



Locational Knowledge							
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Nursery - Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.  Can locate some major cities, oceans and continents on a UK and world map. Can use a world map, atlas or globe to name and	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.  Can identify and name the relevant continents.	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.	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.	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.	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.	
map.	cocate the seven continents and five oceans.		Can indicate tropical, temperate and polar climate zones on a globe or map. Know about the continents and countries of the world and the 'countries' and 'continents' on the world map they have made. Can talk about the poles, equator and lines of latitude and longitude, and mark them appropriately on their own map and can distinguish between them. Can identify on a globe or map the position of the Prime/Greenwich Meridian. Can describe the significance of latitude and longitude.  Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their	Can locate some countries in Europe, North and South America on a map or atlas, and relate them to longitude, latitude and hemisphere (e.g. Italy, Ecuador). Can relate continent, country, state and city. Can identify states in North America using a map (e.g. using the words of the song 'Route 66', locate the places mentioned on a map of the USA to show a route across the USA and describe the route). Can use a map to locate some states of the USA (e.g. California). Can use a map or atlas to locate some countries and cities in Europe or North and South America.  Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and	Can describe key physical and human characteristics and environmental regions of Europe.  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.  Can locate and describe several physical environments in the UK, e.g. coastal and mountain environments, and how they change (e.g. season to season).	Can locate cities, countries and regions of South America on physical and political maps. Can describe key physical and human characteristics and environmental regions of South America (e.g. the Amazon Basin). Can identify and locate a national or international environmental issue and explain why it is an issue.  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.  Can name and locate types of industry in the area and	





	physical characteristics,	(including hills, mountains,	northern hemisphere,	Can describe and give
	key topographical features	coasts and rivers), and	southern hemisphere, the	reasons for local land use
	(including hills, mountains,	land-use patterns, and	Tropics of Cancer and	and suggest how this
	coasts and rivers), and	understand how some of	Capricorn, Arctic and	might change in the future.
	land-use patterns, and	these aspects have	Antarctic Circle, the	inight change in the future.
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	understand how some of	changed over time.	Prime/Greenwich Meridian	Identify the position and
	these aspects have		and time zones (including	significance of latitude,
	changed over time.	Can locate and label the	day and night).	longitude, equator,
		main British rivers on a		northern hemisphere,
	Can locate and describe	map of the British Isles and		southern hemisphere, the
	some human and physical	add the names of		Tropics of Cancer and
	characteristics of the UK	settlements at the mouth	N/A	Capricorn, Arctic and
	(e.g. use a copy of a map	of the rivers.		Antarctic Circle, the
	of the British Isles and	Can describe a river and		Prime/Greenwich Meridian
	locate and label the main	mountain environment in		and time zones (including
	British seaside locations	the UK, using appropriate		day and night).
	they have visited).	geographical vocabulary.		
	Can use an atlas to locate			Con describe the leastion
	the UK and locate some	Identify the position and		Can describe the location
	major urban areas, can	significance of latitude,		of South America and
	locate where they	longitude, equator,		Amazon Basin, the UK,
	live/have visited in the UK	northern hemisphere,		latitude, hemisphere, etc.
	(e.g. seaside/coastal places	southern hemisphere, the		
	they have visited).	Tropics of Cancer and		
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	significance of latitude,	Prime/Greenwich Meridian		
	longitude, equator,	and time zones (including		
	northern hemisphere,	day and night).		
	southern hemisphere, the			
	Tropics of Cancer and	Can describe and compare		
	Capricorn, Arctic and	the physical and human		
	Antarctic Circle, the	characteristics of some		
	Prime/Greenwich Meridian	regions in North or South		
	and time zones (including	America.		
	day and night).	Can offer explanations for		
		the similarities and		
	Can identify the position of	differences between some		
	the Prime/Greenwich	regions in North or South		
	Meridian and understands	America (e.g. relate to		
	the significance of latitude	north and south		
	and longitude (e.g.	hemispheres and distance		
	describe how climate	from the equator)		
	varies with latitude and in	Can use an atlas to locate		
	relation to equator, tropics	volcanoes and locations of		
	and poles).	earthquakes and describe		
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Can talk about time zor and day and night.	es the position of the Pacific Ocean, mountain chains, etc.
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Place Knowledge							
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Nursery - Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.  Reception - Draw information from a simple map.  Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.	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.  Can describe in some detail the local area and distant locations' features using images to support answers. Can compare the local area to distant locations. This might be naming key landmarks, e.g. the nearest local green space or landmarks of other capital cities.  Know that people do jobs and that where they live (e.g. coastline) might affect this.  Have some sense of what animals eat and the dangers (human or physical) animals might encounter.	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.  Can demonstrate locational awareness, name their local area, and that they live in the UK. Know that weather can be different in different parts of the UK. Can describe a local natural environment (animals and plants) and use a range of good quality key vocabulary.	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.  Can indicate tropical, temperate and polar climate zones on a globe or map and describe the characteristics of these zones using appropriate vocabulary (e.g. UK in temperate zone).	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.  Can identify and sequence a range of (North and/or South American) settlement sizes from a village to a city. Can describe the characteristics of settlements with different functions. Can describe and compare the physical and human characteristics of some regions in North or South America. Offer explanations for the similarities and differences between some regions in North or South America. Can describe how the human and physical characteristics are connected for one or two regions in North or South America (e.g. using photos, information sheets and Google Earth, record	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.  Can locate the UK's major urban areas, knowing some of their distinct characteristics and how some of these have changed over time. Can describe how a (local) region has changed and how it is different from another region of the UK. Can give information about a region of Europe and its physical environment, climate and economic activity. Know that human activity is influenced by climate and weather and can give examples. Can describe hazards from physical environments and their management, such as avalanches in mountain regions.	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.  Can describe similarities and differences in life in cities and in villages and in a range of settlement sizes, and give some reasons.  Can illustrate how human activity is influenced by climate and weather.  Can describe and begin to explain several threats to wildlife/habitats (e.g. in the Amazon Basin).	





	information about several	
	cities in North America and	
	South America and their	
	surrounding areas, select	
	two cities and their	
	surrounding areas to	
	compare, drawing out	
	human and physical	
	characteristics, differences	
	and similarities).	

Human and Physical Geography							
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Nursery - Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.  Reception - Draw information from a simple map.  Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.	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.  Show limited awareness of weather differences. Can describe which continents have significant hot or cold areas and relate these to the poles and equator. Use a world map, atlas or globe to locate the continents and oceans relative to the equator and poles. Can describe and ask questions about seasonal and daily weather patterns (UK and overseas) and describe which continents have significant hot or cold areas and relate these to	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.  Know the four seasons and the correct order and identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.  Know that weather can be different in different parts of the UK.  Start to give reasons why the UK has the weather it does (e.g. wind).	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.  Can indicate tropical, temperate and polar climate zones on a globe or map and describe the characteristics of these zones using appropriate vocabulary. Can describe how physical processes can cause hazards to people. Can describe some advantages and disadvantages and disadvantages of living in hazard-prone areas (e.g. understand the dangers of floods, drought and climate change).	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.  Can use simple geographical vocabulary to describe significant physical features of rivers and talk about how they change. Can describe a river and mountain environment in the UK, using appropriate geographical vocabulary. Can describe the water cycle in sequence, using appropriate vocabulary, and name some of the processes associated with rivers and mountains.	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.  Can describe and understand a range of key physical processes and the resulting landscape features. Can describe how a mountain region was formed. Can explain some ways biomes (including the oceans) are valuable, why they are under threat and how they can be protected. Can describe and begin to explain hazards from physical environments and	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.  Can begin to explain how climate and vegetation are connected in biomes, e.g. the tropical rainforest. Can describe what the climate of a region is like and how plants and animals are adapted to it (e.g. in the Amazon rainforest). Can compare the Amazon and Alpine regions, identifying similarities and differences. Can identify some ways biomes (including the oceans) are valuable, why	





the poles and equator. Car
make comparisons when
prompted with the
weather in your area.
Identify seasonal weather
patterns.

Can use simple geographical vocabulary to describe significant physical features and talk about how they change (e.g. the features of coasts).
Can describe some advantages and disadvantages of living in hazard-prone areas (e.g. the dangers of the sea — tides, cliff falls, erosion and flooding).

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.

Can identify and sequence a range of (UK) seaside/coastal settlement sizes from a village to a city.
Can describe the characteristics of (UK) settlements with different functions, e.g. features, settlements and activities associated with coastal towns, such as tourism, ports and docks.

Can give reasons why physical processes can cause hazards to people, e.g. flooding, earthquakes, etc.

Can describe some advantages and disadvantages of living in hazard-prone areas (eg

dangers of rivers and

mountains).
Can use simple geographical vocabulary to describe significant physical features and talk about how they change.
Can describe a volcano, volcanic eruption and an earthquake (e.g. make a working model of a volcano, label its features

and explain what happens

when it erupts).

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.

Can describe the characteristics of (North American) settlements with different functions. Can use appropriate vocabulary to describe the main land uses within urban areas and identify the key characteristics of rural areas (e.g. using

their management, such as avalanches in mountain regions.

Can describe what the climate of a region is like and how plants and animals are adapted to it (e.g. in the Alps).
Can describe key physical and human characteristics and environmental regions of Europe (e.g. the Alps).

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.

Can describe key physical and human characteristics and environmental regions of Europe.
Can describe how food production is influenced by climate.
Know that products we use are imported as well as locally produced.
Can name our energy sources and natural resources.

they are under threat and how they can be protected.

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.

Can describe key aspects of human geography including economic activity (e.g. the distribution of natural resources including timber). Can identify and justify deforestation as an environmental issue. Can describe where our energy and natural resources come from. Can identify as environmental issues, and begin to explain, several threats to wildlife/habitats (e.g. deforestation).





	Google Earth, atlases and images, research several major cities in North and South America and identify how they are different and similar)
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Geographical vocabulary							
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Can describe the	physical farmland, the local area or		
and human geogr	aphy of a further afield (e.g. a major		
distant place.	UK city), naming features		
Can recognise a n	atural and using some key		
environment and	describe vocabulary.		
it using geographi	ical Can identify and name		
vocabulary. They	can some of the wonders (of		
relate this to the a	animals the world).		
studied in the uni	t. Can give reasons for		
	choices.		
Use basic geograp	ohical Correctly use most of the		
vocabulary to refe	er to key key vocabulary given in the		
human features, i	ncluding; unit.		
city, town, village	, factory,		
farm, house, offic			
harbour and shop	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	human features, including;		
Know about the			
area and can na			
locate key landr	marks harbour and shop.		
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vocabulary list of	of the Talk with confidence		
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features of the lo			
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on a map using in	UK city), naming features		
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distant locations.	Give reasons for choice of		
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human geography	Correctly use most of the		
distant place.	key vocabulary given in the		
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Geographical skills and fieldwork							
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Nursery - Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.  Reception - Draw information from a simple map.  Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.	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.  Can use a world map, atlas or globe to recognise and name some continents and oceans. Use a UK wall map or atlas to locate and with support identify the four countries and capital cities of the UK. Can use a wall map or atlas to locate and identify countries taught in the unit.  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  Know about the local area and can name and locate key landmarks (e.g. create a vocabulary list of the human and physical features of the local area and describe these features and locate them on a map using images or drawings).	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.  Can locate the UK and name the countries of the UK. Can use an atlas to name and locate on a map the four countries and capital cities of the UK. Can use atlas, map or globe to locate some wonders (of the world).  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  Can use a range of good quality key vocabulary, including directional language, to describe a local natural environment (animals and plants).  Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.  Can use the zoom function of a digital map to locate places and gather information (e.g. uses Google Earth to locate places within different climate zones, to zoom in on the poles, equator and tropics) Can talk about the 'globe' they started with and how they made it into a map, the challenges they faced and how they overcame them. Can use most of the vocabulary introduced in the unit when talking about their map. Can use an atlas to locate the UK and locate some major urban areas, can locate where they live/have visited in the UK (e.g. seaside/coastal places they have visited)  . Use the eight points of a compass, four/six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.  Can use a map or atlas (including index) to locate some countries and cities in Europe, North and South America.  Can use a map to locate some states of the USA (e.g. use an atlas to locate places and be able to describe the location of the place using a nested hierarchy).  Can relate continent, country, state and city. Can identify states in North America using a map (e.g. using the words of the song 'Route 66', locate the places mentioned on a map of the USA to show a route across the USA and describe the route).  Can use the zoom function of a digital map to locate places (e.g. using Google Earth, starting at Denver, Colorado, near to the centre of the USA – zoom out to identify states and cities of the USA and locate them on a map).  Can use the zoom function of a digital map to locate places (e.g. global rivers and mountain ranges,	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied  Can locate and describe several physical environments in the UK. Can locate the UK's major urban areas.  Can use maps to locate the Alps and identify the physical features of the region.  Can use base maps to create their own maps of the Alpine region.  Can use maps to locate places and countries that locally available products come from.  Use the eight points of a compass, four/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.  Can describe maps of the local area, using appropriate geographical vocabulary and conventions (e.g. grid references, compass directions).	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied  Can locate Brazil and the Amazon Basin and River and describe features studied.  Can use a range of resources to locate national and global environmental issues.  Can use digital maps to investigate and describe features of an area.  Use the eight points of a compass, four/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.  Can use and talk about a variety of maps of South America and Brazil, using appropriate geographical vocabulary and conventions (e.g. compass directions, symbols).  Can describe locations of local, national and global environmental issues using appropriate locational vocabulary, and using the conventions of OS maps for UK issues.	





Can use appropriate language when talking about maps and locations. Can describe a journey on a map of the local area using simple compass directions and locational and directional language (e.g. after a walk to a nearby green space, describe the route taken on a large-scale map using compass directions and locational language prompted by their journey stick).

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.

Know about the local area and can name and locate key landmarks (e.g. create a vocabulary list of the human and physical features of the local area and describe these features and locate them on a map using images or drawings).

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.

basic human and physical features, devise a simple map, and use and construct basic symbols in a key.

Can use and understand basic weather symbols.
Can use photographs and plan perspectives to describe and recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.
Correctly use most of the key vocabulary given in the

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.

Can use geographical skills (sketching) and creative means (role play, questioning) to show their understanding of different weather and seasons. the United Kingdom and the wider world

Can use an atlas to locate the UK and locate some major urban areas, can locate where they live/have visited in the UK (e.g. seaside/coastal places they have visited). Can use directional language and grid references when talking about locations.

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.

Can use fieldwork to measure, record and describe the characteristics of the temperate zone using appropriate vocabulary.

locations of earthquakes and volcanoes).

. Use the eight points of a compass, four/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

Can give direction instructions up to eight compass points.
Can make a map of a route with features in the correct order and in the correct places.

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.

In a group, can carry out fieldwork in the local area selecting appropriate techniques (e.g. to create a river in the playground using natural materials, use a watering can to form the river, observe and record what happens to the water over different materials, take photographs and label with key river features and processes).

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.

Can use fieldwork to

investigate key questions and begin to answer them. Can use fieldwork to observe and describe local human and physical features and compare them with those in the Alps.
Can record/list products available locally and say whether they are

produced locally and/or

imported.

Can make sketch maps of the local area using symbols, a key and a scale.

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.

Can use fieldwork (e.g. in a forest or woodland) to observe, describe and record the environment and create a sketch map, using symbols and key. Can present information gathered in fieldwork using a range of graphs and other simple forms, including digital.





Can describe a journey on			
a map of the local area			
using simple compass			
directions and locational			
and directional language			
(e.g. after a walk to a			
nearby green space,			
describe the route taken			
on a large-scale map using			
compass directions and			
locational language			
prompted by their journey			
stick).			