	Geography: Progression of skills
Little Sycamores	Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting and on trips.
	Show interest in different occupations
	Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.
Nursey	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps;
Cycle 1 & 2	Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
	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.
	Talk about members of their immediate family and community. Name and describe people who are familiar to them.
	Compare and contrast characters from stories e.g. brave, kind. Draw information from a simple map.
	Understand that some places are special to members of the community. Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate in different ways.
Reception	Recognise some environments are different to where they live.
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Geographical enquiry	 Teacherledenquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions. Use information books/pictures as sources of information. Investigate their surroundings Make observations about where thingsaree.g.within school or localarea. 	 Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; Where is it? What's it like? Use Non-Fiction books, stories, maps, pictures/photosandinternetas sources of information. Investigate their surroundings Make appropriate observations about why things happen. Make simple comparisons between featuresof different places. 	 Begin to ask/initiate geographicalquestions. UseNon-Fictionbooks,stories,atlases, pictures/photosandinternetas sources ofinformation. Investigate places and themes at more than one scale Begin to collect and record evidence Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations using photos/ pictures, temperatures in different locations. 	 Askandrespondtoquestions and offer their own ideas. Extendtosatelliteimages,aerial photographs Investigate places and themes at more than one scale Collect and record evidence with support Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons betweenlocations photos/pictures/ maps 	 Begintosuggestquestionsfor investigating Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations. Investigate places with more emphasison the larger scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence independently Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical mapsofvaryingscales e.g.temperatureofvarious locations - influence on people/everyday life 	 Suggestquestions for investigating Useprimaryandsecondary sourcesofevidence intheir investigations. Investigate places with more emphasisonthe largerscale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence independently Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g.fromfieldwork data on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it 		
Direction/Location	 Follow directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards) Introduce N, E, S & W 	•Followdirections(asYear1and inc'. NSEW)	 Use4compasspointsto follow/givedirections: Use letter/no. co-ordinatesto locate features on a map. 	 Use 4 compass points well: Beginto use 8 compass points; Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map confidently. 	 Use 8 compass points; Begin to use 4 figure co-ordinates to locate features on a map. 	 Use 8 compass points confidently andaccurately; Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to locate features on amap. Begintouse6figuregridrefs; use latitude and longitude on atlas maps. 		
Drawing maps	Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories.	•Draw a map of a real or imaginary place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph)	 Tryto make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order; Trytomake a simple scale drawing. 	 Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order; Make a simple scale drawing. 	 Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data. 	 Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data. Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity. 		

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Representation	 Useownsymbolsonimaginary map. 	 Begin to understand the need for a key. Useclassagreedsymbolsto make a simple key. 	 Know why a key is needed. Use standardsymbols. 	 Know and use a key Begintorecognisesymbolson an Ordnance Surveymap. 	 Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key; Use/recogniseOrdnance Survey map symbols. 	 Use/recogniseOrdnance Surveymap symbols; Use atlassymbols. 				
Using maps	 Use a simple picture map to move around the local area; Recognise that it is about a place. 	 Follow a route on a map. Use a planview. Use a children's atlas to locate places. 	• Locate places on largerscale maps e.g. map of Europe. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy.	 Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe) Follow a route on a large scale map. 	 Compare maps with aerial photographs. Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g.Pickatlastofind Taiwan, Ordnance Survey map to find local village.) Beginto use atlasestofindout about other features of places. (e.g. find wettest part of the world) 	 Follow a short route on an Ordnance Survey map. Describe features shown on Ordnance Surveymap. Locate places on a world map. Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns) 				
Scale/Distance	 Userelativevocabulary(e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike) 	•Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and larger scale map)	 Begintomatchboundaries(E.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.) 	Begintomatchboundaries(E.g. find same boundary of a county on different scale maps.)	 Measurestraightlinedistance on a plan. Find/recognise places on maps of different scales. (E.g. river Nile.) 	 Use a scale to measure distances. Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales. 				
Perspective	Draw around objects to make a plan.	•Look down on objects to make a plan viewmap.	 Begin to draw a sketch map from a high view point. 	• Draw a sketch map from a high view point.	Draw a plan view map with some accuracy.	Draw a plan viewmap accurately.				
Map knowledge	 Learn names of some places within/around the UK. E.g. Home town,cities,countries e.g. Wales, France. 	•Locate and name on UK map major features e.g.homelocation, seas, famous landmarks and capital cities.	Begintoidentifypointsonmaps A,B and C	Begin to identifysignificant places andenvironments	Identify significant places and environments	Confidently identify significant places andenvironments				
Style of map	Picture maps andglobes	 Distinguish land/sea onglobe. Use large scale Ordnance Surveymaps. Use a children'satlas 	 Use large scale Ordnance Survey maps. Begintousemapsiteson internet. Use atlases. Begintoidentifyfeatureson aerial/obliquephotographs. 	 Use large and medium scale Ordnance Survey maps. Useatlases. Use map sites on internet. Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs. 	 Use index and contents page within atlases. Use medium scale land ranger Ordnance Survey maps. 	 Use Ordnance Surveymaps. Confidently use an atlas. Recognise world map as a flattened globe. 				