

Progression of Geography Skills taught from EYFS to Year 6

Reception EYFS				
Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical	Geographical Skills and	
		Geography	Field Work	
To be able to name places in my day	To ask questions about what it is	To use everyday vocabulary to	To observe closely what is around	
to day life e.g. places that I regularly	like in another country.	name common physical	me and make comments on what I	
visit or are important to my family.		features.	see.	
	To show my knowledge of other			
	countries through role play and art	To show respect of different		
	work.	cultures.		

Year 1			
Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical	Geographical Skills and
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To name and locate the four countries of the UK and their capital cities.

To identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom

To use picture maps to follow a simple route.

To begin to use world maps and globes to identify the 7 continents, countries and oceans.

To compare geographical similarities of different parts of the UK.

To compare food in contrasting countries.

To name some types of weather and describe the weather associated with the four seasons.

To use basic geographical vocab to refer to key physical features including: beach, coast, forest, mountain, sea, river, season: weather.

To ask questions about the weather and seasons.

To observe and record e.g. draw pictures of the weather at different times of the year or keep a record of how many times it rains in a week in the winter and a week in the summer.

To express opinions about the seasons and relate the changes to changes in clothing and activities e.g. winter = coat, summer = t-shirts.

To identify the location of hot and cold areas of the World in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

To use directional language to RIMARY SCHOOL describe a route or give directions (e.g. next to, behind, near, far, left, right)

To use photos to locate a familiar place.

To observe and record information about the local area e.g. how many shops there are near the school?

To take photos of interesting things in the local area and explain what the photos show.

To look at a simple map of the local area and identify the things they know and have seen.

To make a simple map using keys.



Year 2				
Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical	Geographical Skills and	
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To name and locate the 5 Oceans using maps and globes.	To make comparisons between the UK and life in another country.	Recognise and briefly describe the following: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean,	Use the four compass points to say simple directions.	
To name and locate the seas that surround the UK.	To study pictures/videos of two differing localities, make comparisons between life in the UK and life in contrasting counties such	river, soil, valley. To understand that different countries have different climates.	To use locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.	
To name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United	as Arctic/Kenya, and ask geographical questions e.g. What is it like to live in this place? How is	To use basic geographical vocab to refer to key physical features,	To draw own maps, include a key on a map using my own symbols.	
Kingdom and its surrounding seas.	this place different to where I live? How is the weather different? How are	including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley,	To recognise a familiar place from aerial photos.	
	lifestyles different? How does the climate impact lifestyle?	vegetation, season and weather.	To compare two photos and make suggestions for the cause of differences in people from	
	To draw pictures to show how places are different and write	To understand geographical	contrasting countries lifestyles.	
	comparatively to show the difference.	similarities and differences through the study of human	To collect data using observations and record it in a table.	
		and physical geography of places such as London/South East,		

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	Mediterranean Spain and Rio/surrounding areas. To use basic geographical vocab to refer to key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.	HOOK CE.PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year 3				
Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical	Geographical Skills and	
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To use maps to locate the worlds countries, focusing on Europe	To compare both physical and humans features of England and	To locate mountains and volcanoes using maps.	To use the 8 points of a compass.	
(including Russia) to locate cities and landmarks.	another European country. To describe how people can both	To draw diagrams, produce writing and use the correct	To include a key on a map using common OS symbols.	
To locate countries, cities and landmarks using Google Maps and, on a globe, focusing on North and	improve and damage an environment.	vocabulary for mountains and volcanoes.	To ask and respond to questions about places and the environment making comparisons.	
South America.	To use key vocabulary to compare countries and key geographical features.	To ask and answer questions about mountains and volcanoes.	To offer explanations for the location of human and physical	
		Explain how humans use physical geographical features for a variety of purposes.	features in different localities. Follow a journey using computer mapping – Google Maps /	
		Tot a variety of purposes.	Geocaching.	
			To collect data using surveys and present it in a bar chart.	





Year 4			
Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical	Geographical Skills and
		Geography	Field Work
To locate world's countries using	To understand geographical	To describe economic activity	Use maps, atlases, globes and
maps	similarities and differences	within a small area outside of	digital/computer mapping to
with a focus on Europe, North	through the study of human and	the UK and the trade links (and	locate countries and describe
and South America. Exploring	physical geography of a region of	the distribution of natural	features studied.
their	the UK and another European	resources including energy,	
environmental regions, key	country.	food, minerals and water)	To use the eight points of a
physical and human		between that area and the UK.	compass and follow directions to
characteristics, countries, major	To compare and give reasons for	(South America and trade links	the nearest 10 degrees.
cities, vegetation belts, climate	the different lifestyles within a	around the world)	
zones and biomes and compare	country or area of a country.		To use four grid references,
sustainability levels.		To compare different types of	symbols and key (including the
		settlements and land use.	use of Ordinance Survey maps)
To describe their location in		To recognise that our choices	to build knowledge of the UK and
relation to the equator,		impact the lives of other	the wider world.
tropics, hemispheres and the		people.	
poles.			To understand how colours are
			used on a map to show different
			physical zones.

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	To use fieldwork to poser regimary school 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 mapping technologies.



Year 5				
Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical	Geographical Skills and	
		Geography	Field Work	
To locate the world's countries,	To understand geographical	To use appropriate geographical	To use four-figure grid references	
using maps to focus on Europe	similarities and differences	vocabulary to formulate	to build their knowledge of the	
(including the location of Russia),	through the study of human and	questions and informed opinions	United Kingdom and the wider	
North and South America.	physical geography of a region of	about geographical issues.	world.	
Concentrating on their	the United Kingdom, a region in a			
environmental regions, key	European country and a region	To describe and understand key	To explain what data which has	
physical and human	within North or South America.	aspects of physical geography,	either been collected or	
characteristics, countries and		including earthquakes.	researched shows and the	
major cities.	To extend use of vocabulary to		impact of it.	
	describe and interpret	To describe and understand key		
To name and locate counties and	similarities and differences	aspects of human geography,	To record data in a line graph.	
cities of the United Kingdom, key	between a region in the UK and a	including: types of settlement,	To use less common OS symbols	
topographical features (including	European country and a region	land use and economic activity	to show geographical features.	
hills, mountains, coasts and	within North or South America.	including trade links.		
rivers) and land-use patterns.			To use fieldwork to observe,	
		To describe how physical	measure record and present the	
To identify the position and		geographical features are	human and physical features in	
significance of latitude,		formed.	the local area using a range of	
longitude, Equator, Northern			methods, including sketch maps,	
Hemisphere and Southern		To describe and understand the	plans and graphs, and digital	
Hemisphere, the Tropics of		water cycle and how Tsunamis	technologies.	
Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and		are formed.		

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Antarctic Circle, the		HOOK CE.PRIMARY SCHOOL
Prime/Greenwich Meridian and	To describe how humans are	
time zones.	impacted both positively and	
	negatively by physical features.	
	To recognise that humans can	
	have some control over physical	
	features.	

Year 6			
Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical	Geographical skills and
		Geography	Field world
To name and locate countries	To draw conclusions and	To use secondary sources to	To use six-figure grid references
and cities of the United Kingdom,		identify relevant geographical	to build their knowledge of the
geographical regions and their	enquiry when comparing	questions and issues human	United Kingdom and the wider world.
identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical	geographical similarities and differences through the study of	geography, including: types of settlement and land use,	world.
features and understand how	human and physical geography	economic activity including trade	To use fieldwork to observe,
some of these aspects have	of a region of the United	links, and the distribution of	measure, record and present the
changed over time.	Kingdom, a region in a European	natural resources including	human and physical features in
	country and a region within	energy, food, minerals and	the local area using a range of
To understand how time zones	North or South America.	water.	methods (sketch maps, plans and
are shown on a map.			graphs, digital technology).
		To describe and understand key	To communicate on geographical
To introduce use of contours on		aspects of human geography,	issues in ways appropriate to the
a map.		including: types of settlement	task and audience and analyse
		and land use, economic activity	evidence and suggest further
		(including trade links), and the	areas of enquiry.
		distribution of natural resources	
		(including energy, food, minerals and water).	
		To analyse the positive and	
		negative impact of a human	
		change on both a local and global scale.	
		Scale.	