

# Flowery Field Primary School - Geography

# **Threshold Concepts Progression**

#### **EYFS Curriculum**

#### **Understanding the world:**

Guide children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. Listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains.

#### Nursery -

Talk about what they see using a wide vocabulary.

Show interest in different occupations.

Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.

### Reception -

Talk about members of their immediate family and community.

Draw information from a simple map.

Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

Explore the natural world around them.

Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.

Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.

Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

## **Level Expected at the end of EYFS**

## **People Culture and Communities Early Learning Goal**

# Children at expected level of development will:

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.

#### **The Natural World Early Learning Goal**

#### Children at expected level of development will:

Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

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.

Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

#### **Key Stage 1 National Curriculum**

Pupils should be taught to:

#### **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

### 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

### Human and physical geography

- 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
- 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

# Geographical skills and fieldwork



- 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 describe the location of features and routes on a map
- use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key
- 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.

### **Key Stage 2 National Curriculum**

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
- 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
- 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)

### Place knowledge

• understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America

# 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
- 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.

#### Intent

We offer a high-quality geography education that inspires in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

Currently the school is embarking on a new structure for the foundation subjects and this includes geography. The intention of this plan is to ensure that all staff within Flowery Field know how the skills and concepts build upon each other and help the teachers ensure they have progressively covered the skills and concepts required in the National Curriculum. The plan aims to develop geographical skills and concepts which are transferable to the areas being studied and will equip children for future learning. These key skills and concepts, which are revisited throughout different units, are: Place, People and Geographical Skills.

### **Implementation**

Our geography teaching equips pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world helps them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the frameworks and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

Children study one area of the Geography curriculum in depth (yearly), this builds on children's prior learning to develop their understanding of key geographical skills and concepts: People, Place and Skills.

#### **Impact**

The Humanities team, which comprises a member from each phase, will monitor the study of Geography (as part of the school's monitoring cycle) using a range of strategies. Book scrutiny will take place after the completion of the geography unit. The team will look for evidence in the books and cross-reference them with the objectives for the year group. These are then matched to ensure complete coverage.

People People								
Early Years	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6		
See Understanding the world area of learning	KS1 Geography Nation	nal Curriculum	KS2 Geography National Cu	ırriculum	KS2 Geography National Cu	rriculum		



above for Nursery and Reception.	Pupils develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places. They should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. Children begin to understand basic vocabulary relating to human and physical geography.		Children locate a range of the world's most significant human and physical features.  Explain the impact of humans on the earth in terms of land use, settlements and their direct connection to physical changes		Children will locate a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. Explain how physical features have formed, why they are significant and how they can change.  Children can understand how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time.  Children will deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments.	
Children can:  Refer to key human features including country, town, farm, house, building, shop, school;	Children can:  Refer to key human features including, country, town, village, farm, house, port, harbour and shop;	Refer to key human features, including continent, country, county, city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.	Children can:  Explore similarities and differences, comparing the human geography of a region of the UK and a region of Tectonic activity;  Understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement, land use and environmental issues associated with Volcanoes around the world; Use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding: pollution, settlement, settler, site, need, shelter, food.	Children can:  Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human geography of a region of the United Kingdom and Europe;  Understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement, land use, energy, pollution;  Use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding: evaporation, condensation, precipitation, cooling,	Children can:  Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human geography of a region of the United Kingdom and South America;  Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity, distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water;  Use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding: environmental disaster, resources, services,	Children can:  Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human geography of a region of the United Kingdom and North America;  Describe and understand key aspects of 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;  Use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding: environmental disaster,



		filter, pollution,	goods, import, export,	settlement, resources,
		settlement, settler,	trade, efficiency,	services, goods,
		site, need, shelter,	conservation, carbon	electricity, supply,
		food.	footprint, positive,	generation, renewable,
			negative, economic,	non-renewable, solar
			social, environmental.	power, wind power,
				efficiency, conservation,
				carbon footprint ,
				tourism, positive,
				negative, economic,
				social, environmental.



			Place			
Early Years	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
See Understanding the world area of learning above for Nursery and Reception.	KS1 Geography Nation Pupils develop context location of globally sig should develop knowle world, the United King locality.  Children begin to unde vocabulary relating to geography.  Children will understat human geographical for They identify seasonal patterns.	onal Curriculum tual knowledge of the nificant places. They edge about the gdom and their erstand basic human and physical and key physical and eatures of the world.	KS2 Geography National C Pupils should extend their k understanding beyond the I United Kingdom and Europe America.  Children can develop contex location of globally significa terrestrial and marine.  Children develop their unde and identifying key physical geographical features.  Children can understand ge- and differences through the physical geography of a regi Kingdom, a region in a Euro region within North or Sout  Children locate a range of th significant human and physi how physical features have significant and how they can	nowledge and ocal area to include the e., North and South extual knowledge of the nt places – both erstanding, recognising and human ographical similarities e study of human and ion of the United pean country and a h America ne world's most ical features. Explain formed, why they are	RS2 Geography National Pupils should extend the understanding beyond the United Kingdom and Euro America. They will begin tourism and its impact. Contextual knowledge of significant places — both and identifying key physifeatures of the world; ho and how they bring about over time.  Children can understand differences through the segography of a region of region within North or Scotlidren will locate a ranging significant human and physical features have for and how they can change Children can understand interdependent and how variation and change over their understanding of the	ir knowledge and he local area to include the ope, North and South to explore the concept of children can develop the location of globally terrestrial and marine.  Inderstanding of recognising cal and human geographical withese are interdependent it spatial variation and change geographical similarities and study of human and physical the United Kingdom and a bouth America.  Inderstanding of recognising cal and human geographical similarities and study of human and physical the United Kingdom and a bouth America.  Independent of the world's most invisical features. Explain how remed, why they are significant termed, why they are significant termed. The children will deepen the interaction between interaction between intersection between intersection in the south and the formation in the south and the formation in the south and south a
Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	Children can:



Name and locate the UK;

Compare their hometown to a contrasting location and identify some similarity and differences; Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas;

Compare a local city/town in the UK with a contrasting city/town in a different country;

Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of a hot area of the world (India) in relation to the Equator.

Use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding: United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, town, city, village, sea, beach, harbour, port, hill, mountain, London, Belfast, Cardiff,

Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans;

Compare the UK with a contrasting country in the world;

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;

Use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding: world map, continent, ocean, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australasia, North America, South America, Antarctica, capital city, compare, similarities,

Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Volcanic regions, concentrating on key physical characteristics: topographical features – hills, mountains, coasts & rivers;

Identify the position and significance of plus associated vocabulary: latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, volcanoes, earthquakes, epicentre, magnitude, shockwave, tsunami, mantle, outer core, earth's crust, dormant, extinct, active;

Explain how physical features have formed, why they are significant and how they can change. Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of physical geography of a region of tectonic activity;

Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, identifying physical characteristics including hills, mountains, rivers and seas, and how a place has changed;

Identify the position and significance of plus associated vocabulary: latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones;

Explore similarities and differences comparing the physical geography of a region of the UK and a region of Europe

Use maps to locate the world's countries with a focus on South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities;

Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere and use longitude and latitude to find locations on a map;

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and South America;

Understand physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes;

Use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding: atlas, index, coordinates, latitude, longitude, Use maps to locate the world's countries with a focus on North America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities;

Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere and use longitude and latitude to find locations on a map;

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and North America;

Understand physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, mountains and the water cycle;

Use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge



Edinburgh, capital	differences,		contour, altitude, peaks,	and understanding: atlas,
city, India, same,	population;		slopes, continent,	index, coordinates,
different, Asia,			country, city, South	latitude, longitude,
weather;			America, border, key,	contour, altitude, peaks,
			climate, physical features,	slopes, continent,
			land use, natural	country, city, North
			resources.	America, border, key,
				climate, physical features,
				land use, natural
				resources.



Geographical skills							
Early Years	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
See Understanding the	KS1 Geography Nation	nal Curriculum	KS2 Geography National Curriculum KS2 Geography National Curric			urriculum	
world area of learning	Children can interpret geographical		Children collect, analyse an	d communicate a range	Children will become confid	dent in collecting, analysing,	
above for Nursery and	information from a rar		of data gathered through fieldwork that deepens		and communicating a range of data. Children can		
Reception.	can communicate geo	•	their understanding of geog	•	explain how the Earth's features at different scales are		
·	in a variety of ways.		They interpret a range of so		shaped, interconnected and	d change over time	
			information including maps			_	
			aerial photographs and Geo				
			Systems (GIS).				
Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	Children can:	
Use a map and globe	Use world maps and	Use world maps,	Use maps, atlases, globes	Use maps, atlases,	Use maps, atlases, globes	Use maps, atlases, globes	
to identify where the	globes to identify	atlases and globes	and digital/computer	globes and	and digital/computer	and digital/computer	
UK is located;	two countries: UK	to identify the	mapping to locate	digital/computer	mapping to locate	mapping to locate	
	and India;	countries,	countries/continents and	mapping to locate	countries/continents and	countries/continents and	
Use a simple map;		continents and	describe features studied;	countries and	describe features;	describe features;	
	Devise a simple	oceans studied at		describe features			
Use simple directional	map;	this key stage;	Use symbols and keys	studied;	Use the eight points of a		
vocabulary: left, right,			(including the use of		compass, four figure grid	Use the eight points of a	
up, down.	Use simple compass	Use simple	Ordnance Survey maps),	Use symbols and keys	references, symbols and	compass, six-figure grid	
Use simple fieldwork	directions: North,	compass directions	to build their knowledge	(including the use of	key (including the use of	references, symbols and	
and observational	South, East, West.	and locational and	of the wider world;	Ordnance Survey	Ordnance Survey maps)	key (including the use of	
skills to study the	Use simple fieldwork	directional to		maps), to build their	to build their knowledge	Ordnance Survey maps)	
geography of the	and observational	describe the	Use key vocabulary to	knowledge of the	of South America;	to build their knowledge	
surrounding area,	skills to study the	location of features	demonstrate knowledge	United Kingdom and		of North America	
including key human	geography of the	and routes on a	and understanding: map,	the wider world;	Use fieldwork to observe,		
and physical features	area being studied,	map;	aerial view, feature, key,		measure, record and	Use lines of latitude and	
through observation,	including key human		symbol, land use, urban,	Use fieldwork to	present human features	longitude to understand	
discussion and	and physical	Devise a simple	rural, population,	observe and present	using a range of methods,	time zones around the	
questioning;	features, using a	map; and use and	coordinates;	the human and	including sketch maps,	world;	
	range of methods	construct basic		physical features in	plans and graphs, and		
Use key vocabulary to	such as drawing,	symbols in a key;		the local area using	digital technologies;	Use key vocabulary to	
demonstrate	collecting data.			sketch maps, plans		demonstrate knowledge	



knowledge and		Use key vocabulary	and digital	Use key vocabulary to	and understanding: atlas,
understanding: near,	Use key vocabulary	to demonstrate	technologies;	demonstrate knowledge	index, coordinates,
far, close, further,	to demonstrate	knowledge and		and understanding: atlas,	latitude, longitude, key,
look, map, globe,	knowledge and	understanding:	Use key vocabulary to	index, coordinates,	symbol, Ordnance Survey,
place, journey,	understanding:	compass, 4-point,	demonstrate	latitude, longitude, key,	compass, legend, borders,
	compass, 4-point,	direction, plan,	knowledge and	symbol, Ordnance Survey,	northings, eastings
	direction, plan,	record, observe,	understanding:	compass, legend, borders,	
	record, observe, key,	aerial view, key,	sketch map, map,	fieldwork, measure,	
	map, symbols,	map, symbols,	aerial view, feature,	observe, record, map,	
	direction, position,	direction, position,	annotation,	sketch, graph.	
	route, journey, the	route, journey, the	landmark, distance,		
	UK, changes, tally	UK, changes, tally	key, symbol, land use,		
	chart, pictogram,	chart, pictogram,	urban, rural,		
	world map, country,	world map,	population,		
	landmark;	country, continent,	coordinates;		
		human, physical.			