

Geography Skills Progression

Geography

Nursery	Reception	
I can talk about some of the things I have observed such as plants, animals, Things I have observed such as plants, and the plants of the	I can make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things	
natural and found objects.	occur, and talk about changes.	
I show interest in the lives of people who are familiar to me.	I can talk about the features of my own immediate environment and how	
I show care and concern for living things and the environment.	environments might vary from one another.	
• I can comment and ask questions about aspects of my familiar world such as	I know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects,	
the place where I live or the natural world.	materials and living things.	

Year 1 Geographers	Year 2 Geographers	Year 3 Geographers
Locational knowledge	Locational knowledge	Locational Knowledge
 I can name and locate three of the seven continents of the world I can name and locate two of the five oceans of the world I can name and locate three of the four countries of the United Kingdom I can name two of the four capital cities of the United Kingdom Place Knowledge I have studied an area in the U.K I have studied another country in North America I can compare a few similarities and differences 	 I can name and locate the seven continents of the world I can name and locate the five oceans of the world I can name and locate the four countries of the United Kingdom I can name the four capital cities of the United Kingdom Place Knowledge I have studied an area in the U.K I have studied South America I can compare similarities and differences between the UK and South America 	 I can, with increasing accuracy, locate countries in Australasia and Africa on a map I can, with increasing accuracy, locate cities of the United Kingdom I can identify at least the position of Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Arctic and Antarctic Circle and the Prime/ Greenwich Meridian Place Knowledge I have studied a small area in the U.K and in Australasia/Africa and am able to understand similarities and differences in human geography
 between the two areas above I know how land and buildings are used in these localities Human and Physical Geography I can identify seasonal patterns I can locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and North or South Poles I am beginning to use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to human features I am beginning to use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to physical features 	 I know how land and buildings are used in these localities Human and Physical Geography I can identify seasonal and daily weather patterns I can locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and North and South Poles I know how weather and climatic conditions affect the environment and the lives of people living there I can use a wide range of basic geographical vocabulary to refer to human features 	 I have studied a small area in the U.K and in Australasia/Africa and am able to understand similarities and differences in physical geography Human and Physical Geography I can describe a few aspects of physical geography I can describe a few aspects of human geography I know how particular localities have been affected by human activities



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• I know that people can harm or improve the environment

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- I am beginning to use maps, atlases and globes to identify studied regions more confidently and can use at least one accurately
- I am beginning to devise a simple map of real or imaginary places using pictures and symbols
- I can use simple compass directions with increasing accuracy
- I can recognise landmarks with increased accuracy
- I can express my views on the attractive and unattractive features of an environment
- I am able to communicate my geographical knowledge in a variety of ways.

• I can use a wide range of basic geographical vocabulary to refer to physical features

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- I can use maps, atlases and globes confidently to identify studied regions
- I can use secondary sources to obtain simple geographical information
- I can use simple compass directions confidently
- I can recognise landmarks
- I can devise a simple map with symbols in a key
- I can express my geographical knowledge and understanding in a variety of ways.

• I know about the weather and climatic conditions in the countries that I have studied and how they affect the people living there.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- I can practise using maps, atlases, globes and digital/ computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied and can use at least one confidently
- I am beginning to use four figure grid references and are becoming increasingly accurate with symbols and keys
- I am beginning to use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area practising using: sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies
- I can express views on the features of an environment and the way it is being harmed or improved.
- I am able to communicate my geographical knowledge and understanding to ask and answer questions about geographical features.

KS1 Vocabulary:

<u>Physical features</u> – beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, seas, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season, weather <u>Human features</u> – city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour, shop





Year 4 Geographers	Year 5 Geographers	Year 6 Geographers
Locational knowledge	Locational knowledge	Locational knowledge
• I can confidently locate countries in South America	I can, mostly, locate countries of the world on a	I can confidently locate countries of the world on
on a map	map	a map
 I can locate cities of the United Kingdom and am beginning to identify counties 	 I can, mostly, locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom 	I can confidently locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom
I can identify at least 4 for the position and	• I can identify most for the position and significance	I can identify the position and significance of
significance of latitude, longitude, Equator,	of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern	latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern
Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the	Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of	Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics
Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and	Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle,	of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic
Antarctic Circle, the Prime/ Greenwich Meridian	the Prime/ Greenwich Meridian and time zones	Circle, the Prime/ Greenwich Meridian and time
and time zones	 I can identify aspects of the physical and human 	zones
Place Knowledge	geography that have changed over time	I can confidently identify how aspects of the
I have studied a region of the U.K and a region	Place Knowledge	physical and human geography have changed
within South America and am beginning to identify	I have studied a region of the U.K and a region	over time
similarities and differences between the two in	within Asia and can identify similarities and	Place Knowledge
physical geography	differences between the three in physical	I have studied a region of the U.K, a region in Asia
I have studied a region of the U.K and a region	geography	and a region within Europe and am able to
within South America and am beginning to identify	I have studied a region of the U.K and a region	understand similarities and differences between
similarities and differences between the two in	within Asia and can identify similarities and	the three in physical geography (including
human geography	differences between the three in human	weather and climatic conditions)
Human and Physical Geography	geography	I have studied a region of the U.K, a region in Asia
I can describe an increased range of aspects of	Human and Physical Geography	and a region within Europe and am able to
physical geography	I can describe and understand an increasing variety	understand similarities and differences between
I can describe an increased range of aspects of	of key aspects of physical geography	the three in human geography
human geography	I can describe and understand an increasing variety	Human and Physical Geography
I know how the nature of particular localities affect	of key aspects of human geography	I know that the study of geography is concerned with places and environments in the world
the lives of people	I can compare similarities and differences between	with places and environments in the world around me
I know how particular localities have been affected have bee	particular localities	
by human features, natural features and processes	I know how the features of particular localities	I can describe and understand a wide range of key aspects of physical gasgraphy
I know about the weather and climatic conditions	influence the nature of human activities within	key aspects of physical geography
in the countries that I have studied and how they	them	I can describe and understand a wide range of
affect the environment and the people living there	I know that people affect the environment	key aspects of human geography
Geographical Skills and Fieldwork	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork	



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- I am becoming more confident using two of these three: maps, atlases, globes and digital/ computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- I am beginning to use eight points of a compass, four figure grid references and are becoming more confident with symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey Maps)
- I can use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area practising using: sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies
- I am able to communicate my geographical knowledge and understanding to ask and answer questions about geographical and environmental features.

- I can confidently use two of these three: maps, atlases, globes and digital/ computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- I can use most of the eight points of a compass, four figure grid references confidently and six figures more accurately, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey Maps)
- I can use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using some of these methods: sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies
- I am able to communicate my knowledge and understanding of geography in a variety of ways.

- I can explain how physical and human processes lead to similarities and differences between places
- I know about recent and proposed changes in particular localities
- I know that people affect the environment and why they seek to manage and sustain it

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- I can confidently use maps, atlases, globes and digital/ computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- I can confidently use the eight points of a compass, four and six figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey Maps)
- I can 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
- I can communicate my knowledge and understanding of geography in a variety of ways.

KS2 Vocabulary:

<u>Physical features</u> – Climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, water cycle, latitude, longitude, hemispheres, tropics, prime/Greenwich Meridian

<u>Human features</u> – Types of settlement and land use, economic activity, trade links, distribution of natural resources (energy, food, minerals, water)