



**St Marys Catholic Primary School**  
**Geography Curriculum Map**  
**2025-2026**



Term	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Autumn</b>	<p>In Nursery, Geography is covered through the following curriculum questions and themes:</p> <p>What happens when it gets cold?</p> <p>Seasons, Weather, My world</p>	<p>In Reception, Geography is covered through the following curriculum questions and themes:</p> <p>Why are the leaves turning orange?</p> <p>What happens when it gets cold?</p> <p>Seasons, cold climates</p>	<p><b>From Pole to Pole</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where are the polar regions?</li> <li>What is the difference between the polar and equatorial regions?</li> <li>Who explored the polar regions?</li> <li>What is an igloo and why did people live in them?</li> <li>What animals can be found in the polar regions?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Where do I live?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where do I live in the UK?</li> <li>What is a capital city?</li> <li>What are the capital cities of the UK?</li> <li>What do I know about the UK?</li> <li>Can I use an atlas to locate parts of the UK?</li> <li>What does my school look like on a map?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Countries of the World</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be able to identify the continents of the world</li> <li>To be able to locate countries on a world map.</li> <li>To find out about some of the key geographical features of each continent.</li> <li>To be able to locate major capital cities of the world.</li> <li>To be able to use a variety of sources to identify human and physical features in a particular country.</li> <li>To be able to find similarities and differences between different countries.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Our European Neighbours</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be able to locate Europe on a world map and find out about its features.</li> <li>To be able to identify and locate countries in Europe</li> <li>To be able to identify European countries according to their features.</li> <li>To be able to identify the major capital cities of Europe.</li> <li>To be able to compare two European capital cities.</li> <li>To find out about the human and physical features of a European country.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The United Kingdom</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be able to identify and describe key geographical features of the United Kingdom.</li> <li>To be able to identify and locate the counties of the United Kingdom.</li> <li>To be able to locate and identify towns and cities in the UK.</li> <li>To find out about the hills and mountains of the UK.</li> <li>To find out about the seas and coasts of the UK. To be able to identify and explore the major rivers of the UK.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Extreme Earth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To find out about the Earth's climate and areas of extreme temperatures.</li> <li>To find out about the water cycle and the distribution of water across the world.</li> <li>To find out about extreme weather conditions across the world.</li> <li>To find out about earthquakes and what causes them.</li> <li>To find out about tsunamis and how they are caused.</li> <li>To find out what volcanoes are and how they are formed.</li> </ul>
<b>Spring</b>	<p>Who lives in this house?</p> <p>What happens when I plant a seed?</p> <p>Gardens</p> <p>Baby Animals</p> <p>My home</p> <p>Do all homes look the same?</p>	<p>Where on Earth am I?</p> <p>My local area,</p> <p>What happens when I plant a seed?</p> <p>Natural habitats</p> <p>Stories set in other countries</p>	<p><b>Let's go to the Jungle</b></p> <p>Can I locate jungles around the world and begin to describe them?</p> <p>What are some features and weather of Indian tropical seasonal forests?</p> <p>Where are mangroves and what are their features and weather?</p> <p>Where are cloud forests and what are their features?</p> <p>What are the similarities and differences between a British woodland and a tropical jungle?</p> <p>What have I learned about jungles and tropical forests?</p>	<p><b>Australia</b></p> <p>Where in the world is Australia?</p> <p>How is Australia made up?</p> <p>What is the weather like in different parts of Australia?</p> <p>What are some similarities and differences between the UK and Australia?</p> <p>What are some famous physical features in Australia?</p> <p>What unique animals are found in Australia?</p> <p>Do the UK and Australia have the same seasons?</p>	<p><b>In the Desert</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To find out what deserts are and where in the world they are located.</li> <li>To investigate the weather and climate of deserts.</li> <li>To find out about desert formations.</li> <li>To find out how deserts are used by humans.</li> <li>To find out about people who live in deserts.</li> <li>To find out about the causes and effects of desertification.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rainforests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To find out what a rainforest is and where they are found.</li> <li>To explore the layers of vegetation in a rainforest.</li> <li>To investigate the climate of a rainforest.</li> <li>To find out about the people and settlements of the rainforest.</li> <li>To explore why the rainforest is under threat and the measures taken to protect it.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Investigating Rivers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand and explain the water cycle.</li> <li>To find out about rivers and how they erode, transport and deposit materials.</li> <li>To find out why rivers are important.</li> <li>To find out about the causes of river pollution and the effect it has on the environment.</li> <li>To investigate a river in detail including the effects on the environment and landscape.</li> <li>To be able to conduct a geographical enquiry.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Map Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To find countries and cities in Europe and North and South America using an atlas and digital/computer mapping and identify some of their features.</li> <li>To use a key to describe features on an Ordnance Survey map.</li> <li>To use the eight compass points to describe routes on a map.</li> <li>To use four and six-figure grid references to locate places on a map.</li> <li>To plan a journey using the eight compass points and four or six-figure grid references.</li> <li>To explore the human and physical features of areas and describe how land use has changed over time.</li> </ul>
<b>Summer</b>	<p>Who will help bear?</p> <p>Water, Water Everywhere</p> <p>The Seaside</p>	<p>Do all superheroes wear capes?</p> <p>People who help us</p>	<p><b>Seas and Coasts</b></p> <p>To locate and identify oceans and continents.</p> <p>To find out about British beaches.</p> <p>To find out about British seas.</p>	<p><b>My World and Me</b></p> <p>Where are the UK, the equator, and the poles on a world map?</p> <p>What are the similarities and differences between the</p>	<p><b>Our Local Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be able to locate the local area on a map and to give directions.</li> <li>To learn about physical and human features of our local area.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Earning a Living</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To explore jobs and why they are important</li> <li>To be able to group jobs into sectors.</li> <li>To explore industries of the UK.</li> </ul>	<p><b>North America</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify the countries of North America.</li> <li>To investigate and compare climates in North America.</li> </ul>	<p><b>South America</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To find out about the location and countries of South America.</li> <li>To find out about the climate in South America.</li> </ul>

			<p>To use fieldwork skills to find out about a place.          To compare a British beach with one from another country.          To be able to conduct a geographical enquiry.          To use compass points to move around a map.</p>	<p>land feature and climate of the UK and Ecuador?          What are the similarities and differences between the capitals of the UK and Ecuador?          Where do different animals live in the world?          How can I create a map with a key?          What physical and human features can I identify in aerial photographs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To identify different types of services in the local area.</li> <li>● To be able to collect and record evidence.</li> <li>● To be able to evaluate what the local area is like.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To find out how people earn a living in other parts of the world.</li> <li>● To find out about unemployment and its effects.</li> <li>● To find out about children around the world who help earn a living for their families.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To explore the geographical features of North America.</li> <li>● To explore the capital cities of North America.</li> <li>● To explore the various time zones of North America and how these compare to other time zones around the world.</li> <li>● To compare a region in the UK with a region in North America.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To find out about the major mountain ranges of South America.</li> <li>● To find out about the human geography of South America</li> <li>● To find out about trade and industry in South America.</li> <li>● To be able to carry out an in-depth study of a South American country.</li> </ul>
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