

Geography Skills Progression

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical		Say what they	Find out about	Use correct	Carry out a	Collect	Confidently
Enquiry		like about their	locality by	geographical	survey to	information about	explain scale and
		locality.	using different	words to	discover	a place and use it	use maps with a
		Sort things	sources of	describe a place	features of	in a report.	range of scales.
		they like and	evidence.	and the events	cities and	Map land use and	Chose the best
		don't like.	Find out about	that happen	villages.	identify patterns.	way to collect
		Answer some	locality by	there.	Find the same	Find possible	information
		questions using	asking some	Identify key	place on a globe	answers to their	needed and
		different	relevant	features of a	and in an atlas.	own geographical	decide the most
		resources	questions to	locality by using	Label the same	questions.	appropriate
		(books,	someone else.	a map.	features on an	Make detailed	units of
		internet,	Say what they	Begin to use 4	aerial	sketches and	measure.
		atlases).	like and don't	figure grid	photograph as	plans; improving	Make careful
		Think of a few	like about their	references.	on a map.	their work	measurements
		relevant	locality and	Accurately plot	Plan a journey to	accurately later.	and use the
		questions to	another	NSEW on a map.	a place in	Plan a journey to	data.
		ask about their	locality (e.g	Can use some	England.	a place in another	Use OS maps to
		locality.	seaside).	basic OS map	Accurately	part of the world,	answer
		Answer	Make plausible	symbols.	measure and	taking account of	questions.
		questions about	predictions	Make accurate	collect	distance and	Use maps, aerial
		the weather.	about what the	measurement of	information (e.g.	time.	photographs,
		Keep a weather	weather may	distances within	rainfall,	Work out an	plans and web
		chart.	be like in the	100km.	temperature,	accurate	resources to
		Answer	UK and	Work out how	wind speed,	itinerary detailing	describe what a
		questions using	different parts	long it would	noise levels etc).	a journey to	locality might be
		a weather	of the world.	take to get to a	Use fieldwork to	another part of	like.
		chart.	Recognise	given	observe,	the world.	Begin to use 6
		Make plausible	landmarks and	destination	measure, record		figure grid
		predictions	human and	taking account	and present the		references.
		about what	physical	of the mode of	human and		Define
		they weather	features on an	transport.	physical		geographical

		may be like later in the day or tomorrow.	aerial photograph. Make inferences by looking at a weather chart.		features in the local area (e.g. sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies). Give accurate measurements between 2 given places within the UK.		questions to guide their research. Use a range of self-selected resources to answer questions.
Location Knowledge	Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.	Name and locate local town. Name and locate 3 of the world's seven continents and 2 of the 5 oceans.	Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding areas. Name and locate the world's seven continents and 5 oceans.	Name and locate countries and cities of the UK, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) and landuse patterns: and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (inc the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and other major cities.	Locate the main countries in Europe and North or South America. Locate and name principal cities. Compare 2 different regions in UK rural/urban. Locate and name the main countries and cities in England. Compare land use map of UK from the past with the	On a world map, locate the main countries in Africa, Asia and Australasia/ Oceania. Identify their main environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics and major cities. Map how land use has changed in the local area over time.

Place Knowledge	Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.	Observe and describe the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK and of a small area in a non-European country.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying human and physical geography of a region in the UK.	Identify the position and significance of the Equator, N and S hemisphere, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying human and physical geography of a region in the UK and a region in a European country.	present, focusing on land use. Identify the position and significance of latitude/longitude and the Greenwich Meridian. Time zones. Day and Night. Compare a region in the UK with a region in North or South America with significant similarities and differences. Describe and	Name and locate the key topographical features including coast, features of erosion, hills, mountains and rivers. Understand how these features have changed over time. Compare a region in the UK with a region in North or South America with significant similarities and differences. Describe and
	Understand the effect of	Identify	Identify	Describe and understand key	_	_	
Physical		seasonal/daily weather	seasonal/daily weather	,	understand key	understand key	understand key
Geography	changing			aspects of:	aspects of:	aspects of:	aspects of:
	seasons on the	patterns in the	patterns in the	Physical	Physical	Physical	Physical
		UK and the	UK and the	geography	geography	geography	geography

natural world	location of hot	location of hot	including key	including:	including: coasts,	including:
around them.	and cold areas	and cold areas	topographical	climate zones,	rivers and the	volcanoes and
around mem.	of the world in	of the world in	features (hills,	biomes and	water cycle	earthquakes,
Describe what	relation to the	relation to the	mountains,	vegetation belts.	including	looking at plate
they see, hear	Equator and	Equator and	coasts, rivers)	vegeration beits.	transpiration,	tectonics and
and feel whilst	the North and	the North and	and land	Describe and	climate zones,	the ring of fire.
outside.	South poles.	South poles.	patters; and	understand key	biomes and	The ring of the.
ourside.	Journ poles.	Journ poles.	understand how	aspects of:	vegetation belts.	
Explore the	Use basic	Use basic	some of these	types of	Human geography	Distribution of
natural world	geographical	geographical	aspects have	settlements in	including: trade	natural
around them.	vocabulary to	vocabulary to	changed over	modern Britain:	between UK and	resources
di ouna meni.	refer to	refer to key	time.	villages, towns,	Europe.	focussing on
	physical	physical	Time.	cities.	Lui ope.	energy.
	features of	features		Cities.	Fair/unfair	eriei gy.
	their school	(beach, cliff,			distribution of	
	and its grounds	coast, forest,			resources	
	and the	hill, mountain,			(Fairtrade)	
	surrounding	sea, ocean,			(i dii ii dde)	
	environment.	river, soil,			Types of	
	environment.	valley,			settlements in	
		variey, vegetation,			Vikings, Saxon	
		season,			Britain.	
		weather) and			britain,	
		human features				
		(city, town,				
		village, factory,				
		farm, house,				
		office, port,				
		harbour, shop)				
		of a				
		· ·				
		contrasting				

			non-European				
			country.				
Geographical	Draw	Use maps,	Use world	Use maps,	Use maps,	Use maps,	Use maps,
Skills and	information	atlases and	maps, atlases	atlases, globes	atlases, globes	atlases, globes	atlases, globes
Fieldwork	from a	globes to	and globes to	and	and	and	and
	simple map.	identify	identify the UK	digital/computer	digital/computer	digital/computer	digital/computer
		continents and	and its	mapping to	mapping (Google	mapping mapping	mapping mapping
		oceans studied.	countries.	locate countries	Earth) to locate	(Google Earth) to	(Google Earth)
				and describe	countries and	locate countries	to locate
		Use locational	Use simple	features	describe	and describe	countries and
		and directional	compass	studied.	features	features studied.	describe
		language (e.g.	directions		studied.		features
		near/far,	(N,E,S,W) to	Learn the eight		Use the eight	studied.
		left/right)	describe the	points of a	Learn the eight	points of a	
			location of	compass, 2	points of a	compass, four-	Extend to 6
		Describe the	features and	figure grid	compass, four-	figure grid	figure grid
		location of	routes on a	reference	figure grid	references,	references with
		features and	map.	(maths co-	references.	symbols and key	teaching of
		routes on maps.		ordinates), some		(including the use	latitude and
			Use aerial	basic symbols	Use fieldwork to	of Ordnance	longitude in
		Use	photographs	and key	observe,	Survey maps) to	depth.
		photographs to	and plan	(including the	measure and	build their	Expand map
		recognise	perspectives to	use of a	record the	knowledge of the	skills to include
		landmarks and	recognise	simplified	human and	United Kingdom	non-UK
		basic human	landmarks and	Ordnance	physical	in the past and	countries.
		and physical	basic human an	Survey maps) to	features in the	present.	Use fieldwork to
		features;	physical	build their	local area using		observe,
		devise simple	features:	knowledge of	a range of		measure and
		picture maps.	devise a simple	the United	methods,		record the
			map; and use	Kingdom and the	including sketch		human and
		Use simple	and construct	wider world	maps, plans and		physical
		fieldwork and			graphs, and		features in the

	observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds.	basic symbols in a key. Use fieldwork and observational skills to study the key human and physical features of the schools surrounding areas.	Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods inc sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.	digital technologies.		local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.
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