

Geography Progression Map

EYFS	3-4 year olds will learning to: Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. Year 1 Year 2		Children in Reception will be learning to: Draw information from a simple map. Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live. Explore the natural world around them, making observations. Year 3 Opening Worlds		Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter. Year 5 Year 6	
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On-going		ening range of identified geograp	_		_	sses etc
General geographical knowledge, position and significance, UK and Global	Begin to name and locate the UK, its four countries and capital cities and its surrounding seas on a world map and globe.	Name and locate the UK, its four countries and capital cities and its surrounding seas on a world map and globe.	Name and locate some counties and major cities of the UK, geographical regions and identify human and physical characteristics	Name and locate UK's major rivers and mountains.	Name and locate UK's counties, cities and geographical regions of the UK	Locate key areas and characteristics in UK using a variety of maps and scales
KS1 NC name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans NC name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas KS2 NC locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America,	Name, locate and identify some characteristics of the four countries of the UK and their capital cities. Name and locate areas within the school and its grounds and the school's position in the local area. Identify some human and physical features of the school and school grounds	Identify a range of physical and human features of the UK. Locate different types of settlements on a map and some key landmarks, human and physical features. Identify where they live on a map of the UK.	Start to locate key topographical features of the UK including coasts, hills, mountains and rivers Relate where they live to continent, country, region, county, city.	Describe the influence of rivers on land-use in the local area.	Identify land-use patterns and understand how some aspects of land-use locally and in the UK have changed over time.	Understand key aspects of the distribution of natural resources in the UK Describe and understand key aspects of settlement and land use (e.g. Begin to understand the relationship between major trade routes and settlements).
concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities NC 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,	and its immediate area and name key landmarks. Identify what a continent is and that they live in Europe. Recognise and name some of the world's seven continents	Name and locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans on a globe or atlas.	Use a globe and atlas to identify the position and significance latitude, Equator, of the N and S hemispheres, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circles.	Locate countries, major cities, environmental regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics within Europe including Russia on physical and political maps.	Locate countries, major cities, environmental regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics within N and S America on	Locate places studied in relation to the Equator, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, latitude and longitude.

coasts and rivers), and landuse patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time NC identify the position and significance 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)	and five oceans on a globe or atlas. Locate on a globe hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.	Identify the position of the Poles and Equator on a globe or atlas. 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. Use an atlas to locate world's rivers. 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.	physical and political maps. 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	Relate places studied to their lines of latitude, longitude and time zones.
					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	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. Devon) Understand geographical similarities and differences through a study of human	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom	Understand the physical and human geography of a region in Europe and its contrasting human and physical environments. (Chamonix, French Alps) Compare similarities and	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.
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 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. Explore and describe different environments and habitats around the world.	and physical geography of a contrasting non-European country (e.g. Bangladesh) 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 the activities that occur there. Describe their locality and how it is different from and similar to the distant place.	Understand the basic physical and human geography of the UK and its contrasting human and physical environments. Describe unique features of different climate zones and biomes	Describe the characteristics of settlements with different functions. Recognise that different regions are more susceptible to natural disasters than others.	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 reasons for that change. Consider interactions between human and physical environments (e.g. impact of flooding in the Mississippi and droughts in California)	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 function. Understand the positive impact we can have on the environment and sustainability
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Geography	human and physical features	physical features of the local	describe some political	locational distribution of	distribution of some major	location and significance
Local and Global scales	in the school and local area.	area and some points of contrast to other types of settlement.	boundaries across the UK. Explore and describe the	mountains and major rivers in the UK.	urban areas across the UK and know some ways in which they have changed	of minerals, natural resources and major trade routes across the UK.
KS1 NC identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the			locational distribution of mountains and major		over time.	
United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles NC use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key	Begin to understand that the UK has a range of physical features and be able to describe some of these features.	Recognise and describe some human and physical features of a range of settlements (rural, coastal and urban) in the UK.	rivers in the UK.	Recognise and describe physical features of mountains and rivers.	Describe some key physical and human characteristics of Europe and N and S America.	Understand the relationship between climate zones, vegetation belts and global trade.

physical features including:
beach, cliff, coast, forest,
hill, mountain, sea, ocean,
river, soil, valley,
vegetation, season and
weather
key human features,
including: city, town, village
factory, farm, house, office,
port, harbour and shop

KS2 NC describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle 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

Talk about an aspect of the physical and human geography of a distant place, naming its features.

Talk about day-to-day weather and some features of the seasons in their locality.

Show awareness that the weather may vary in different parts of the UK and in different parts of the world.

Describe the physical and human geography of an area studied in a non-European country.

Identify and describe seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.

Describe which continents have significant hot or cold areas and relate these to the Poles and Equator.

Recognise and describe physical features of mountains and rivers.

Understand the range of physical and human features across the UK.

Understand how mountains and volcanoes are formed and explain why earthquakes occur.

Understand how glaciers and avalanches can influence the landscape.

Describe the water cycle and journey of a river

Name some of the processes associated with rivers.

Understand how physical processes (volcanic eruptions and glacial landslides) can cause hazards to people.

Recognise the main land uses in urban areas and rural areas.

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Describe some advantages and disadvantages of living in hazard-prone areas.

Know and share information about a European region (Chamonix, SW France) and draw comparisons to Liverpool.

Understand the diversity of environments and climate across N America and Brazil, S America

Understand the relationship between climate and vegetation by exploring an example of a biome.

Understand that animals and plants are adapted to the climate.

Know and explore some ways a biome is valuable and under threat (deforestation).

Know the terms 'push' and 'pull' and some factors influencing this by exploring village and city life and settlement patterns in Brazil.

Describe some key physical processes and the resulting landscape features (erosion and Grand Canyon). Understand the impact of globalisation on the products we use and on local industry.

Describe some renewable and non-renewable energy sources and how we can impact by reducing, re-using and recycling.

Understand where our energy and natural resources come from.

Understand and explain a range of threats to our environment and ways in which it can be protected.

Begin to understand global warming by researching its impact on a specific biome.

Understand hazards from physical environments and their management.

Know and understand what life is like and in a range of settlement sizes in cities and in villages.

Fieldwork Enquiry, mapping, fieldwork, critical thinking, vocabulary	Gathering information: Assist in keeping a daily weather chart based on firsthand observations using picture symbols.	Gathering information: Use a weather station to keep a weekly weather chart based on first-hand observations using picture symbols and present this data.	Ask and respond to geographical questions [i.e. Describe the landscape, Why is it like	Gathering information: carry out fieldwork in the local area (river study) selecting appropriate techniques.	Gathering information: Plan and carry out field work enquiry in the local area. (land use over time) Select appropriate methods for data	Gathering information: Plan and carry out a fieldwork investigation in an urban area. Use a range of graphs to
KS1 NC 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	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills in the school, its grounds and surrounding areas.	Use a proforma to collect data e.g. a tally chart of weather.	this?] Record information gathered using a simple graph.	Present information gathered in fieldwork, selecting the most appropriate way including field sketches.	collection such as interviews. Use graphs to display data collected.	Evaluate the quality of evidence collected and suggest improvements.
stage NC 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	Ask geographical questions [i.e. What is it like where we live?]	Begin to use their geographical skills, including first-hand observations, to enhance locational awareness.	Sketching: Draw a simple sketch map from observation.			
of features and routes on a map NC use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and	Sketching: Draw basic maps, including appropriate symbols and pictures to represent places or features.	Carry out fieldwork in the local area (e.g. traffic study) using appropriate techniques suggested including questionnaires.	Use standard symbols, and a key.	Sketching: Draw an annotated sketch from observation including descriptive / explanatory labels and indicating	Sketching: Use sketches as evidence in an investigation. Annotate sketches to describe and explain	Sketching: Evaluate their sketch against set criteria and improve it. Draw plans of increasing
construct basic symbols in a key NC use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key	Create plans and draw simple features in their familiar environment	Sketching: Draw basic maps (e.g. add detail to a sketch	Using maps: Follow a route on a map with some accuracy.	direction. Begin to recognise and use OS map symbols, including completion of a key.	geographical processes and patterns. Recognise and use OS map symbols and a key	complexity. Begin to use and recognise atlas symbols

human and physical features of its surrounding environment.	Using maps: Use a simple plan map and	map from aerial photograph).	Locate places using a range of maps including	Using maps:	understanding why it is important.	
	simple letter and number grid		OS & digital.	Follow a route on a large		Using maps:
KS2 NC use maps, atlases,	to move around the school.			scale map.	Using maps:	Follow a short route on a
globes and digital/computer		Add labels onto a sketch	Begin to match		Compare maps with aerial	OS map.
mapping to locate countries	Use plans, maps, globes and	map, map or photograph of	boundaries (e.g. find same	Locate places on a range	photographs.	
and describe features studied NC use the eight points of a	aerial images to recognise	features and use and	boundary of a country on	of maps (variety of		Describe the features
compass, four and six-figure	some features and places	construct basic symbols	different scale maps).	scales).	Select a map for a specific	shown on an OS map.
grid references, symbols and	(locally and the wider world).			,	purpose.	
key (including the use of		Using maps:	Use 4 points of a compass	Identify features on an		Use atlases to find out
Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the	Use relative vocabulary e.g.	Follow a route on a map.		aerial photograph, digital	Begin to use atlases to	data about other places.
United Kingdom and the wider	bigger/smaller, like/dislike.	Tollow a route off a map.	Begin to use 4 fig GR. to	or computer map.	find out other information	data about other places.
world			identify features on a	or computer map.	(e.g. temperature).	Use 9 maints of a semmass
NC use fieldwork to observe,	Use directional language e.g.		/	Danim to was 0 mainta of a	(e.g. temperature).	Use 8 points of a compass
measure, record and present			map.	Begin to use 8 points of a		and 6 fig GR accurately.
the human and physical	near/far, up/down, left/right,	Use plans, maps, globes,		compass	Find and recognise places	
features in the local area using	forwards/backwards.	atlases and aerial images to	Analyse evidence and		on maps of different	Use lines of longitude and
a range of methods, including			draw conclusions e.g.		scales.	latitude on maps.

sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital	Use simple compass	locate places and basic	make comparisons	Use 4 fig GR to identify		
technologies.	directions.	human and physical features.	between locations using	features on a map.	Use OS map and atlas	Use thematic maps for
			aerial photos/pictures.		symbols.	specific purposes.
		Use simple compass		Recognise contours show		
		directions to locate named		height.	Use 8 points of a	
		places (N, S, E, W).			compass, begin to use 6	
				Describe height and slope	fig GR.	
		Use 2 fig GR and 4 points of a		from a map.		
		compass to identify features	Map knowledge:		Map knowledge: Locate	Map knowledge: Locate
	Map knowledge:	on a map.	Locate the UK on a variety	Map knowledge:	the world's countries,	the world's countries on
	Use world maps to identify		of different scale maps.	Locate Europe on a large	focus on North & South	a variety of maps,
	the UK in its position in the			scale map or globe.	America.	including the areas
	world.	Map knowledge:	Name & locate counties			studied throughout KS1
		Locate and name on a world	and major cities of the UK.	Name and locate	Identify the position of	and KS2.
	Use maps to locate the four	map and globe the 7		countries in Europe	lines of longitude &	
	countries and capital cities of	continents and 5 oceans and		(including Russia) and	latitude.	Use globes and atlases to
	UK and its surrounding seas.	some countries.		their capitals cities.		locate places studied in
		1	Communication:			relation to the Equator,
	Use world maps, atlases and	Locate on a globe and world	Communicate			latitude and longitude and
	globes to identify some	map the hot and cold areas	geographical information	Communication:	Communication:	time zones.
	continents and oceans.	of the world including the	in a variety of ways,	Communicate	Communicate	
		Equator and the North and	including through maps,	geographical information	geographical information	Communication:
	Communication:	South Poles.	numerical and	in a variety of ways,	in a variety of ways,	Communicate
	Communicate geographical		quantitative skills and	including through maps,	including through maps,	geographical information
	information in a variety of		writing.	numerical and	numerical and	in a variety of ways,
	ways e.g maps and plans.	Communication:		quantitative skills and	quantitative skills and	including through maps,
		Communicate geographical		writing.	writing at length.	numerical and
		information in a variety of				quantitative skills and
		ways, including through				writing at length.
		maps and tables, numerical				
		and quantitative skills.				