

Whole School

Progression of knowledge and skills

Geography - Exploring the features of the world and the relationships between people and their environments.

Knowledge and skills					
	Location	Place	Human and Physical Geography	Geographical skills and investigation.	
Nursery	Describe and explore the nursery surroundings.	Talk about what they can see, using a wide vocabulary. Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.	Talk about what they can see, using a wide vocabulary Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Use their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park. Understand why questions.	
		see change family	see hear taste feel smell care gentle	why build	
Reception	Locate and describe the school and the school grounds. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in	Talk about members are their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them.	Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. Describe what they can see, hear and feel whilst outside.	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. Draw information from a simple map.	
	explore the natural world around them ELG – Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non- fiction texts and maps.	Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Explore the natural world around them. ELG – Explore the natural world around them, making observations	Recognise some environments are different to the one in which they live. ELG – Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. ELG – Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and	Use and make a picture map of the classroom. Explore the natural world around them ELG – Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.	
	To ask questions about the natural environment To respect and care for the natural environment. Use senses and hands on exploration of	around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. To respect and care for the natural environment.	contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. ELG – Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	To know about the features of the world and Earth	

	natural materials.	Use senses and hands on exploration of natural materials.	To ask questions about the natural environment To know about and recognise the signs of Autumn, Spring, Summer and Winter. To know about the features of the world and Earth To respect and care for the natural environment. Use senses and hands on exploration of natural materials.	
vocabulary	transport lorry bus car trains bridge map same different positional language	family family names shop teacher country	summer winter autumn spring seasons clothing farm house seaside leaves changes cold hot animals outside inside see hear feel	animal playground trees water map roads buildings
Year 1	Identify the 4 countries of the UK and the surrounding seas using world maps and atlases. Name and locate the 4 capital cities of the UK using atlases and maps. Identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK. Identify similarities and differences between small areas in the UK. Identify land and sea on an atlas and map. Understand how some places are linked to other places e.g. roads, trains.	Talk about and find their way around school showing an awareness of where things belong and the people within the school. Name, describe and compare familiar places. Link their homes with other places in their local community. Suggest ideas for improving the school environment.	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. Ask questions about the weather and seasons. Observe and record weather patterns in the UK 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. Express opinions about the seasons and relate the changes to changes in clothing and activities e.g. winter = coat, summer = t-shirts. Describe seasonal weather changes. Show their knowledge, skills and understanding in studies at a local scale. Follow simple directions and draw simple picture maps.	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 e.g. note taking, videoing, data collection, sketches, observations. Observe and record information about the local area e.g. how many shops there are near the school, how many bus stops are there close to the school. Take photos of interesting things in the local area and explain what the photos show. On a walk in the local area, children to pick things up e.g. a stick, stone, leaf etc and use them to create memory maps to show the journey. Study aerial photographs of the school and label it with key features e.g. school, church, park, shops. Look at a simple map of the local area and identify the things they know and have seen.

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			Suggest own symbols for real or imaginary images.	Use aerial photographs to recognise geographical features.
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			Use resources that are given to them, and their	The special section of the section o
			own observations, to ask and respond to questions	Draw journeys the children go on. Journey to school. Journey to Grandmas
			about places and environments.	etc
			Compare and contrast e.g. a farm with the seaside.	Draw around objects to make a plan.
				Make simple maps and plans e.g. pictorial place in a story.
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				Add labels onto a sketch map, map or photograph of features.
				Use photographs and maps to identify features.
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				Create an aerial map of the school/local area as a class by using different
				sized blocks.
				Fieldwork in the local area/close proximity to the school e.g. the road, park,
				river, shops.
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				Ask simple geographical questions e.g. What is it like to live in this place?
				Heavy and many to identify the LIV is its position in the world
				Use world maps to identify the UK in its position in the world. Use maps to locate the four countries and capital cities of UK and its
				surrounding seas.
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				Use simple locational and directional language e.g. near and far and use
				simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) to describe the
	Country	belonging	weather	location, features and routes of a map. near
Vocabulary	United Kingdom	improve	pattern	far
,	Scotland	care	wind	town
	Northern Ireland	changes	snow	building
	England		rain	aerial
	Wales		hail	coastal
	Capital City Sea		fog	rural
	Island		wet dry	city town
	North Sea		hot	village
	Irish Sea		cold	factory
	English Channel		summer	office
	Belfast		winter	shop
	London		autumn	harbour
	Edinburgh		spring	North
	Cardiff		seasons	South
	atlas map			East West
	map			West
Year 2	Identify the World's 7 continents and 5	Compare England with a contrasting	Name key human and physical features.	Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its
	oceans using world maps, atlases and	Country in the world.		countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans.
	globes.		Say where in the world the weather is cold	E-II-
	Know the currounding cost of the	Compare a local City/town in England	discussing in relation to the equator. And	Follow a route on a map.
	Know the surrounding seas of the United Kingdom	with a contrasting city in a different country.	North/South poles.	Follow directions Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping

		Identify the location of hot and cold areas in the	(Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied.
Locate and name the continents on a	Use NF books, stories, maps,	world in relation to the Equator and the North and	
paper Map.	pictures/photos and internet as	South Poles	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to
	sources of information.		locate countries and describe features studied.
Locate and label the five oceans.		Verbalise and write about similarities and	Learn the four points of a compass to build their knowledge of the United
	Understand that a world map shows	differences between the features of the two	Kingdom and where Stoke-on-Trent is in relation to the rest of the British
Study pictures/videos of a locality and	all the countries in the world. Identify	localities.	Isles.
ask geographical questions e.g. What is	the UK and the countries where		
it like to live in this place? How is this	members of the class come from.		Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational
place different to where I live?			to describe the location of features and routes on a map.
	Understand geographical similarities		
Express own views about a place,	and differences through studying the		Locate and name on a world map and globe the seven continents and five
people and environment.	human and physical geography of a		oceans.
	small area of the United Kingdom,		
Draw and label pictures to show how	and of a small area in a contrasting		Locate on a globe and world map the hot and cold areas of the world
places are different.	non-European country.		including the Equator and the North and South Poles
			Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical
			features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps,
			plans and graphs, and digital technologies.
			Draw or make a map of real or imaginary places (e.g. add detail to a sketch
			map from aerial photograph)
			Use and construct basic symbols in a key. Draw maps using class agreed
			symbols and keys.
Ocean	contrast	equator	North
globe	similarities	North Pole	South
continent	differences	South Pole	East
World map	compare	human features – city, town, port, factory, village	West
Africa		physical features - cliff, coast, mountain, ocean,	symbols
Antarctica		soil, valley	key
Asia			map
Australia			compass
Europe			locate
North America			
South America			
Pacific			
Atlantic			
Indian			
Artic			
Southern			