Geography Curriculum Intent – Progression in Skills

Geography - Primary Curriculum

Subject Intent Statement: Our aim is to provoke and provide answers to questions about the physical and human aspects of the world. Pupils are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, as well as their place in it. We aim to develop knowledge and skills that are transferable to other curriculum areas and which can and are used to promote their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We seek to inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people; to promote the pupils' interest and understanding of diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Key knowledge Introduce the names and location of the world's seven continents and oceans Recognise a map of the United Kingdom and with help name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas 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 studied in Year 1 Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom using practical activities within their local environment With help locate hot and cold areas of the world	Key Knowledge Independently name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans Independently name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas 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 studied in Year 2 Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and the north and south poles.	Key Knowledge - 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 Introduce the concepts of physical and human geography, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, Introduce lines of latitude, Equator, Tropics, Arctic and Antarctic circles	Key Knowledge: Place knowledge – Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a European country. Physical and human geography: Understand the meanings of the words human and physical. climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, and the water cycle. Introduce lines of latitude – Equator, Tropics, Arctic and Antarctic Circles. Relate these to human impact on these environments Introduce mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes,	Key Knowledge: Place knowledge – 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 Understand the meanings of the words human and physical and apply these to the topics they study 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). 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. Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a	Key Knowledge: Identify the position and significanc of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night). Revisit biomes and investigate the impact of human activity on the different biomes Rivers/Coasts (included flooding) and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time Physical geography: water cycle. Human geography: impact of flooding, development of land use and change over time
Key Skills Observation, describing places Geographical skills and fieldwork Introduce and explore what they can	Key Skills Observation describing places, using geographical vocabulary in context Geographical skills and fieldwork	Key Skills: Observation, describing places, describe/begin to explain geographical processes, giving views, group work.	Key Skills: Observation, describing places, describe/begin to explain geographical processes, giving views, group work.	region in a North or South America. Key Skills: Observation, describing places, describe/begin to explain geographical processes, giving views, group work.	Key Skills: Observation, describing places, describe/begin to explain geographical processes, giving views, group work.
Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries as well as the 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	Geographical skills and fieldwork Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to	Geographical skills and fieldwork - Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate	Geographical skills and fieldwork - Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate	Geographical skills and fieldwork - Use atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate

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continents and oceans studied at this		locate countries and describe	countries and describe features	countries and describe features	countries and describe features
key stage	Use simple compass directions and	features studied	studied	studied	studied
	locational and directional language to				
Use simple compass directions and	describe the location of features and	Use the key features of maps, OS	Use the eight points of a compass,	Use the eight points of a compass,	Use fieldwork to observe, measure,
locational and directional language	routes on a map	symbols, key, compass points to	four and six-figure grid references,	four and six-figure grid references,	record and present the human and
to describe the location of features		create simple sketch maps and	four figure at both), symbols and	four figure at both), symbols and key	physical features in the local area
and routes on a map	Use aerial photographs and plan	give directions	key (including the use of Ordnance	(including the use of Ordnance Survey	using a range of methods, including
	perspectives to recognise landmarks		Survey maps) to build their	maps) to build their knowledge of the	sketch maps, plans and graphs, and
Use simple field work and	and basic human and physical		knowledge of the United Kingdom	United Kingdom and the wider world	digital technologies.
observational skills to study their	features.		and the wider world		. .
local environment.				Use fieldwork to observe, measure,	
	Devise a simple map; and use and		Use fieldwork to observe, measure,	record and present the human and	
	construct basic symbols in a key		record and present the human and	physical features in the local area	
			physical features in the local area	using a range of methods, including	
	Use simple fieldwork and		using a range of methods, including	sketch maps, plans and graphs, and	
	observational skills to study the		sketch maps, plans and graphs, and	digital technologies.	
				digital technologies.	
	geography of their school and its		digital technologies.		
	grounds and the key human and				
	physical features of its surrounding				
	environment				
	Independently use basic geographical				
	vocabulary introduced in year 1 to				
	describe human and physical features				
	of contrasting places.				
Key Vocabulary	Key Vocabulary	Key Vocabulary:	Key Vocabulary:	Key Vocabulary:	Key Vocabulary:
Physical features, including: beach,	Physical features, including: beach,	From KS1: key physical features,	Compass Rose, grid references,	Brownfield site, catchment, favela,	Floods, cholera, Boscastle,
cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea,	cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea,	including: beach, cliff, coast,	physical & human Geography,	industrial, rural, urban/urbanisation,	confluence, deforestation,
ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation,	ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation,	forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean,	biome, ecosystem, Amazon,	function, mega-city, hierarchy,	afforestation, cyclone, engineering,
season and weather.	season and weather.	river, soil, valley, vegetation,	tourism, rainforest, desert, tundra,	regeneration, renewables, site,	precipitation, transpiration,
		season and weather. Key human	grasslands, woodland,	situation, suburb, sustainable, scale,	evaporation, condensation,
Human features, including: city,	Human features, including: city, town,	features, including: city, town,	precipitation, deforestation,	grid references, map symbols,	monsoon, permeable/impermeable,
town, village, factory, farm, house,	village, factory, farm, house, office,	village, factory, farm, house,	habitat, rainfall, earthquake,	gild references, map symbols,	runoff, saturated, urbanisation,
office, port, harbour and shop.	port, harbour and shop	office, port, harbour and shop.	volcano, plate boundary, eruption,		floodplain, delta, erosion, stack,
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North, south, east, west	North, south, east, west, north/east	KS2: Atlas, latitude, longitude,	ash cloud, evacuation, magnitude		mouth, source, oxbow lake,
	north/west, south/east, south/west	biome, equator, tropics, Antarctic			transportation, energy, non-
Aerial photograph, map, atlas, globe		and Arctic Circles			renewable, renewable, headland,
	Aerial photograph, map, atlas, globe	population, river, coast, hills,			longshore drift, abrasion, hydraulic
		mountains			action, nourishment, coastal
					management, landslide, biome,
					ecosystem, Amazon, rainforest,
					desert, tundra, grasslands,
					deforestation, habitat