Geography Curriculum

Year group	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 6	Study and compare places: region in the UK,	Physical processes: earthquakes,	Orienteering: map and fieldwork skills
	Europe and North America.	mountains and volcanoes	Geographical skills and fieldwork
	Pupils should learn about places	Pupils should be taught to:	Use maps, atlases, globes and
	Understand geographical similarities and	Human and physical geography	digital/computer mapping to locate
	differences through the study of human and	describe and understand key aspects of:	countries and describe features studied
	physical geography of a region of the United	physical geography, including: climate	Use the eight points of a compass (including
	Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a	zones, biomes and vegetation belts,	the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build
	region within North or South America.	rivers, mountains, volcanoes and	their knowledge of the United Kingdom and
	This study focuses on the Lake District, Tatra	earthquakes, and the water cycle	the wider world
	mountains in Poland and North America –		
	Caribbean.	Geographical skills and fieldwork	
		use maps, atlases, globes and	
		digital/computer mapping to locate	
		countries and describe features studied	
		use the eight points of a compass, four and	
		six-figure grid references, symbols and key	
		(including the use of Ordnance Survey	
		maps) to build their knowledge of the	
		United Kingdom and the wider world	
		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.	
Year 5	Study the location of countries of the world,	Map skills – Four and Six Figure Grid	Ordnance Survey (OS) map skills and
	including biomes and environmental regions	References	fieldwork
	Pupils should be taught to: Locational knowledge locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities Human and physical geography describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle Geographical skills and fieldwork use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied use the eight points of a compass, four and six- figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their	Pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. They should develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge. Pupils should be taught to: Locational knowledge identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)	Geographical skills and fieldwork use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied use the eight points of a compass (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world

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	knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider	Geographical skills and fieldwork	
	world	use maps, atlases, globes and	
	use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and	digital/computer mapping to locate	
	present the human and physical features in the	countries and describe features studied	
	local area using a range of methods, including	use the eight points of a compass, four and	
	sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital	six-figure grid references, symbols and key	
	technologies.	(including the use of Ordnance Survey	
		maps) to build their knowledge of the	
		United Kingdom and the wider world	
		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.	
Year 4	Latitude and Longitude	Rivers and the water cycle	Environmental regions of Europe, Russia,
	Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:	North and South America
	Locational knowledge	Physical geography	Landon al la contacta
	identify the position and significance of latitude,	describe and understand key aspects of:	Locational knowledge
	longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern	physical geography, including: rivers and	locate the world's countries, using maps to
	Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn,	the water cycle	focus on Europe (including the location of
	Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich		Russia) and North and South America,
	Meridian and time zones (including day and night)		concentrating on their environmental regions,
	Geographical skills and fieldwork		key physical and human characteristics,
			countries, and major cities
			Geographical skills and fieldwork

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Year 3

KS2 Fieldwork and Map Skills

Human and physical geography – describe and understand key aspects of:

physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical skills and fieldwork

Counties and regions of the United Kingdom

Pupils should be taught to:

Locational knowledge

name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time

Ordnance Survey Map skills and Fieldwork

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Year 2 Human and physical geography in the local area

Pupil should be taught to:

use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage

use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to

Study of the human and physical geography of a small area of United Kingdom, and of a contrasting non-European country.

Pupils should be taught to:

Place knowledge

understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country

Fieldwork and map skills.

Pupils should be taught to:

use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

	describe the location of features and routes on a		use world maps, atlases and globes to identify
	map		the United Kingdom and its countries, as well
	use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to		as the countries, continents and oceans
	recognise landmarks and basic human and physical		studied at this key stage
	features; devise a simple map; and use and		use simple compass directions (North, South,
	construct basic symbols in a key		East and West) and locational and directional
	use simple fieldwork and observational skills to		language [for example, near and far; left and
	study the geography of their school and its grounds		right], to describe the location of features and
	and the key human and physical features of its		routes on a map
	surrounding environment		use aerial photographs and plan perspectives
			to recognise landmarks and basic human and
	Yanomami- Study human and physical geography		physical features; devise a simple map; and
	of a small area of United Kingdom, and of a contrasting non-European country.		use and construct basic symbols in a key
	contrasting non-zaropean country.		use simple fieldwork and observational skills to
	Place knowledge		study the geography of their school and its
	understand geographical similarities and		grounds and the key human and physical
	differences through studying the human and		features of its surrounding environment.
	physical geography of a small area of the United		
	Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-		
	European country		
Year 1	Mapping and Fieldwork skills	Continents and oceans / countries and	Hot and cold locations
	Study imaginary and real maps. Take part in simple	capital cities of the United Kingdom	
	fieldwork.		Human and physical geography
	Use inspiring books, such as We're Going on a Bear	Pupils should be taught about:	Pupils should be taught to:

Hunt and The Storm Whale, to define the purpose of maps and then apply those skills to real situations in familiar settings.

Pupils should be taught to:
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.

Locational knowledge

name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas

identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles

Building on learning from the early learning goals from some of People, Culture and Communities:

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps;
- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and when appropriate maps.

Building on learning from the early learning goals from some of The Natural World:

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations;
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;