

Progression Skills Document – Geography

Early Years Foundation Stage and The National Curriculum

By the end of each Key Stage children are expected to:

EYFS	KS1	
EYFS 3 - 4 years Understanding the World: The World Begin to understand need to respect and care for the natural environment Know there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos ELG Understanding the world - People 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. ELG Understanding the world – The World 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.	KS1 Investigate the world's continents and oceans. Investigate the countries and capitals of the United Kingdom. Compare and contrast a small area of the United Kingdom with that of a non- European country. Explore weather and climate in the United Kingdom and around the world. Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to and describe key physical and human features of locations. Use world maps, atlases and globes. Use simple compass directions. Use aerial photographs. Use fieldwork and observational skills.	Locate the world's countries interest to pupils. Locate the world's countries countries of particular intere Identify key geographical fea show an understanding of he Locate the geographic zones Understand the significance Understand geographical sin human and physical geograp (different from that taught a Understand geographical sin human and physical geograp Understand geographical sin human and physical geograp Understand geographical sin human and physical geograp America. Describe and understand key • physical geography, climate zones, biomes and ve earthquakes and the water o • human geography, in settlements, land use, econo distribution of natural resour supplies. Use maps, atlases, globes an and describe features studie Use the eight points of a con keys (including the use of Or United Kingdom and the wor Use a wide range of geograp patterns. Use fieldwork to observe, ma features in the local area usi

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ources including energy, food, minerals and water

and digital/computer mapping to locate countries lied.

ompass, four-figure grid references, symbols and Ordnance Survey maps) to build knowledge of the *r*orld.

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measure and record the human and physical using a range of methods, including sketch maps, al technologies.



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Term 1 Term 2 Term 3 Term 4 Term 5 Term 6

Area of skill as identified in the curriculum	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Locational and place A g (s p	Ask and answer geographical questions	Ask and answer geographical questions	Ask and answer geographical questions	Ask and answer geographical questions	Use 4 and 6 figure grid references to name and	Use a s distanc
	(such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this place?	(such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this place?	about the physical characteristics of a location	about the human characteristics of a location	locate countries, cities and regions	Collect statisti
	What do people do in this	What do people do in this			Use 4 and 6 figure	inform
place?		place?	Confidently use 4 compass points	Begin to use 8 compass points	references to recognise latitude, longitude,	draw c about l
	Learn names of countries	Learn the seven	Understendalse	lles more attacce atched	tropics, polar circles and	Describ
	in the UK and locate them on a map	continents and five oceans and locate them	Understand the importance of a key and the use of symbols in	Use maps, atlases, global, digital/ computer	time zones	Describ
	Locate hot and cold	on a map	the use of symbols in maps	mapping to locate countries focusing on	Use 8 compass points	are inte interde
	countries in relation to	Begin to use and develop	Indpo	Europe	Locate places on a world	
	the equator and the	an understanding of	Use 4 figure grid		map	
	north and south pole	picture maps, globes and atlases	references	Explain own views about locations, giving reasons	Use atlases symbols	
	Begin to use and develop					
	an understanding of	Continue to be able to		Use 4 and 6 figure	Use a range of	
	picture maps and globes	follow directions north, south, east and west		references to recognise the equator and the	geographical resources to give detailed descriptions	
	Follow directions	.		hemispheres	and opinions of the	
including left, right, far, near and north, south, east and west Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks	near and north, south,	Begin to describe the locations of features and			characteristics features of a location	
	east and west	routes on a map			Lico mana atlacas global	
		Devise a simple map, use and construct basic			Use maps, atlases, global, digital/computer mapping to locate	
	symbols in a key			countries focusing on Russia, North and South		
					America	
Human and physical	Use simple fieldwork and	Use aerial photographs	Describe and understand	Describe and understand	Identify and describe how	Use 4 a
study geography school and grou	observational skills to	and plan perspectives to recognise basic human	key aspects of physical geography including	key aspects of physical geography including	the physical features affect the human activity	referen feature
	school and grounds	and physical features	volcanoes and earthquakes	climate, rivers, mountains and water	within a location	and ph
	Begin to identify seasonal	Identify seasonal daily		cycle	Understand some of the	Use dif
	daily weather patterns in	weather patterns in the	Identify the countries of		reasons for geographical	fieldwo
the UI	the UK	UK	Europe's main physical	Describe and understand	similarities and	(randoi
			characteristics and	key aspects of human	differences between	to obse
			describe geographical	geography including	countries	record

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				Europe's main human		
				characteristics and		
				describe geographical		
				similarities and		
				differences between		
				these countries		
coast, forest, hill,	Physical – beach, cliff,	Human - city, town,	Volcanoes, earthquakes,	Rivers, mountains, water	Time zones, Greenwich,	Food m
	coast, forest, hill,	village, factory, farm,	biomes, vegetation belts	cycle, north hemisphere,	Meridian, latitude,	supplies
	mountain, sea, ocean,	house, office, port,		south hemisphere,	longitude, tropics, polar	Antarct
	river, soil, valley,	harbour, shop		equator, counties, cities,	circles, settlements, land	
	vegetation, season,			topographical	use	
	weather					

ical features in a area. Record the ts in a range of ways

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