

Geography Progression Map

EYFS	30-50 months Comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world, such as the place where they live or the natural world. Talk about some of the things they have observed, such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Talk about why things happen and how things work. Develop and understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.		40-60 months Look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.		ELG Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. Talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.	
	Show care and concern for living things and the environment.					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
On-going		ning range of identified geogra	phical terms and vocabulary i	n discussion and in writing to	describe features and proce	
Locational Knowledge	Begin to name and locate the	Name and locate the UK, its	Name and locate some	Name and locate UK's	Name and locate UK's	Locate key areas and
	UK, its four countries and	four countries and capital	counties and major cities	major rivers and	counties, cities and	characteristics in UK using
General geographical	capital cities and its	cities and its surrounding	of the UK, geographical	mountains.	geographical regions of	a variety of maps and
knowledge, position	surrounding seas on a world	seas on a world map and	regions and identify		the UK	scales
and significance, UK	map and globe.	globe.	human and physical			
and Global	Name, locate and identify	Identify a range of physical	characteristics Start to locate key			Understand key aspects of
KS1 NC name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans	some characteristics of the four countries of the UK and	and human features of the UK.	topographical features of the UK including coasts,			the distribution of natural resources in the UK
NC name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of	their capital cities.		hills, mountains and rivers	Describe the influence of		
the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas	Name and locate areas within the school and its grounds and the school's position in	Locate different types of local settlement on a map and some key landmarks,	Recognise some elements of land-use in the local area.	rivers on land-use in the local area.	Identify land-use patterns and understand how some aspects of land-use	Describe and understand key aspects of settlement and land use (e.g. Begin to
KS2 NC locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the	the local area.	human and physical features.			locally and in the UK have changed over time.	understand the relationship between
location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their	Identify some human and physical features of the school and school grounds	Identify where they live on a map of the UK.	Relate where they live to continent, country, region, county, city.			major trade routes and settlements).
environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and	and its immediate area and name key landmarks.		Use a globe and atlas to	Locate countries, major cities, environmental	Locate countries, major	Locate places studied in
major cities NC name and locate counties and cities of the United	Identify what a continent is	Name and locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans on a	identify the position and significance latitude,	regions and their identifying human and	cities, environmental regions and their	relation to the Equator, Tropics of Cancer and
Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human	and that they live in Europe.	globe or atlas.	Equator, of the N and S hemispheres, Tropics of	physical characteristics within Europe including	identifying human and physical characteristics	Capricorn, latitude and longitude.
and physical characteristics, key topographical features	Recognise and name some of	Identify the position of the	Cancer and Capricorn,	Russia on physical and	within N and S America on	
(including hills, mountains,	the world's seven continents	Poles and Equator on a globe	Arctic and Antarctic	political maps.	physical and political	Relate places studied to
coasts and rivers), and land- use patterns; and understand	and five oceans on a globe or atlas.	or atlas.	Circles.		maps.	their lines of latitude, longitude and time zones.

how some of these aspects have changed over time NC identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)	Locate on a globe hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.	Identify in a map some key physical and human features of a continent.	Begin to locate the world's countries using GIS, atlases and maps. Be aware of the different boundaries of Britain, GB and UK.	Use an atlas to locate world's key mountain ranges and rivers, focussing on Europe.	Identify some states in N America using a map. Identify the position and significance of the Prime/ Greenwich Meridian and time zones, locating places studied in relation to the Equator, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, and their latitude and longitude.	
Place Knowledge Compare and contrast KS1 NC 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 KS2 NC understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a	Understand geographical similarities and differences by comparing two places (e.g. places in the school grounds and surrounding area; Scotland and England).	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom (e.g. Hale Village/New Brighton/Southport) Understand geographical similarities and differences through a study of human and physical geography of a contrasting non-European country (e.g. Bangladesh)	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom (SW England)	Understand the physical and human geography of a region in Europe and its contrasting human and physical environments. (Chamonix, French Alps)	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region within the UK and S America (Amazon Basin) and of a city in the UK and N America (New York)	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography on a variety of scales.
European country, and a region within North or South America	Make observations about and describe the school grounds and local area noting their distinctive features. Explore and begin to recognise the distinctive features of the countries of the UK.	Make observations about, and describe, the local area and its physical and human geography. Identify a range of natural and human environments, such as the local area and contrasting settlements, and describe them and some of	Compare an area of Liverpool to an area of SW England identifying key differences (e.g. in land use, landmarks, transport links). Understand the basic physical and human geography of the UK and	Compare similarities and difference between some regions in Europe. Describe the characteristics of settlements with different	Understand differences between urban and rural Brazil and the lives of people living within Rio de Janeiro and compare this to their own lives. Understand how areas can change over time and some of the underlying	Understand on a global scale differences in the distribution of natural resources and trade links Understand the role of planning in determining an area's future use and
	Explore and describe different environments and habitats around the world.	the activities that occur there. Describe their locality and how it is different from and similar to the distant place.	its contrasting human and physical environments. Describe unique features of different climate zones and biomes	functions. Recognise that different regions are more susceptible to natural disasters than others.	reasons for that change. Consider interactions between human and physical environments (e.g. impact of flooding in the Mississippi and droughts in California)	function. Understand the positive impact we can have on the environment and sustainability

Human and Physical	Describe landmarks and basic	Recognise and describe	Begin to recognise and	Explore and describe the	Explore the locational	Explore and describe the
Geography	human and physical features	physical features of the local	describe some political	locational distribution of	distribution of some	location and significance
	in the school and local area.	area and some points of	boundaries across the UK.	mountains and major	major urban areas across	of minerals, natural
Local and Global scales		contrast to other types of		rivers in the UK.	the UK and know some	resources and major trade
		settlement.			ways in which they have	routes across the UK.
KS1 NC identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the					changed over time.	
United Kingdom and the						
location of hot and cold areas	Begin to understand that the	Recognise and describe	Understand the range of	Recognise and describe	Describe some key	Understand the
of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and	UK has a range of physical	some human and physical	physical and human	physical features of	physical and human	relationship between
South Poles	features and be able to	features of a range of	features across the UK.	mountains and rivers.	characteristics of Europe	climate zones, vegetation
NC use basic geographical	describe some of these	settlements (rural, coastal			and N and S America.	belts and global trade.
vocabulary to refer to:	features.	and urban) in the UK.				
key physical features including: beach, cliff, coast,						
forest, hill, mountain, sea,	Talk about an aspect of the	Describe the physical and	Recognise the main land	Understand how	Understand the diversity	Understand the impact of
ocean, river, soil, valley,	physical and human	human geography of an area	uses in urban areas and	mountains and volcanoes	of environments and	globalisation on the
vegetation, season and	geography of a distant place,	studied in a non-European	rural areas.	are formed and explain	climate across N America	products we use and on
weather key human features,	naming its features.	country.		why earthquakes occur.	and Brazil, S America	local industry.
including: city, town, village,	Tally also at day, to day.	Identify and describe	Describe the nettern of		Lindovete v d the	Describe some renewable
factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop	Talk about day-to-day weather and some features	Identify and describe	Describe the pattern of hot or cold areas of the	Understand how glaciers and avalanches can	Understand the	Describe some renewable
port, narbour and shop	of the seasons in their	seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.	world and relate this to		relationship between climate and vegetation by	and non-renewable
KS2 NC describe and		patterns in the OK.		influence the landscape.		energy sources and how
understand key aspects of: physical geography, including:	locality.	Describe which continents	the position of the Poles,	Describe the water cycle	exploring an example of a	we can impact by
climate zones, biomes and	Show awareness that the	have significant hot or cold	tropics and Equator.		biome.	reducing, re-using and
vegetation belts, rivers,	weather may vary in different	areas and relate these to the	Start to understand the	and journey of a river	Understand that animals	recycling.
mountains, volcanoes and	parts of the UK and in	Poles and Equator.	difference between	Name some of the	and plants are adapted to	Understand where our
earthquakes, and the water cycle	different parts of the world.		climate and weather and	processes associated with	the climate.	energy and natural
, human geography, including:	uncrent parts of the world.		that climate determines	rivers.	the climate.	resources come from.
types of settlement and land			world biomes.	110013.	Know and explore some	resources come from.
use, economic activity including trade links, and the			World Diomes.	Understand how physical	ways a biome is valuable	Understand and explain a
distribution of natural			Recognise there are	processes (volcanic	and under threat	range of threats to our
resources including energy,			advantages and	eruptions and glacial	(deforestation).	environment and ways in
food, minerals and water			disadvantages of living in	landslides) can cause	(which it can be protected.
			certain environments.	hazards to people.	Know the terms 'push'	
					and 'pull' and some	Begin to understand
			Recognise that different	Describe some	factors influencing this by	global warming by
			people hold different	advantages and	exploring village and city	researching its impact on
			views about an issue and	disadvantages of living in	life and settlement	a specific biome.
			begin to understand some	hazard-prone areas.	patterns in Brazil.	
			of the reasons why.			Understand hazards from
				Know and share	Describe some key	physical environments
				information about a	physical processes and	and their management.
				European region	the resulting landscape	
				(Chamonix, SW France)	features (erosion and	Know and understand
				and draw comparisons to	Grand Canyon).	what life is like and in a
				Liverpool.		range of settlement sizes
						in cities and in villages.

					Explore patterns of settlement, population distribution and density (N America). Understand the process of flooding and drought, their impact on the human activity and physical environment and some ways in which we try to prevent such disasters. (drought California and Case study - Mississippi).	
Geography Skills and				igh games, books, fieldwork a	nd internet.	1
Fieldwork	Gathering information:	Gathering information:	Gathering information:	Gathering information:	Gathering information:	Gathering information:
	Assist in keeping a daily	Use a weather station to	Carry out fieldwork in the	carry out fieldwork in the	Plan and carry out field	Plan and carry out a
Enquiry, mapping,	weather chart based on first- hand observations using	keep a weekly weather chart	local area (e.g. traffic	local area (river study)	work enquiry in the local	fieldwork investigation in
fieldwork, critical	picture symbols.	based on first-hand observations using picture	study) using appropriate techniques suggested	selecting appropriate techniques.	area. (land use over time)	an urban area.
thinking, vocabulary	picture symbols.	symbols and present this	including questionnaires.	teeninques.	Select appropriate	Use a range of graphs to
tillining, votabulary		data.	including questionnun es.		methods for data	display data collected.
KS1 NC use world maps,	Use simple fieldwork and	Use a proforma to collect	Ask and respond to	Present information	collection such as	
atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its	observational skills in the	data e.g. a tally chart of	geographical questions	gathered in fieldwork,	interviews.	Evaluate the quality of
countries, as well as the	school, its grounds and	weather.	[i.e. Describe the	selecting the most		evidence collected and
countries, continents and	surrounding areas.		landscape, Why is it like	appropriate way including	Use graphs to display data	suggest improvements.
oceans studied at this key stage		Begin to use their	this?]	field sketches.	collected.	
NC use simple compass	Ask geographical questions	geographical skills, including				
directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and	[i.e. What is it like where we	first-hand observations, to	Record information			
directional language [for	live?]	enhance locational	gathered using a simple			
example, near and far; left and		awareness.	graph.			
right], to describe the location of features and routes on a	Sketching: Draw basic maps,	Sketching: Draw basic maps	Sketching: Draw a simple	Sketching: Draw an	Sketching: Use sketches	Sketching: Evaluate their
map	including appropriate	(e.g. add detail to a sketch	sketch map from	annotated sketch from	as evidence in an	sketch against set criteria
NC use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise	symbols and pictures to	map from aerial	observation.	observation including	investigation.	and improve it.
landmarks and basic human	represent places or features.	photograph).		descriptive / explanatory	Annotate sketches to	
and physical features; devise a				labels and indicating	describe and explain	Draw plans of increasing
simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a	Create plans and draw simple			direction.	geographical processes	complexity.
key	features in their familiar	Add labels onto a sketch	Use standard symbols,	Begin to recognise and	and patterns.	
NC use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study	environment	map, map or photograph of	and a key.	use OS map symbols,	Recognise and use OS	Begin to use and
the geography of their school		features and use and		including completion of a	map symbols and a key	recognise atlas symbols
and its grounds and the key	Licing money	construct basic symbols		key.	understanding why it is	
human and physical features	Using maps:	Using mans:	Using mans:	Using mans:	important.	
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of its surrounding	Use a simple plan map and	Follow a route on a map.	Follow a route on a map	Follow a route on a large	Using maps:	Using maps:
environment.	simple letter and number grid		with some accuracy.	scale map.	Compare maps with aerial	Follow a short route on a
KS2 NC use maps, atlases,	to move around the school.				photographs.	OS map.
globes and digital/computer			Locate places using a	Locate places on a range	h	
mapping to locate countries	Use plans, maps, globes and	Use plans, maps, globes,	range of maps including	of maps (variety of	Select a map for a specific	Describe the features
and describe features studied	aerial images to recognise	atlases and aerial images to	OS & digital.	scales).	purpose.	shown on an OS map.
NC use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure	some features and places	locate places and basic		,	1 · · 1 · · ·	
grid references, symbols and	(locally and the wider world).	human and physical features.	Begin to match	Identify features on an	Begin to use atlases to	Use atlases to find out
key (including the use of			boundaries (e.g. find same	aerial photograph, digital	find out other information	data about other places.
Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the	Use relative vocabulary e.g.	Use simple compass	boundary of a country on	or computer map.	(e.g. temperature).	
United Kingdom and the wider	bigger/smaller, like/dislike.	directions to locate named	different scale maps).			Use 8 points of a compass
world		places (N, S, E, W).		Begin to use 8 points of a	Find and recognise places	and 6 fig GR accurately.
NC use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present	Use directional language e.g.		Use 4 points of a compass	compass	on maps of different	
the human and physical	near/far, up/down, left/right,	Use 2 fig GR and 4 points of a			scales.	Use lines of longitude and
features in the local area using	forwards/backwards.	compass to identify features	Begin to use 4 fig GR. to	Use 4 fig GR to identify		latitude on maps.
a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and		on a map.	identify features on a	features on a map.	Use OS map and atlas	
graphs, and digital	Use simple compass		map.		symbols.	Use thematic maps for
technologies.	directions.			Recognise contours show		specific purposes.
			Analyse evidence and	height.	Use 8 points of a	
			draw conclusions e.g.		compass, begin to use 6	
			make comparisons	Describe height and slope	fig GR.	
			between locations using	from a map.		
			aerial photos/pictures.			
		Map knowledge:		Map knowledge:		
		Locate and name on a world	Map knowledge:	Locate Europe on a large	Map knowledge:	Map knowledge:
	Map knowledge:	map and globe the 7	Locate the UK on a variety	scale map or globe.	Locate the world's	Locate the world's
	Use world maps to identify	continents and 5 oceans and	of different scale maps.		countries, focus on North	countries on a variety of
	the UK in its position in the	some countries.		Name and locate	& South America.	maps, including the areas
	world.		Name & locate counties	countries in Europe		studied throughout KS1
	the second to be set at the form	Locate on a globe and world	and major cities of the UK.	(including Russia) and	Identify the position of	and KS2.
	Use maps to locate the four	map the hot and cold areas		their capitals cities.	lines of longitude &	
	countries and capital cities of	of the world including the			latitude.	Use globes and atlases to
	UK and its surrounding seas.	Equator and the North and South Poles.				locate places studied in relation to the Equator,
	Use world maps, atlases and	South Poles.				latitude and longitude and
	globes to identify some					time zones.
	continents and oceans.	Communication:		Communication:		time 201163.
		Communicate geographical	Communication:	Communicate	Communication:	Communication:
	Communication:	information in a variety of	Communicate	geographical information	Communicate	Communication.
	Communicate geographical	ways, including through	geographical information	in a variety of ways,	geographical information	geographical information
	information in a variety of	maps and tables, numerical	in a variety of ways,	including through maps,	in a variety of ways,	in a variety of ways,
	ways e.g maps and plans.	and quantitative skills.	including through maps,	numerical and	including through maps,	including through maps,
	trays c.g maps and plans.		numerical and	quantitative skills and	numerical and	numerical and
			quantitative skills and	writing.	quantitative skills and	quantitative skills and
			writing.		writing at length.	writing at length.
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