Geography



A high-quality geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge provides the tools and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

The national curriculum for geography aims to ensure that all pupils:

- develop contextual knowledge of the location of places, seas and oceans,
- including their defining physical and human characteristics
- understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical
- features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about
- spatial variation and change over time
- are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
- collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through
- experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical
- processes
- interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps,
- diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through
- maps and writing at length.

The scheme of learning has a clear progression of substantive knowledge and vocabulary and links to other curriculum subjects. Our curriculum is planned around the following geographical concepts: world, UK, local, human and physical, and investigation.

Progression in disciplinary knowledge (concepts such as location, physical, human, understanding places, significant places, climate and weather, environment and sustainability, map and atlas work, and fieldwork investigations) is integrated within the curriculum and developed alongside the substantive knowledge which the children learn each year.



Geography Curriculum Overview

	Autumn (1)	Autumn (2)	Spring (1)	Spring (2)	Summer (1)	Summer (2)
Nursery 1	Amazing Autumn	Frozen Land	5,4,3,2,1 Blast Off!	All the Colours of The Rainbow	The Garden of Life	Once Upon a Time
	Talking about their home / nursery environment / places they like in their locality using simple geographical vocabulary	Artic environment – using simple geographical language to compare the features to that of this country.	Weather patterns and weather types	Simple maps – looking at maps of the moon and making maps of created planets / journey to the moon.	Talking about their /nursery garden using simple geographical vocabulary / making simple maps of the garden.	Making simple maps of the journey took by Red Riding Hood / Billy Goat's Gruff. Looking at the setting environment of traditional tales.
Nursery 2	Rhyme Time!	Sparkle and Shine	Explorers Here We Go!	My World, Your World	Dig, Dig, Digging	Summer Scrapbook
	Simple study of contrasting countries around the world. Looking at physical and human features / people Simple map making	Comparison of Sweden to our country / Northern lights / food and culture / people Occupations during the night.	Discussing locality as a small town/village and its amenities. Comparing a hot and cold country to ours e.g India / Iceland	Weather – seasons – study of spring Simple study of a contrasting country.	Making simple maps and plans, treasure maps	Weather – seasons – study of summer Summer holidays and day trips – looking at physical and human elements of places to visit.
Reception	Magical Me!	Are We Nearly There Yet?	Dinosaur World	Watch Them Grow	Off on Safari	Oh, I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside
	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps (Talking about their home / nursery environment / places they like in locality using simple geographical vocabulary)	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps. (make a map of their journey to school)		Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps. (changes in the school grounds / making simple maps of the school environment)		Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps. (Link to a contrasting environment and how the beach varies from their immediate environment)
Year 1	Our Place in the World			Our United Kingdom		Fieldwork Unit – Our Local Park
	This topic introduces children to the difference between human and physical geography. How we view the world e.g., maps, globes and plans. A compass is used to tell us a direction. Knowing the UK is made up of a four countries. Each country has a range of			This topic recaps physical and human geography. Moving onto introducing the children to the seven continents. It then looks at the four countries of the UK including capital city, flag and physical and human features and food.		This unit is context specific – take some time before teaching this unit for the first time to adapt using your school's local park and add appropriate information into the resources.



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	settlements e.g. Village town and city.				
Year 2		Our Wonderful World		Global Explorers	Geographical Enquiry – Weather and Climate Fieldwork
		This unit introduces children to the equator, poles, oceans and seas. It also introduces the concept of environmental geography.		This topic encourages children to use their geographical knowledge to date to compare and contrast two locations. A further study of the equator and poles is incorporated to embed knowledge.	This unit introduces climate and weather. Children are able to use their locational knowledge of the world to see how this affects the weather and climate of an area. They begin to investigate the collection of data related to weather.
Year 3		What's Beneath Our Feet?	Settlement in the UK		
		This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.	This unit introduces settlements and counties in the UK. Using their knowledge of compasses and maps, locate different areas on a map. Beginning to use a wider range of map symbols and 8 points of the compass.		
Year 4	Mountains and Rivers		Fieldwork Unit		
	This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.		Children will learn about the places around them and begin looking for land use patterns. Using a case study of a fictional town to provide context, children will investigate their local area, focusing on its facilities and transport links and how they might be changing. Children will learn different ways of presenting, analysing and evaluating the data collected about their locality.		



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Year 5	Brilliant Biomes		Grown or flown?		Fieldwork Unit – Renewables vs non- renewables	
	This unit introduces children to the different biomes across the world. They will compare and contrast biomes and climate. Pupils will learn about the five major types of biomes.		This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.		This unit introduces children to the difference between renewable and on-renewable energy. Advantages and disadvantages of both are considered. Pupils can learn about the impact of a carbon footprint and the impact this has on global warming.	
Year 6		Location, Location, Location		The Big Freeze	Sustainability	
		This project investigates and compares three different locations, Moscow, Rio de Janeiro and Seattle. It will focus on human and physical features deprivation, landmarks, population and time zones.		This unit looks at the similarities and differences found in the two polar regions – Arctic and Antarctic. This study will focus on the impact of climate change for the areas.	This unit encourage pupils to understand that the future of our world is in our hands and that the choices we make have an impact on people throughout the world. Explore the concept of sustainability and how we can all be responsible global citizens.	



Geography Progression – Knowledge (Substantive Knowledge)

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, children develop an understanding of geography through inspiring in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Through our teaching and hands on experiences we hope to equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

	EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
World	Our world is a planet called Earth. On Earth, there are many different countries. Some countries are hot and some are cold.	OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD There are 7 continents on the world. (Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Antarctica, Australia)	OUR WONDERFUL WORLD There are 7 continents on the world. (Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Antarctica, Australia) Countries on the equator are the hottest in the world. The North Pole and South Pole are the coldest places on the Earth. There are five oceans – Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic. Oceans are between continents. Seas are where the Ocean and the land meet. The North Sea is the sea off the coast of the North East. There are five oceans – Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic.	WHATS BENEATH OUR FEET Identify volcanoes and earthquakes across the world. There are 16 principal tectonic plates in the world.	MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS Significant mountain ranges of the world include the Himalayas, Urals, Andes, Alps, Atlas, Pyrenees, Apennines, Balkans and Sierra Nevada. The longest mountain range on land is the Andes in South America. The Andes run for over 7,000km. Significant world rivers include the Mississippi, Nile, Thames, Amazon, Volga, Zambezi, Mekong, Ganges, Danube and Yangtze.	BRILLIANT BOMES There are 6 different climates across the globe (Mediterranean, polar, temperate, desert, tropical, mountain) GROWN OR FLOWN Farming is affected by the climate, topography and soil type of the farm's location.	LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION There are 7 continents on the world. (Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Antarctica, Australia). Identify and name key landmarks of Moscow, Rio de Janeiro and Seattle. Making comparisons. It takes 24 hours for the Earth to rotate once on its axis. We split the globe into time zones using imaginary lines called meridians. They run from the North Pole to the South Pole, crossing lines of latitude. There are 24 time zones. THE BIG FREEZE Arctic regions are 60degrees North, 33degrees latitude.



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			Equator is an imaginary circle which divides the earth into two hemispheres. The poles are the southern and northern most parts of the Earth. Climate zones means areas that have similar climates.				Antarctic region is 60degrees South (whole continent of Antarctica) Longitude shows how far East or West a place is. Latitude shows how far North or South a pace is. Polar is the areas around the North and South Poles. Polar day – six months of the year in constant daylight. Polar night – six months of the year in constant darkness SUSTAINABILITY There is a sharp increase in plastic waste pollution across the world.
UK	We live in the UK. We live in England. In each country, there are cities, towns and villages.	OUR UNITED KINGDOM The United Kingdom (UK) is a union of four countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The capital city of England is London. The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast. The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh. The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.	GLOBAL EXPLORERS The United Kingdom (UK) is a union of four countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The capital city of England is London. The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast. The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh. The capital city of Wales is Cardiff. The UK flag is called the Union Jack.	SETTLEMENT IN THE UK Recall the four countries of the UK are England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. A county is an area of land made up of countryside and different settlements. Rural area is an area of countryside outside of a town or city, with few homes and buildings.	MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS Well-known mountain ranges in the four countries that make up the UK include: the Cairngorms in Scotland, the Pennines in England, the Mourne Mountains in Northern Ireland, Snowdonia in Wales.	GROWN OR FLOWN The UK imports food, due to seasonal availability, cost and variety. Know the benefits and risks of importing foods. 70% of the land in the UK is used for farming.	LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION There is an imaginary line running through the UK called the Prime Meridian. It runs through a place in London called Greenwich.



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		The UK flag is called the Union Jack.	The UK has a temperate climate which means it does not have extreme weather and has four seasons.	An urban area is a built-up area with many homes and buildings. A settlement is a place where people live. Recall the meaning of village, town and city. UK counties border each other.	The highest mountains in the UK are: Ben Nevis in Scotland (also the highest in the UK), Scafell Pike in England, Slieve Donard in Northern Ireland, Snowdon in Wales.		
Local	Say where they live. Know what is in my local town e.g., school, park, church. A street can have buildings either side and a road or path. A road is used for vehicles to move along to get from one place to another.	OUR LOCAL PARK Local area is the place where you live. A settlement is a place where people live and sometimes work. A village is a small settlement with a small number of houses for a few hundred people. A town is a place where people live which is smaller than a city but bigger than a village. A city is a place where many people love close together.	CLIMATE AND WEATHER Knowing what our local weather is like over a period of time.	SETTLEMENT IN THE UK Recall which county you live in, (Durham, Tyne and Wear, Northumberland). Locate North East counties on a map. Identify how land use in the North East has changed over time. Identify and explain key topographical features of the North East.	MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS Our local rivers are the Tyne, Wear, Tees, Tweed, Derwent.		SUSTAINABILITY Identify personal use of plastic at home and school.
Human, Physical	Humans share the	OUR PLACE IN THE	GLOBAL EXPLORERS	WHATS BENEATH	MOUNTAINS AND	BRILLIANT BIOMES	LOCATION,
and	planet with lots of other things, (e.g.	WORLD Physical geography is	Physical geography is the natural	OUR FEET The Earth is the only	RIVERS A mountain is a	Mediterranean – The countries that border	LOCATION, LOCATION
Environmental	plants and animals,	the natural	environment.	planet with water on	natural elevation of	the Mediterranean	An atlas is a book that
	mountains, rivers, and	environment.	Human geography is	its surface.	the Earth's surface,	Sea.	shows a variety of
	oceans). None of	Human geography is	everything to do with	There are four layers	rising to a summit.	Desert – An area that	different maps at different scales.
	these things are made by people.	everything to do with human activity.	human activity. Environmental	to the Earth– the crust, the mantle, the	Mountains have an elevation greater than	has little precipitation each year. Low	World maps are
	Some things are part	A capital city is a city	geography – is all	outer core, and the	that of a hill, usually	nighttime	divided into a grid
	of nature, they are	that is home to the	about how humans'	inner core.	greater than 600m.	temperatures.	which shows latitude
	natural.	government and ruler	impact/have an effect	The crust is the top	They are often found	Tropical – An area	and longitude.
	People have made	of a country.	on the Earth.	layer. It is not one	together in a group	that is hot and humid	Latitude and
	things in the world	A capital city is where	Recall human, physical	continuous piece, it	called a mountain	with both wet and dry	longitude are
	(man-made- e.g.	a country's	or environmental	overlaps.	range.	seasons.	measurements of an



buildings, cars,	government has its	features might attract	Where the crust	Mountains are made	Mountainous –	angular distance
benches, tables,	headquarters and	tourists to an area.	overlaps is called a	when the Earth's	Changeable climate.	measured in degrees.
televisions, toys).	where it makes		tectonic plate. The	tectonic plates push	Colder and rainier as	They are shown using
	important decisions.		tectonic plate floats	together, move apart	the elevation	the symbol °.
		WEATHER AND	on a mantle.	or when magma	increases.	
		<u>CLIMATE</u>	Earthquakes and	underneath the	Polar – cold and dry	
		Weather means the	volcanoes can be	Earth's crust pushes	with long winters and	THE BIG FREEZE
		daily changes in the	caused by tectonic	large areas of land	freezing temperatures.	Identify the similarities
		conditions outside.	plates moving.	upwards.	Temperate – warm	and differences
		Climate means the	The mantle mixes and	There are five types of	summers and cool	between topography,
		usual weather over a	moves, causing	mountain: fold, fault-	winters. Year round	seasons, climate,
		longer period of	pressure underneath	block, volcanic, dome	precipitation.	precipitation, wildlife,
		time.WHAT	the crust. This	and plateau.	A biome is a large	vegetation and
			pressure can	A river is a body of	naturally occurring	humans in both the
			sometimes cause the	water that flows	community of flora	Arctic and Antarctic.
			mantle to leak out	downhill, usually to	and fauna occupying	Climate change is a
			onto the surface of	the sea.	a major habitat.	change in global or
			the Earth - a volcano.	The place where a	There are five major	regional weather
			The inside of the Earth	river starts is called	types of biomes:	patterns.
			is a hot liquid core.	the source.	aquatic, grassland,	Global warming is the
			The outer core is a	Tributaries are small	forest, desert, and	long-term warming of
			super-heated liquid	rivers or streams that	tundra.	the planet. It is one
			made of iron and	flow into larger rivers	Specific animals and	part of climate
			nickel.	or lakes.	vegetation are found	change.
			The inner core is	The place where a	in each biome.	Identify the risks to
			made up of the same	river flows into the sea		polar regions due to
			metals as the outer	is called the mouth.		climate change.
			core (iron and nickel)	Rivers transport	GROWN OR FLOWN	Melting ice is causing
			but, instead of being	materials in four ways.	Farming is the	sea levels to rise.
			liquid, it is a solid.	Rivers, seas and	business of growing	Animals who have
			A hemisphere is half	oceans can transform	crops and raising	adapted to survive in
			of the Earth. The	a landscape through	livestock.	cold regions are
			Earth is split into two	erosion, deposition	Arable farms grow	struggling to survive.
			halves by the equator:	and transportation.	crops, such as grains	Identify advantages
			northern hemisphere	Water is constantly	and vegetables.	and disadvantages of
			and southern	recycled through the	Pastoral farming rears	tourism in polar
			hemisphere.	water cycle.	animals such as cows	regions.
			Lines of latitude are	The four stages of the	and sheep.	
			also referred to as	water cycle are:	Mixed farming is a	
			parallels of latitude	evaporation,	mixture of arable and	
			because all of these	condensation,	pastoral farming.	<u>SUSTAINABILITY</u>
			lines are parallel. The	precipitation and	Identify how biomes	
			latitude that most	collection.	and climate can affect	
			people are familiar		farming in that area.	



		with is the equator.			If something is
		This is 0 degrees		RENEWABLE VS NON-	sustainable, it can be
		latitude.		RENEWABLE 13 HOH	carried on for a long
		Lines of longitude are		Energy examples	period of time.
		measured in degrees		include oil, coal,	Being sustainable
		east and west of the		natural gas, nuclear,	means doing little or
		Prime Meridian		wind, geothermal,	no harm to the
		longitude line, which		solar, hydropower,	environment.
		runs through		biomass.	Recall the advantages
		Greenwich, England.		Renewable energy are	and disadvantages of
		They are		forms of energy that	plastic.
		perpendicular to the		can be re-used and	Throwing plastic bags
		lines of latitude, so		never run out.	away is not
		they run vertically		Non-renewable	sustainable because
		rather than		energy is energy that	the planet will
		horizontally.		can't be re-used and	eventually run out of
		Topography is the		will eventually run	landfill space.
		shape and features of		out.	Most plastic waste is
		the land.		Natural resources	washed into the
		Buildings on land can		incudes anything that	ocean from the land.
		harm nature.		people use that	Plastic pollution in the
		Nature conservation		comes from nature.	ocean also comes
		means protecting our		Offshore means based	from micro-plastic.
		environment and the		out at sea, away from	Plastic can take over
		wildlife that lives in it.		land.	400 years to
		whalle that hves hite.		Natural resources	decompose.
				include freshwater, air,	accompose.
				fossil fuels, minerals,	
				soil and wood.	
				Renewable energy	
				includes wind and	
				tidal power, solar,	
				hydroelectric.	
				Identify and explain	
				the advantages and	
				disadvantages to the	
				energy used.	
				Non-renewable	
				energy can often	
				cause pollution.	
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						A carbon footprint is how much carbon goes into the air because of something done by people (not by nature). Doing something that burns fuel will make carbon dioxide gas in the smoke. Carbon dioxide has carbon in it. Burning fuel leaves carbon dioxide in the air, which is called a carbon footprint.	
Investigation	A simple map or plan shows what an area looks like. From space the earth looks like a ball. A direction could be forwards, backwards, left or right.	OUR UNITED KNGDOM OUR LOCAL PARK Geography is the study of the World around us. Maps can be drawings or models. They can help you find where you are going. Floor plans are a view from above. A globe is a model of the Earth and shows what it looks like from space. There are four points on a compass (North, South, East, West). A compass is a tool for finding direction. North always points to the top of a map. Fieldwork is when you go outside and	WEATHER AND CLIMATE A meteorologist studies the weather. Precipitation is water vapour which falls from the clouds e.g. rain, snow, sleet. A weather vane is used to measure wind direction. Thermometers measure the temperature of the weather. Temperature is measured in degrees Celsius. A weather forecast will not only tell you where and when the weather's going to change, but why.	SETTLEMENT IN THE UK A grid reference allows you to pinpoint a place on a map. Four-figure grid references are used to locate a particular grid square on a map. Contour lines on maps join areas of the same height.	LAND USE AND SETTLEMENT Aerial images and maps can help us identify different types of land use; an easy example is housing Maps and keys help us identify industrial areas, fields, woods and built up areas with lots of roads Aerial images reveal patterns and colours in the landscape e.g. farmed areas may have uniform stripes A cartographer is a person whose job it is to make maps Settlements are places where groups of people live and work. Land use is the function or purpose of a particular area — it is	GROWN OR FLOWN RENEWABLE VS NON- RENEWABLE Total carbon footprint/emission quantification would include energy emissions from human activities, from heat, light, power and refrigeration and all transport related emissions from cars, freight and distribution.	LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION Deprivation is the degree to which an individual or an area is deprived of services and amenities. There are many different types and levels of deprivation included poor and overcrowded housing, inadequate diet, inadequate income and lack of opportunity for employment. SUSTAINABILITY 5Rs (rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle). Present data collected in an accessible way for audience.



disco	cover things about	hov	w land is used by	Use knowledge of
a pla	ace.	ped	ople, including	line, bar graphs and
Rout	ite is a way to	hou	ousing.	pie charts to represent
trave	vel from one place	Ah	hamlet is a	pictorial information.
to a	nother.	set	ttlement with a	Use knowledge of
Dire	ections is the path	sm	nall group of houses	recycling to make a
that	t something takes	and	d no other	difference in the wider
to re	each a place. We	bui	ildings	world, at school and
use	directional	Rui	ral is a term that	home and personally.
lang	guage to help.	me	eans land use	
(for	ward, right,	rela	ating to the	
	vnward, left,		untryside	
back	kward)	As	settlement is a place	
A co	ompass is a tool	wh	nere people live and	
used	d to help find	sor	metimes work and	
direc	ection.	car	n be categorised	
Data	a is information	into	o hamlets, villages,	
that	t is gathered or	tov	wns and cities	
colle	ected.	Tra	ansport links can	
		var	ry depending on	
		lan	nd use.	
		Ana	alyse means to	
		exa	amine something in	
		det	tail to explain and	
		und	derstand it	
		Eva	aluate means to	
		jud	dge or determine	
		the	e importance of	
		sor	mething	



Geography Progression – Skills (Disciplinary Knowledge)

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Location	Using simple	Name the capital of	Locate and name the four countries	Name and locate cities, counties and	Name and locate cities, counties and	Identify geographical	Identify topographical
	geographical vocabulary	England. Name Europe and	and capitals of the	regions of the UK.	regions of the UK.	regions of the UK	features of the UK
	Describe their	at least one other	UK.	Name and locate	Identify human and	and key	and begin to
	immediate	continent.	Locate and name	five European	physical	topographical	recognise how they
	environment	Identify the Pacific	the seven	countries and five in	characteristics of	features (hills, rivers	have changed over
	using knowledge	and Atlantic	continents and five	North/South	the UK.	etc.)	time.
	from observation,	Oceans.	oceans.	America.	Name and locate	Name and locate at	Name and locate at
	discussion,	Locate hot and cold	Locate the equator	Locate significant	five European	least six European	least seven
		areas of the world		_	countries and five in	countries and six in	
	stories, nonfiction texts and maps.	in relation to the	and the North and South Poles on a	places using latitude and	North/South	North/South	European countries and seven in
	texts and maps.				•	*	
		equator.	world map or	longitude.	America.	America.	North/South
			globe.		Identify the	Identify the location	America.
					topography of an	and explain the	Locate major cities
					area of the UK	function of the	and regions in these
					using contour lines	Prime (or	countries
					on a map.	Greenwich)	Identify the position
					Identify the location	Meridian and	and explain the
					of the Tropics of	different time zones	significance of
					Cancer and	(including day and	latitude, longitude,
					Capricorn on a	night).	equator, Northern
					world map.		Hemisphere,
							Southern
							Hemisphere, the
							Tropics of Cancer
							and Capricorn, the
							Arctic and Antarctic
							Circles, the Prime
							(or Greenwich)
							Meridian and time
							zones (including
							day and night).
							Explain
							interconnections
							between two or



							more areas of the world.
Physical	Noticing changes in the school grounds Describe their immediate environment	Use appropriate physical themed vocabulary (eg. river, hill, mountain, forest, beach) Identify patterns in	Use a wider range of physical themed vocabulary (eg. valley, vegetation, ocean). Describe, in simple	Describe climate zones, using the language of equator, north and south pole, desert, tropical, polar	Describe the water cycle using appropriate vocab (evaporation, rainfall, condensation etc).	Describe and explain the location, purpose and use of transport networks across the UK and other parts of the	Describe key features of a wide range of physical features (eg. rivers, mountains, volcanoes,
	using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps.	daily and seasonal weather	terms, the effects of erosion. Describe the size, location and position of a physical feature, such as beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea,	regions. Explain the physical processes that cause earthquakes. Describe the parts of a volcano or earthquake. Name and describe properties of the	Recognise why the water cycle is vital for life on Earth. Describe and explain the transportation of materials by rivers. Identify, describe and explain the	world. Describe climate zones and vegetation belts (eg. rainforest, savannah, desert, icecaps) Describe key features of rivers	earthquakes, cities, rainforests). Describe the distribution of natural resources in an area or country. Explain how the presence of ice makes the polar
			ocean, river, soil, valley and vegetation.	Earth's four layers. Describe how a significant geographical activity has changed a landscape in the short or long term.	formation of different mountain types. Explain how the physical processes of a river, sea or ocean have changed a	and mountains (eg. source, tributary, delta, range, peak, summit). Describe how soil fertility, drainage and climate affect agricultural land	oceans different to other oceans on Earth. Compare and describe physical features of polar landscapes. Describe climate
				Describe the activity of plate tectonics and how this has changed the Earth's surface over time (continental drift).	landscape over time. Identify longitude, latitude, the equator and hemispheres Describe the causes and effects of at least two natural	use. Identify and describe some key physical features and environmental regions of North and South America and explain how these, along with	zones and vegetation belts and explain how these are related to latitude, the tropics, the poles, proximity of oceans etc.
					disasters (eg. volcanoes & earthquakes).	the climate zones and soil types, can affect land use.	



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Human	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps.	Name and describe the purpose of human features and landmarks. Use human themed vocabulary (eg. town, city, house, farm, village) Recognise that life is different in different parts of both the UK and the world. Describe in simple terms how a	Use geographical vocabulary to describe how and why people use a range of human features. Describe the size, location and function of a local industry. Use a wider range of human themed vocabulary to describe places and regions (eq. port,	Describe at least three different types of land use (eg. housing, farms, commercial). Begin to discuss the reasons why a particular place is suited to a particular use. Describe the type, purpose and use of different buildings, monuments, services and land,	Describe and compare aspects of physical features Explain ways that settlements, land use or water systems are used in the UK and other parts of the world. Describe different types of land use and settlements, using language such as urban, rural, arable, commercial, residential. Identify reasons why land is used in	Describe in detail the different types of agricultural land use in the UK. Describe the key aspects of economic activity and trade links (as part of a country study). Discuss the impact of trade on life in a particular area (eg. issues surrounding Fairtrade)	Explain how humans function in the place they live. Describe patterns of human population growth and movement, economic activities, space, land use and human settlement patterns of an area of the UK or the wider world. Describe the key
		the world. Describe in simple	vocabulary to	different buildings, monuments,	residential.	particular area (eg.	wider world.
		area, place or human activity.		and characteristics of settlement or land use in an area or region.	Describe a range of human features and their location and explain how they are interconnected.	as it gets bigger (settlement hierarchy	similarities and differences in these across a range of countries / regions. Describe the distribution of natural resources (energy, food, minerals and water) and the effect this
Understanding	Noticing changes	Describe particular	Identify two	Describe similarities	Describe similarities	Describe similarities	has on lives. Describe similarities
Places	in the school grounds Describe their immediate environment	locations, using words such as quiet, noisy, busy, built-up etc. Identify two	similarities and two differences between the UK and one non-European other country.	and differences (both physical and human) between one European country and one	and differences between one European country and one North /South American	and differences between countries in Europe, North America and South America.	and differences between several European, North American and South American
	using knowledge	similarities and two	- J.	,	country.		countries.



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	from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps.	differences between two places Describe how a place or geographical feature has changed over time.	Begin to suggest reasons for these differences in terms of their physical and human geography. Express preferences about places.	North / South American country. Begin to recognise how the environment can change over time.	Understand interactions between physical and human geography.	Understand the way that physical and human geography are related and change over time.	Develop a deeper understanding of interactions between physical and human geography (eg. the impact that humans are having on the planet and the long-term consequences).
Significant Places	Talking about their home / nursery environment / places they like in Sacriston using simple geographical vocabulary. Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, nonfiction texts and maps.	Name important buildings and places and explain their importance.	Name, locate and explain the significance of a place.	Name and locate significant volcanoes and plate boundaries and explain why they are important.	Name, locate and explain the importance of significant mountains or rivers.	Identify some of the problems of farming in a developing country and report on ways in which these can be supported.	Name, locate and explain the distribution of significant industrial, farming and exporting regions around the world.
Climate and Weather	Describe daily weather and its effect on daily life.	Identify patterns in daily and seasonal weather.	Begin to describe and explain the weather. Describe simple weather patterns of hot and cold places.	Explain how the weather affects the use of urban and rural environments.	Explain climatic variations of a country or continent.	Explain how the climate affects land use.	Evaluate the extent to which climate and extreme weather affect how people live. Describe the physical processes, including weather, that affect two different locations.



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Environment and Sustainability	Celebrating World Environment Day / World Ocean Day	Describe how pollution and litter affect the local environment and school grounds. Describe ways to protect natural environments.	Describe ways to improve the local environment. Describe how human behaviour can be beneficial to local and global environments, now and in the longer term. Describe how an environment has or might change over time.	Identify the five major climate zones on Earth. Describe the meaning of the term 'carbon footprint' and explain some of the ways this can be reduced to protect the environment.	Describe altitudinal zonation on mountains. Describe how natural resources can be harnessed to create sustainable energy.	Name and locate the world's biomes, climate zones and vegetation belts and explain their common characteristics. Identify and explain ways that people can improve the production of products without compromising the needs of future generations.	Explain how climate change affects climate zones and biomes across the world.
Map and Atlas Work	Familiarisation with school grounds, making simple maps of outdoor areas and looking at the features and use of their environment use	Draw or read a simple picture map. Use simple directional and positional language to give directions, describe the location of features and discuss where things are in relation to each other. Identify features and landmarks on an aerial photograph or plan perspective. Use a map to locate the UK and local town / village. Know the difference between North and South	Study aerial photographs to describe the features and characteristics of an area of land. Recognise and understand the four points of a compass and use this language to describe relative positions (eg. Scotland is north of Newcastle / Durham / Sunderland). Begin to use maps, atlases and globes to locate places. Use simple compass directions to describe the	Correctly use maps, atlases and globes to locate places being studied and describe their position. Use the language of position and direction (eg. compass, north, south, east & west). Use four-figure grid references to describe the location of objects and places on a simple map. Begin to have a sense of scale, recognising how much further away some countries are than others.	Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and a key to locate and plot geographical places and features on a map. Use four or six-figure grid references and keys to describe the location of objects and places on a map. Study and draw conclusions about places and geographical features using a range of geographical resources, including	Use compass points, grid references and scale to interpret maps, including Ordnance Survey maps, with accuracy. Identify elevated areas, depressions and river basins on a relief map. Correctly use a range of maps, atlases and globes to locate, investigate and describe rivers, mountains, cities and countries. Use the eight points of a compass to describe positions.	Correctly use maps, atlases and globes, and recognise what these do and don't tell you about life in a certain place. Use satellite imaging and maps of different scales to find out geographical information about a place. Compare different map projections (particularly on maps of the world). Use four- and sixfigure grid references to describe and share locations. Use lines of longitude and



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			location of features	Analyse maps,	maps, atlases,		latitude or grid
			or a route on a	atlases and globes,	globes and digital		references to find
			map.	including digital	mapping.		the position of
				mapping, to locate	Correctly use maps,		different
				countries and	atlases and globes,		geographical areas
				describe features	including Ordnance		and features.
				studied.	Survey maps of the		Use grid references,
					local area to build-		lines of latitude and
					up geographic		longitude, contour
					knowledge.		lines and symbols in
					Understand and use		maps and on
					keys and symbols to		globes to
					read maps.		understand and
					·		record the
							geography of an
							area.
Fieldwork and	Investigation of a	Carry out fieldwork	Ask and answer	Gather evidence to	Investigate a	Construct or carry	Plan and carry out
Investigations	contrasting	tasks to identify	simple geographical	answer a	geographical	out a geographical	fieldwork to answer
	environment and	characteristics of	questions through	geographical	hypothesis using a	enquiry by	a given question.
	how the beach	the school grounds	observation or	question or enquiry.	range of fieldwork	gathering and	Ask and answer
	varies from their	or locality.	simple data	Collect information	techniques.	analysing a range of	geographical
	immediate	Recognise	collection during	through fieldwork,	Draw information	sources.	questions and
	environment	photographs and	fieldwork activities	some of which	from a range of	Analyse and	hypotheses using a
		landmarks of the	Correctly use maps,	should take place	sources, including	compare a place, or	range of fieldwork
		local area.	atlases and globes	off-site (eg. making	photos, video,	places, using aerial	and research
		Use photographs,	to locate places	observations of	maps, satellite	photographs.	techniques.
		stories and first-	being studied and	rivers or lakes).	images and	atlases and maps.	Record
		hand accounts to	describe their	Record an	eyewitness	Record an	observations using
		learn what it is like	position.	observation in at	accounts.	observation in	maps, sketches,
		to live elsewhere in	Use the language of	least two different	Record an	several ways (eg.	graphs, photos and
		the world.	position and	ways. (eg. using	observation in	maps, sketches,	digital data
		Collect simple data	direction (eg.	maps, sketches,	several ways (maps,	graphs, photos and	Present data and
		during fieldwork	compass, north,	graphs, photos and	sketches, graphs,	digital data).	conclusions in a
		activities.	south, east & west).	digital data)	photos and digital	Present data from	range of ways,
			Begin to have a	Analyse primary	data)	observations and	including graphs,
			sense of scale,	data, identifying	Collect and analyse	begin to draw	diagrams, extended
			recognising how	any patterns	primary and	conclusions	writing, maps and
			much further away	observed.	secondary data,	independently.	presentations.
					identifying and		



Collect and organise simple data in charts and tables from primary sources (fieldwork and observation) and secondary sources (maps and books). Collect and organise simple data in charts and tables from primary sources (fieldwork and observation) and secondary sources (maps and books). To draw complex data, complex data, complex data, complex data, from different sources and suggesting why data may vary. Present a detailed account of how an industry, including tourism, has changed a place or landscape over time.
