GEOGRAPHY - progression overview - WHOLE SCHOOL

Below the Geography Curriculum has been broken into 4 essential strands which are covered across the school, across the years.

Geographical skills and fieldwork

Place knowledge

Human and physical geography

Location knowledge

Strand	Geographical skills and fieldwork	Place knowledge	Human and physical geography	Location knowledge
	EYFS	EYFS	EYFS	EYFS
	Based on Development Matters	Based on Development Matters	Based on Development Matters	Based on Development Matters
Year Group	content	content	content	content
Jean Group				
	KS1	KS1	KS1	K51
	Use world maps, atlases and globes	Understand geographical	Identify seasonal and daily	Name and locate the world's seven
	to identify the United Kingdom and	similarities and differences	weather patterns in the United	continents and five oceans.
	its countries, as well as the	through studying the human and	Kingdom and the location of hot	Name, locate and identify
	countries, continents and oceans	physical geography of a small area	and cold areas of the world in	characteristics of the four countries
	studied at this key stage.	of the United Kingdom, and of a	relation to the Equator and the	and capital cities of the United
	Use simple compass directions	small area in a contrasting non-	North and South Poles.	Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
	(North, South, East and West) and	European country.	Use basic geographical vocabulary	K52
	locational and directional language	KS2	to refer to: key physical	Locate the world's countries, using
	[for example, near and far; left and	Understand geographical	features, including: beach, cliff,	maps to focus on Europe (including the
	right], to describe the location of	similarities and differences	coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea,	location of Russia) and North and
	features and routes on a map.	through the study of human and	ocean, river, soil, valley,	South America, concentrating on their
	Use aerial photographs and plan	physical geography of a region of	vegetation, season and weather	environmental regions, key physical
	perspectives to recognise landmarks	the United Kingdom, a region in a	key human features, including:	and human characteristics, countries,
	and basic human and physical	European country, and a region within North or South America.	city, town, village, factory, farm,	and major cities. Name and locate counties and cities of
	features; devise a simple map; and	within North or South America.	house, office, port, harbour and	
	use and construct basic symbols in a		shop. KS2	the United Kingdom, geographical
	key. Use simple fieldwork and		NSC Describe and understand key	regions and their identifying human
	observational skills to study the		aspects of physical geography,	and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills,
	geography of their school and its		including: climate zones, biomes	mountains, coasts and rivers), and
	grounds and the key human and		and vegetation belts, rivers,	land-use patterns; and understand how
	physical features of its surrounding		mountains, volcanoes and	some of these aspects have changed
	environment.		earthquakes, and the water cycle.	over time.
	KS2		Describe and understand key	Identify the position and significance
	Use maps, atlases, globes and		aspects of human geography,	of latitude, longitude, Equator,
	digital/computer mapping to locate		including: types of settlement and	Northern Hemisphere, Southern
	countries and describe features		land use, economic activity	Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer
	studied.		including trade links, and the	and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic
			distribution of natural resources	Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian

	Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world. Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.		including energy, food, minerals and water.	and time zones (including day and night).
EYFS	Draw information from a simple map Explore the natural world around them	Recognise some similarities between life in this country and life in other countries	Recognise some environments that are different to the ones in which they live Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them	Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.
Year 1	Keep a weather chart and explain how the weather changes with each season. Draw a basic map that leads from their home to school. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries.	Understand the geographical similarities and differences between their home town and a contrasting town within the local area.	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns within the UK. Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features such as town, road, farm and village and key geographical features such as beach, coast, hill, mountain. ocean, valley.	Find where they live on a map of the UK. Identify the 4 countries making the United Kingdom and name their capital cities and surrounding seas.
Year 2	Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and directional language to describe a map. Use aerial photographs to devise a simple map and construct basic symbols in a key. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage.	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 the location of hot and cold countries in the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features such as town, road, farm and village and key geographical features such as beach, coast, hill, mountain. ocean, valley.	Find the equator, the north and south poles, the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans.

Year 3	Use maps & atlases to plot NSEW and understand basic OS symbols. Use fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical features of the local area.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of a region in a European country.	Understand the impact of the weather on local populations. Understand how natural geographical features (such as rivers and mountains) link to the development of human geography. Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography including rivers and mountains.	Name some major cities in the UK and locate them on a map. Understand that the UK is split into different counties which have different human and physical characteristics.
Year 4	Use maps and atlases, including OS maps, to introduce four figure grid references. Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features of the local area.	Compare the geographical similarities and differences of a country in Europe and the UK.	Explain why people may choose to live in a particular place, referring to land uses and climate. Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography including volcanoes and earthquakes.	Use an atlas or globe to locate the countries of Europe, including Russia and the countries of the EU.
Year 5	Use compass points and four and six figure grid references to build their knowledge of the UK and the wider world. Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present human and physical features in the local environment.	Study the physical and human geography of a region within North or South America. Make a comparison between the physical and human geography of countries in different continents.	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. Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography including climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts and the water cycle.	Name and locate the main countries, rivers and mountain regions in North and South America. Understand the position and significance of the Equator, the Arctic and Antarctic circles and the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.
Year 6	Use the 8 points of a compass and four and six figure grid references to build their knowledge of the UK and the wider world. Use a range of fieldwork methods to observe, measure, record and present human and physical features in the local environment.	Make comparisons between the physical and human geography of countries in different continents. Understand the way humans have altered the physical geography of a location.	Suggest what a place might be like in the future, referring to issues affecting the environment such as the distribution of natural resources. Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography including biomes and climate zones.	Understand the significance of the Greenwich Meridian and explain how the time zones work. Understand land use patterns within the UK and how these have changed over time.