

Geography progression of knowledge and skills

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Locational	Children know	Name and	Name, locate	Name and	Know the	Name and	On a world map,
knowledge	about	locate local	and identify	locate countries	difference	locate many of	locate the main
	similarities	towns and	the capital	and cities of	between the	the world's	countries of Africa.
	and	cities.	cities in the	the UK.	British Isles,	major rivers on	
	differences in		United		Great Britain	maps.	Name the largest
	relation to	Identify the	Kingdom and	Name a	and the UK.		desert in the world.
	places.	four countries	its surrounding	number of		Name and	
		making up the	seas.	countries in the	Locate and name	locate many of	Identify and name
		United		Northern	the main	the world's most	the Tropics of
		Kingdom.	Name and	Hemisphere.	counties in	famous	Cancer and
			locate the		England.	mountain	Capricorn as well
		Identify where	world's seven	Locate and		regions on	as the Arctic and
		the equator,	continents and	name some of	Name up to six	maps.	Antarctic circles.
		north-pole and	five oceans.	the world's	cities in the UK		
		south-pole are		most famous	and locate them	Locate the USA	Identify the
		on a globe or	Find where	volcanoes and	on a map.	and Canada on	position and
		atlas.	they live on a	earthquakes.		a world map	significance of
			map of the		Locate and name	and atlas.	latitude/longitude
			UK.	Describe the	some of the		and the Greenwich
				weather in	main islands that	Know the	meridian.
				different parts	surround the UK.	countries that	
				of the world,		make up the	Name the areas of
				particularly	Locate and name	European Union	origin of the main
				Europe.	the main	(including the	ethnic groups in
					countries in	location of	the UK.
					South America.	Russia).	Explain how time
					Concentrate on		zones work.



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Place	Children know	Observe and	Understand	Understand	their environmental regions, major cities and key physical and human characteristics. Compare a	Locate the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.	Understand
knowledge	similarities and differences between and among communities and traditions.	describe the human and physical geography of a small, local area of the United Kingdom.	geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK, and a small area in a non-European country.	geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a region of the UK.	region in the UK with a region in South America with significant similarities and differences.	geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a region in the UK and region in a European country.	geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a country in the Middle East (Early Islamic Empire)
Human geography		Explain why they wear different clothes at different times of the year.	Describe some human features of their own locality, such as the jobs	Describe how volcanoes have an impact on people's lives.	Explain why people are attracted to live in cities. Explain why	Explain why people are attracted to live by rivers. Explain how a	Describe the human features of different places around the world. Map land use with
		, ,	people do.		people might	location fits into	their own criteria.



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	Explain what		Describe	choose to live in	its wider	
	they might	Explain how	human features	a village rather	geographical	Describe how some
	wear if they	the jobs	in a locality.	than a city.	location with	places are similar
	lived in a very	people do may			reference to	and how others are
	cold or very	be different in	Explain why a	Explain how a	human and	different in relation
	hot place.	different parts	locality has	location has	economical	to their human
		of the world.	certain human	changed over	features.	features.
	Tell something		features.	time with		
	about the	Describe how		reference to	Explain what a	Find different views
	people that	people might	Explain why a	human features.	place might be	on an
	live in hot and	spoil the area.	place is like it	•	like in the	environmental issue
	cold places.		is.	Find different	future, taking	(climate change).
	·	Describe how		views on an	account of	· ·
		an area can	Explain how	environmental	issues impacting	Give their own
		be improved.	the lives of	issue	on human	views on an
		·	people living in	(deforestation).	features.	environmental issue
		Explain what	Japan would			(climate change).
		facilities a	be different	Give their own		
		town or	from their own.	views on an		
		village might		environmental		
		need.		issue		
				(deforestation).		
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				Suggest different		
				ways a locality		
				could be		
				changed and		
				improved.		
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Physical	Talk about the	Tell someone	Describe	Describe how	Describe the	Explain why	Describe the
geography	features of	their address.	physical	volcanoes are	main features of	main cities of	physical features of
	their own		features of	created.	a well-known	the world are	difference places
	immediate	Explain the	their own		city.	situated by	around the world.
	environment	main features	locality.	Describe how		rivers.	
	and how	of a hot and		earthquakes	Describe the		Describe how some
	environments	cold place.	Explain what	are created.	main features of	Explain how a	places are similar
	may vary from		makes a		a village.	location fits into	and how others are
	one another.	Describe a	locality	Describe		its wider	different in relation
		locality using	special.	physical	Describe the	geographical	to their physical
		words and		features in a	main physical	location; with a	features.
		pictures.	Describe some	locality.	differences	reference to	
			places which	_	between cities	physical	
		Identify daily	are not near	Locate an	and villages.	features.	
		weather	the school.	Asian country			
		patterns in the		and explain		Explain how the	
		UK.	Describe a	why it is a		water cycle	
			place outside	popular		works.	
		Explain how	of Europe	holiday			
		the weather	using	destination.		Explain why	
		changes with	geographical			water is such a	
		each season.	vocabulary.			valuable	
						commodity.	
		Name key	Describe some				
		features	of the features				
		associated	associated				
		with a town or	with an island.				
		village e.g.					
		church, farm,	Describe the				
		shop, house.	key features of				



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			a place using				
			words like				
			beach, coast,				
			forest, hill,				
			mountain and				
			valley.				
Geographical	Can describe	Use maps,	Use world	Use contents	Use maps,	Use maps,	Use maps, atlases,
skills and	their relative	atlases and	maps, atlases	and indexes to	atlases, globes	atlases, globes	globes and digital/
fieldwork	position e.g	globes to	and globes to	use maps and	and digital/	and digital/	computer mapping
	behind, next	identify their	identify the	atlases	computer	computer	(Google Earth) to
	to	locality and	United	appropriately.	mapping (Google	mapping	locate countries
		other key	Kingdom and		Earth) to locate	(Google Earth)	and describe
		features eq	its countries.	Use digital/	countries and	to locate	features studied.
		land and sea.		computer	describe features	countries and	,
			Use simple	mapping	studied.	describe features	Use the eight
		Use locational	compass	(Google Earth)		studied.	points of a
		and	directions	to locate	Use the eight		compass, six figure
		directional	(N,E,S,W) to	countries and	points of a	Use the eight	grid references,
		language eg	describe the	describe	compass, four	points of a	symbols and key
		near and far,	location of	features	figure grid	compass,	(including the use
		left and right.	features and	studied.	references,	symbols and key	of Ordnance
			routes on a		symbols and key	(including the	Survey maps) to
		Describe the	map.	Use the eight	(including the	use of Ordnance	build their
		location of	,	points of a	use of Ordnance	Survey maps) to	knowledge of the
		features and	Use aerial	compass and	Survey maps) to	build their	UK and wider
		routes on	photographs	four figure grid	build their	knowledge of	world in the past
		maps.	and plan	references,	knowledge of the	the UK and	and in the present.
			perspectives to	symbols and	UK and wider	wider world.	
		Use	recognise	key to build	world.	Use fieldwork to	Recognise key
		photographs	landmarks and	their		observe,	symbols used on an



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t	to recognise	basic human	knowledge of	Use fieldwork to	measure and	ordnance survey
l l	landmarks and	and physical	the UK and	observe, measure	record the	map.
l l	basic human	features.	wider world.	and record the	human and	
	and physical			human and	physical features	Use fieldwork to
l f	features.	Devise a	Use fieldwork	physical features	in the local area	observe, measure
		simple map	to observe,	in the local area	using a range of	and record the
]	Devise simple	and use and	measure and	using a range of	methods,	human and
F	picture maps.	construct basic	record the	methods,	including sketch	physical features in
		symbols in a	human and	including sketch	maps, plans and	the local area using
Į.	Use simple	key.	physical	maps, plans and	graphs, and	a range of
	fieldwork and	J	features in the	digital	digital	methods, including
	observational	Use fieldwork	local area	technologies.	technologies.	sketch maps, plans
	skills to study	and	using a range	J	J	and graphs, and
l t	the geography	observational	of methods,			digital
	of their school	skills to study	including			technologies.
	and its	the key human	sketch maps.			3
	grounds.	and physical	,			
	5	features of the				
		schools				
		surrounding				
		areas.				



Our school progression

Year	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Year	Autumn 1 Incredible Me Signs of autumn Looking at where I live My journey to school Talking about the lives of people who are important to them. Caring for our	Autumn 2 Percy the Park Keeper Take notice of everything around them including places and all the things within them such as trees in the natural environment	Spring 1 Transport and travel Maps of the local environment and around the world Learning that we are all different but that we are all important Similarities and differences	Spring 2 Down on the farm Signs of spring Observing plants growth and decay Map of farm trip Journey sticks Observations of animals and plants and explain why things occur	Summer 1 Once upon a time • Stories and environments	Summer 2 Rumble in the jungle • Caring for our environment in our locality — recycling • Recognise environments that are different from where we live • Small world map of zoo • Animal world/map
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	Changing seasonsEnglish wildlife	that's what makes us unique • Journeys to school	
Year 1	 Local community Look at a range of maps. Recognise local places from photographs. Use photographs to follow a map. Simple fieldwork throughout — compass directions and use when exploring locally. Make their own map to a place in the local village. Key landmarks and different features in local community. 	 Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. Recognise different weather symbols. Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world – locate on world map. Recognise and understand the where the equator and North and South Poles are. 	 Beaches and Oceans/ UK and landmarks Understand the UK is made up of 4 countries. Locate the UK on a world map and globe. Locate Norton/Gloucester on a map of England. Describe the capital cities of each country and some of their landmarks. Explain some physical and human features of each country. Key vocab: labelling key places such as harbour etc. Understand that beaches are on the coast and locate different beaches around the UK e.g. Weston Super Mare, Cleevedon, Chepstow.



			Treat and
			Begin to understand oceans.
Year 2	Comparing localities — UK and Peru Children should have some prior understanding of the UK (countries and capital cities) from Year 1. • Similarities and differences between Norton/London and Peru. • Find where they live on map of UK. • Find UK and Peru on map of world. • Physical features of home town. • Explain what makes their town special. • Describe physical features of local place using words such as; forest, hill, mountain, valley — compare these with the distant place (Peru).	Discreet geography: Castles • Location of castles	 Begin to understand oceans. Katy Morag, Isle of Coll Locate Isle of Coll on map of UK — which country is it in? (Scotland). Describe some physical features of an island, such as; beach coast, cliff, sea and ocean. Describe some human features of an island, such as; town, village, farm, house, harbour and shop. Explain what makes the seaside special. Explain what facilities a town or village might need. Discuss some similarities and differences with living on the Isle of Coll with Norton. Identify 7 continents and 5 oceans.
	Describe human features of local place using words such as; jobs people do, famous		
	buildings — compare with distant place (Peru).		
Year 3	Discreet geography: Prehistoric Britain • Location of Stonehenge	JapanUse maps and atlases to locate	Discreet geography: Ancient Greece • Location of Greece



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	• Life in prehistoric Britain	 Japan on a world map. Explore the key human and physical characteristics of Japan. 	Continent knowledge, Europe
		Discuss some key physical features — earthquakes, volcanoes — and explore the human impact these have. Case Study of Japan earthquake and volcano.	
		 Explain how earthquakes and volcanoes happen and why they are common in Japan – tectonic plates. 	
		 Explore the human features of Japan, such as; food, language, population and culture – compare this with our culture. 	
		 Explore some large cities, such as Tokyo. 	
Year 4	 Discreet geography: Ancient Egypt Location of Egypt on map of world Uses of the River Nile 	South America, rainforests O Use maps and atlases to locate South America on world map. O Use maps and atlases to locate Amazon Rainforest within South America — which countries the rainforest covers.	Discreet geography: Ancient Romans



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		 Use maps to locate the worlds rainforests — where are they found and why? Discuss language — equator, tropics. 	
		 Explore the physical features of a rainforest – layers, plants, climate. 	
		 Explore the human features of a rainforest – indigenous people. 	
		 Explain deforestation and discuss the positive and negative impacts this has on the rainforest and humans. 	
		 Describe how rainforests have an impact on people's lives. 	
Year 5	Explore OS maps Create own map of local area Walk around local area using maps and compasses 4 figure grid references on OS maps	 Discreet geography: World War Two Locate on a world map the countries involved in the war Describe the allies and axis, using locational knowledge 	 Switzerland and Gloucester Locate Bern on map of Switzerland and London on map of UK. Use maps and atlases to locate Switzerland and UK on maps — compare locations. Explore human features of both cities and compare — museums, cathedrals. Explore physical features of both cities and compare — river, valley. Explain the culture of both cities —
			does Bern have a similar culture and way of life to London?



			Mountain and river formationsWater cycle
Year 6	Discreet geography: Early Islamic Empire • Locate Baghdad on a world map or atlas. • Describe local life in Baghdad	 Use maps and atlases to locate the world's mountain ranges, volcanoes and earthquakes. Explain how the world's physical features — earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes - are formed with tectonic plates — and why certain areas in the world are more affected by these features — plate boundaries. Explain how coasts and coastal features are formed. Explain how rivers are formed, with use of the water cycle. Use maps and atlases to locate the world's biomes and climate zones. Explore and explain the impact these physical formations have on humans — and vice versa — how humans have an impact on the physical geography of the world. 	 Discreet geography: Viking and Saxon Locate the routes the Vikings and Saxons took on a map of Europe. Describe life of Vikings and Saxons and discuss how they differ.