

Geography Curriculum Overview

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Y1	Where we live • read a simple map • I go to Conway school • my school is in Sparkbrook • Sparkbrook is in Birmingham • Intro to physical & human features • FIELDWORK – visit Birmingham	The UK • countries & flags of UK • capital cities of UK • seas surrounding UK • identify human & physical features	Hot and Cold Places • 7 continents • equator • compass directions (NSEW) • compare hot and cold places
Y2	Weather • 5 oceans • identify different types of weather • seasons caused by the tilt of the earth • climate vs weather • FIELDWORK – measure rainfall	Habitats • locate hot/cold habitats in relation to equator • explore and compare different habitats: rainforest / desert / polar / ocean	The Seaside • identify coastline on map of UK • categorise seaside features as human/physical • coastal weather and staying water safe • dangers of plastic pollution at the seaside • FIELDWORK – visit Weston-Super-Mare
Y3	Tourism in the UK • name and locate counties of UK • name and locate cities of UK • land-use patterns • FIELDWORK - traffic survey	Europe • use map index and grid reference • begin to read map symbols • northern hemisphere • use 8 points of a compass • regional comparison of human & physical features of Europe & UK • introduction to climate zones	Mountains • features of a mountain • intro to tectonic plates • how mountains are formed • major mountain ranges • mountain biomes

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Y4	Natural Disasters - tectonic plates - volcanoes - earthquakes - School to School learning: Bali	The Water Cycle LINK to SCIENCE: States of Matter - evaporation - transpiration - condensation - precipitation - impact of climate change	Rivers - location of world's major rivers 4-figure grid references - how rivers are formed - importance of rivers to settlements, land use and economic activity FIELDWORK – local river study
Y5	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork 8-point compass directions - Six-figure grid references - OS maps - Observe, measure, record and present human and physical features of a local area	Sustainable World - human geography: - distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water - carbon footprint - renewable energy - food waste - biodiversity	The Amazon - trade links / natural resources / land use - Tropics of Cancer/Capricorn - time zones - South America - longitude / latitude
Y6	Migration LINK to READING: Boy at the Back of the Class - time zones - Reasons for migration - Impact of migration - Cultural Diversity	The Galapagos - Comparison: UK v South America Northern / Southern Hemisphere - Tropic of Cancer/Capricorn - Longitude/Latitude	