

Progression of Skills in Geography

KS1

| National Curriculum Expectations | Skills Categories | Year 1 | Year 2 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans - 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 - Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles | <p>Geographical enquiry</p> | <p>Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions. Use information books/pictures as sources of information. Investigate their surroundings Make observations about where things are e.g. within school or local area.</p> | <p>Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; Where is it? What's it like? Use NF books, stories, maps, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information. Investigate their surroundings Make appropriate observations about why things happen. Make simple comparisons between features of different places.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 of features and routes on a map | <p>Direction/Location</p> | <p>Follow directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards)</p> | <p>Follow directions (as yr 1 and inc'. NSEW)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. | <p>Drawing maps</p> | <p>Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories.</p> | <p>Draw a map of a real or imaginary place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key | <p>Representation</p> | <p>Use own symbols on imaginary map.</p> | <p>Begin to understand the need for a key. Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. | <p>Using maps</p> | <p>Use a simple picture map to move around the school; Recognise that it is about a place.</p> | <p>Follow a route on a map. Use a plan view. Use an infant atlas to locate places.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - key 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 | <p>Scale/Distance</p> | <p>Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike)</p> | <p>Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and larger scale map) and compare with a non-European country</p> |

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| Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. | Perspective | Draw around objects to make a plan. | Look down on objects to make a plan view map. |
| Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage | Map knowledge | Learn names of some places within/around the UK. E.g. Home town, cities, countries e.g. Wales, France. | Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, home location, seas and compare with a non-European country Use locational knowledge to discuss seasonal and daily weather patterns and location of hot and cold areas of the world. |
| Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage | Style of map | Picture maps and globes | Find land/sea on globe. Use teacher drawn base maps. Use large scale OS maps. Use an infant atlas |

| National Curriculum Expectations | Skills Categories | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| <p>- Describe and understand key aspects of 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</p> <p>- 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 in North or South America</p> | <p>Geographical enquiry</p> | <p>Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions. Use NF books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information. Investigate places and themes at more than one scale</p> <p>Begin to collect and record evidence</p> <p>Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations using photos/pictures, temperatures in different locations.</p> | <p>Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas. Extend to satellite images, aerial photographs</p> <p>Investigate places and themes at more than one scale</p> <p>Collect and record evidence with some aid</p> <p>Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations photos/pictures/ maps</p> | <p>Begin to suggest questions for investigating</p> <p>Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.</p> <p>Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places</p> <p>Collect and record evidence unaided</p> <p>Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life</p> | <p>Suggest questions for investigating</p> <p>Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.</p> <p>Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places</p> <p>Collect and record evidence unaided</p> <p>Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it</p> |
| <p>- Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and</p> | <p>Direction/Location</p> | <p>Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions: Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map.</p> | <p>Use 4 compass points well: Begin to use 8 compass points; Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map confidently.</p> | <p>Use 8 compass points; Begin to use 4 figure co-ordinates to locate features on a map.</p> | <p>Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately; Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to locate features on a map. Begin to use 6 figure grid refs; use latitude and longitude on atlas maps.</p> |

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| <p>understand how some of these aspects have changed over time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the 8 points of a compass, 4 and 6-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 | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. | Drawing maps | <p>Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order;</p> <p>Try to make a simple scale drawing.</p> | <p>Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order;</p> <p>Make a simple scale drawing.</p> | <p>Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data.</p> | <p>Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data.</p> <p>Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied | Representation | <p>Know why a key is needed.</p> <p>Use standard symbols.</p> | <p>Know why a key is needed.</p> <p>Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map.</p> | <p>Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key;</p> <p>Use/recognise OS map symbols</p> | <p>Use/recognise OS map symbols;</p> <p>Use atlas symbols.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied | Using maps | <p>Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering)</p> | <p>Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe)</p> <p>Follow a route on a large scale map.</p> | <p>Compare maps with aerial photographs.</p> <p>Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find local village.)</p> <p>Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. find wettest part of the world)</p> | <p>Follow a short route on an OS map. Describe features shown on OS map.</p> <p>Locate places on a world map.</p> <p>Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the 8 points of a compass, 4 and 6-figure grid references, symbols | Scale/Distance | <p>Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.)</p> | <p>Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a county on different scale maps.)</p> | <p>Measure straight line distance on a plan.</p> | <p>Use a scale to measure distances.</p> <p>Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales.</p> |

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| and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world | | | | Find/recognise places on maps of different scales. (E.g. river Nile.) | |
| - 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. | Perspective | Begin to draw a sketch map from a high view point. | Draw a sketch map from a high view point. | Draw a plan view map with some accuracy | Draw a plan view map accurately. |
| - 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) | Map knowledge | Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C | Begin to identify significant places and environments | Identify significant places and environments | Confidently identify significant places and environments |
| - 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. | Style of map | Use large scale OS maps. Begin to use map sites on internet. Begin to use junior atlases. Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs. | Use large and medium scale OS maps. Use junior atlases. Use map sites on internet. Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs. | Use index and contents page within atlases. Use medium scale land ranger OS maps. | Use OS maps. Confidently use an atlas. Recognise world map as a flattened globe. |

