### **Geography Unit Overviews**



Y1/2 – Autumn 2021 – Investigating our planet	Y1/2 – Spring 2022 – Investigating the UK	Y1/2 – Summer 2022 – Australia Here We Come: Exploring
		a Distant Place
In this unit, children will begin to familiarise themselves with a	In this unit,, children will use world maps and globes to locate the	In this unit, children will use globes, maps and atlases to locate Australia and
range of globes and maps, using a range of basic geographical	UK before identifying where they live on a map of the UK, they	its relation to other countries and continents as well as the oceans surrounding
vocabulary they will share their understanding of the Earth and	will then begin to identify the different countries that make up the	it.
maps.	UK and their capital cities as well as the main seas.	They will explore the different regions of Australia and their physical
They will begin to explore and compare the different continents	Children will become weather forecasters, tracking the seasons	characteristics (landscape, climate, capital cities and landmarks) and compare
and oceans around the world and identify these in both a 2D	and daily weather patterns within the UK and the local area and	the weather in Australia to the UK. They will also identify different animals that
and 3D context. Children will explore the differences between	explaining using geographical vocabulary the main weather	may live in the country and make comparisons.
land and ocean, identifying and describing animals that may	symbols.	Children will also look at where most people live and the distribution of the
live there.	Children will then compare towns, cities and villages with a focus	population before comparing daily life of children in Australia to their own. They
They will ask and answer simple questions with a focus on how	on their local area and the similarities and differences between	will focus on a small area within Australia and compare with the area they live
to look after our environment both locally and the world.	local cities, countryside, towns and seaside.	in.
Y1/2 – Autumn 2020 – Local Fieldwork: Our	Y1/2 - Spring 2021 - Investigating Hot and Cold	Y1/2 – Summer 2021 – Exploring Coastal Areas of the UK
Street	Places of the World	
In this unit, children will name, locate and explore the locality of	In this unit, children will name and locate significant places of the	In this unit, children will explore coastal towns and areas of the UK comparing
where they live and plan a simple route using a variety of maps,	world including the world's seven continents and five oceans	and contrasting their similarities and differences through a range of maps and
photographs, aerial photographs and digital mapping.	using a range of maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping	photographs. They will discover how our coasts have changed over time and
They will identify different land use purposes, their advantages	(Google Earth). They will make links with countries they are	become 'forecasters'/'meteorologists' comparing weather by the coast to the
and disadvantages and both human and physical features;	connected to through family background, holiday destinations	weather in Blackburn. They will discover why our coasts are so important and
describing how these may have changed over time through	and the food they eat; including how they would travel to these	why people may choose to live by the coast. Children will carry out fieldwork
walks around the local area using a variety of observation and	destinations, make comparisons with their lives and the lives of	while visiting our local coastal town before discussing how we can help to
recording skills. They will also identify daily and seasonal	children in these countries and identify specific physical and	protect our coats. Throughout this topic children will compare the coastal areas
weather patterns using a range of observation and recording	human features of these places which give them character.	we study with Blackburn as well as with each other.
techniques.	Children will identify the similarities and differences between	
Children will use simple compass directions (N, E, S, and W) to	places and features of hot and cold places of the world and	
describe a route and specific features of an area. They will then	compare weather patterns of these places to the UK. They will	
create their own maps and symbols of the school and the local	study the climate and environment of the Arctic and Antarctic	
area using photographs of key locations identified using digital	making comparisons between the two, as well as countries close	
mapping.	to the Equator.	

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lives in Blackburn.

disasters/famine.

this may have on the environment.

Year 4 – Spring 1 – Food for Thought:

**Investigating Where Our Food Comes From** 

In this unit, children will name and locate significant places both in

the UK and around the world using globes, atlases and maps relating

to the food we eat. They will look at the process of producing specific

foods (from field to plate) as well as transportation and the impact

Children will identify what is needed in order for food to grow and

how this links to the weather, climate and seasons around the world.

Children will compare what foods are eaten in this country and how

this compares to places around the world. They will also identify and

discuss the consequences of insufficient food as a result of natural



Year 3 – Summer – Local Fieldwork: Investigating

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Year 3 – Autumn – A Country in Europe: The	Year 3 – Spring – Investigating Mountains,			
Mediterranean	Volcanoes and Earthquakes			
In this unit, children will use a range of sources including digital	In this unit, children will use geographical language to establish			
maps, atlases, globes, photographs and satellite images to build up a	physical features, patterns and location of the famous Mount Eve			
picture of Europe including its main countries, cities, coastlines,	before identifying significant mountain ranges around the world u			
nations, rivers and mountains while using geographical language to	a range of maps, atlases, globes and satellite photographs. The			
describe its location within the wider world.	then use Ordinance Survey maps and symbols to develop their			
Children will identify the main attributes of some European countries,	skills through identifying the significant mountain ranges of the Bi			
using the eight compass points to describe their location, with a	Isles before studying Snowdon more closely.			
narrower focus on Italy and its regions where they will identify human	Children will study the formation of mountains and volcan			
and physical features and patterns of these countries and what	recognising how the environment can impact on people			
makes them special. Children will then focus their learning on the	positively and negatively.			
historical city of Bologna where they will look at what makes this city	Children will also study the impact of earthquakes, their location			
so interesting, the positive and negatives of life there and make	around the world using satellite images, atlases, globes and map			
comparisons between the lives of students in Bologna and their own	well as why and how they happen.			

#### **Our Town** (es age to establish the In this unit, children will be able to name and locate a range of places nous Mount Everest within their locality and identify neighbouring towns, villages and und the world using cities, using digital mapping, aerial images and atlases. They will otographs. They will investigate how they are dynamic and constantly changing and why o develop their map with the use of historical maps. ranges of the British Children will plan and carry out fieldwork of their town identifying human and physical features and observe and discuss the impact ns and volcanoes. people can have on their local environment both positively and on people both negatively. They will use digital mapping independently alongside sketch maps akes, their location to work out distances and directions, drawing basic routes and lobes and maps as adding labels. Children will use their findings from the fieldwork investigation to express opinions on key issues in the town and communicate their findings using a range of methods. Year 4 - Summer 1 - Rivers Year 4 – Summer 2 – Investigating Climate, **Biomes and Polar Environments** In this unit, children will learn that rivers and river systems are In this unit, children will understand the positioning of the Earth and the impact this has on climate. They will explore climate data from dynamic; changing landscapes which can have a fundamental impact on people's lives. They will understand the journey of a river around the world, using maps, atlases, globes and satellite images, from source to sea and the process and consequences of flooding. and make comparisons using geographical language to explain They will also look at how the uses of rivers has changed over time. features and patterns. Children will explore the difference between climate and biomes, Children will carry out an in-depth study of a local river, they will developing their digital mapping skills to locate and measure the discovering significant locations, including the Arctic and Antarctic, route of the river as well as adding annotations and photographs to around the world and researching plants and animals that live there. explain places and features. Children will also use four-figure grid They will then explore how these environments can change including references and relevant OS map symbols to identify features. They specific environmental issues and the impact this has. will then use a range of maps, globes, atlases and satellite images to

identify and study major rivers both in the UK and around the world.

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## Year 5 – Autumn – The United Kingdom: Investigating Who We Are

In this unit, children will make links to their 'British Values' through studying the geographical features of the UK and understanding how some of these aspects have changed over time. They will use and understand a range of maps, in a range of smaller and larger scales, and satellite images alongside sources of data to investigate places, patterns, similarities and differences within and between regions of the UK. Digital mapping will also be used to explore historical changes over time. Children will explore cultural characteristics and improve their awareness of regional geography, comparing similarities and differences. They will use a range of case studies to discover the influence of physical and human factors on the growth, prosperity and decline of some UK settlements.

Children will identify significant counties and cities of the UK and identify similarities and differences as well as how the UK links with the rest of the world and why people move in or out.

# Year 5 – Summer – *Double Unit* – Amazon Adventures: The Amazon Basin (including Longitude and Latitude and Brazil)

In the unit children will use maps, globes and images to locate Brazil and its place in the wider world alongside discovering and describing, using geographical language, the human and physical features of the country. They will identify a number of countries within both North and South America before exploring and comparing climate data within Brazil with the UK. Children will apply their knowledge of climate through exploring longitude, latitude and time zones around the world as well as understanding the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. They will look at what life is like in Brazil, investigating culture, human and physical diversity before exploring the Amazon River and Amazon Basin, using Google Earth to track its route from source to sea. Through this they will explore issues of migration across Brazil from the North to the South of the country building on their knowledge of push and pull factors. Children will then explore the Amazon rainforest developing an understanding of tribes and what it is like to live in the rainforest as well as issues surrounding deforestation and the global impact of this, using their presentation skills to present their findings.

### Year 6 – Autumn – Investigating World Trade

In this unit, children will use maps and atlases to explore where their clothes come from in order to understand how they are linked to people and places around the world. Digital mapping will be used to locate and identify ports, docks and shipping routes in the UK using the zoom in and out tool.

They will discuss the importance of exports and imports, industrial areas and ports and how natural resources, land mass and climate around the world affect this. Children will consider the journey their clothes make from source to sale and how the UK links to the rest of the world. They will explore patterns between global trade data and exports/imports.

Children will also recognise how trade affects people in different ways and how their actions can impact people around the world, including an understanding of Fairtrade and its impact on different people.

## Year 6 – Spring – Investigating Major World Cities: London

In this unit, children will be naming and locating an extensive range of capital cities around the world and discussing what makes a capital city. They will focus on London, identifying key factors that have influenced the location of our capital city in the past, through appropriate questioning techniques. Children will make links with the population of the UK, England and London, exploring the patterns and influences of our multi-cultural, diverse and changing society while identifying push and pull factors for migration to and from the UK and London. They will look at the weather and climate of London, comparing to other major cities and capitals within the UK and around the world. Children will use digital mapping and six-grid referencing to explore land use around the capital as well as major tourist attractions and routes while looking at sustainability and environmental impact.

### Year 6 – Summer - School Travel Plan: Transition Unit

In preparation for high school, children will first create a travel plan for St Silas Primary school, where they will identify ways of reducing congestion, pollution and significant hazards in the area campaigning on how these issues can be overcome. They will also consider healthy living and the impact their mode and other children's mode of transport has. Children will use digital mapping and satellite images to identify hazards and safety features as well as looking at historical maps to identify changes in the local area. Using six figure grid referencing to identify landmarks in the local area. They will map and measure routes from their own home to school before carrying out a similar activity for their home to their new high school, familiarising themselves with safest routes and possible hazards.