and draw conclusions		
 United Kingdom and its countries, continents and oceans. Use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Devise a simple map and use and construct basic symbols in a key. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. Use maps, globes, atlases and digital software to locate the equator, North Pole and South Pole. Make a simple map using a key with basic symbols 	Use maps, globes and digital software to locate countries and describe features studied Use symbols and keys (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 Make and use more detailed maps that use symbols and a key	 Use maps, globes and digital software to locate countries and describe features studied Use symbols and keys (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 Use a range of resources (including digital software) to plot a journey both locally and internationally 		

- Know compass directions North, East, South, West
 Use questionnaires to find out about a locality (eg: what do you like best
 about our village?)
 Know how to plan a journey in the UK using a road map
 Measure and record data using questionnaires, surveys and sketches
 in order to answer question
- Go on the local journey, following the plotted route. Evaluate the
- advantages and disadvantages of plotting a route
- Compare aerial photographs to large-scale maps

Environment					
Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6			
 Understand similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. 	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region with North or South America. Describe how people can both improve and	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region with North or South America			
Express views on features of the environment of a locality Y2	 damage the environment Y4 Understand geographical similarities and 	 Describe how a range of physical and human processes change an environment both positively and negatively (including natural disasters) 			
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 surrounding environment. Express views on attractive and unattractive features of the environment of a locality 	study	Describe and explain ways in which human activities affect the environment and recognise that people attempt to improve environments			