



Key Stage 1 and 2 Geography Overview

In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 we follow a yearly cycle. In line with the National Curriculum, all of the relevant POS will be taught by the end of the key stage.

Geography Overview						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn Term	What is it like here?	History focus	Are all settlements the same?	Why do people live near volcanoes?	Would you like to live in the desert? What is life like in the Alps?	History focus
Spring Term	What is the weather like in the UK?	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	Where does our food come from?	Why are rainforests important to us?	History focus	Why does population change? Why do oceans matter?
Summer Term	What is it like to live in Shanghai?	Why is our world wonderful? What is it like to live by the coast?	Who lives in Antarctica?	What are rivers and how are they used?	Where does our energy come from?	Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?



Locational Knowledge

EYFS: Reception	Understanding the World; Development matters and Early Learning Goals
Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identifying land and water on a map or globeMaking observations about the characteristics of places (in stories, photographs or in the school grounds / local area)	Development Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">Draw information from a simple mapDescribe what they see, hear and feel whilst outsideRecognise some environments that are different from the one in which they liveUnderstand that some places are special for members of their community Early Learning Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps
Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">To know some vocabulary to describe different bodies of water, even if used inaccurately (sea/ocean, lake, river, pond)To know that usually water is represented in blue on a map or globeTo know the name of their school and the place where they liveTo know some vocabulary to describe the characteristics of different places, even if used inaccurately (hill, field, building, road, house, old)	

	Year 1	Year 2	National Curriculum – end of KS1 Pupils should be able to:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Locating two of the world's seven continents on a world mapLocating two of the world's oceans (Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean) on a world mapShowing on a map which continent they live in	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Locating all the world's seven continents on a world mapLocating the world's five oceans on a world mapShowing on a map the oceans nearest the continent they live in	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To know the name of two continents (Europe and Asia)To know that a continent is a group of countriesTo know that they live in the continent of EuropeTo know that an ocean is a large body of waterTo know the name of two of the world's oceans (Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To be able to name the seven continents of the worldTo be able to name the five oceans of the world	

Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locating the four countries of the United Kingdom (UK) on a map of this area Showing on a map which country they live in and locating its capital city 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locating the surrounding seas and oceans of the UK on a map of this area Locating the capital cities of the four countries of the UK on a map of this area Identifying characteristics (both human and physical) of the four capital cities of the UK Showing on a map the city, town or village where they live in relation to their capital city 	Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that the UK is short for 'United Kingdom' To know that a country is a land or nation with its own government To know that the UK is made up of four countries and their names To know the name of the country they live in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know a sea is a body of water that is smaller than an ocean To know that there are four bodies of water surrounding the UK and to be able to name them To name some characteristics of the four capital cities of the UK To know the four capital cities of the UK To know that a capital city is the city where a country's government is located 	

	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	National Curriculum – end of KS2 Pupils should be able to:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locating some countries in Europe and South America using maps Locating some major cities of the countries studied Locating some key physical features in countries studied on a map including significant environmental regions Locating some key human features in countries studied Locating the world's most significant mountain ranges on a world map and identifying any patterns Locating where the world's volcanoes are on a map and identifying the 'Ring of Fire' Locating some of the world's most significant rivers and identifying any patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locating more countries in Europe and North and South America using maps Locating major cities of the countries studied Locating key physical features in countries studied on a map Locating key human features in countries studied Identifying significant environmental regions on a map Using maps to show the distribution of the world's climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts 	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know where North and South America are on a world map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the name of many countries and major cities in Europe and North and South America 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the names of some countries and major cities in Europe and North and South America To know the names of some of the world's most significant mountain ranges To know the names of some of the world's most significant rivers To know that mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes largely occur at plate boundaries To know that climate zones are areas of the world with similar climates To know the world's different climate zones (equatorial, tropical, hot desert, temperate and polar) To know that biomes are areas of world with similar climates, vegetation and animals To know the world's biomes To know vegetation belts are areas of the world which are home to similar plant species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the location of key physical features in countries studied To name and describe some of the world's vegetation belts (ice cap, tundra, coniferous forest, deciduous forest, evergreen forest, mixed forest, temperate grassland, tropical grassland, mediterranean, desert scrub, desert, highland) 	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locating some countries in the UK (local to our school) Locating some cities in the UK (local to our school) Identifying key physical and human characteristics of countries, cities and/or geographical regions of the UK Beginning to locate the 12 geographical regions of the UK Describing how a locality has changed over time, giving examples of both physical and human features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locating many counties in the UK Locating many cities in the UK Confidently locating the 12 geographical regions of the UK Identifying key physical and human characteristics of the geographical regions in the UK Understanding how land-use has changed over time using examples Explaining why a locality has changed over time, giving examples of both physical and human features 	<p>Name and locate counties and cities of the UK, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time</p>
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the name of some counties in the UK (local to our school) To know the name of some cities in the UK (local to our school) To know the name of the county that they live in and their closest city To begin to name the 12 geographical regions of the UK To know the main types of land use To know some types of settlement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the name of many counties in the UK To know the name of many cities in the UK To confidently name the 12 geographical regions of the UK To know that London and the South East regions have the largest population in the UK 	

Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding the position of the Equator and describing how this impacts our environmental regions Finding lines of latitude and longitude on a globe and explaining why these are important Identifying the position of the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and their significance Identifying the position of the Northern and Southern hemispheres and explaining how they shape our seasons Identifying the position and significance of both the Arctic and Antarctic Circle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the Prime/Greenwich Median is a line of longitude which goes through 0 and determines the start of the world's time zones. 	Identifying 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)
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the countries near the Equator have less seasonal change than those near the poles To know that the Equator is a line of latitude indicating the hottest places on Earth and splitting our globe into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres To know lines of longitude are invisible lines on the globe that determine how far east or west a location is from the Prime Meridian To know lines of latitude are invisible lines on the globe that determine how far north or south a location is from the Equator To know that Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn are lines of latitude and mark the equatorial region; the countries with the hottest climates To know the Northern and Southern hemispheres are 'halves' of the Earth, above and below our Equator and have alternate seasons to each other To know the boundaries of the polar regions are marked by the invisible lines of the Arctic and Antarctic Circle To know the patterns of daylight in the Arctic and Antarctic Circle and the Equatorial regions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the Prime/Greenwich Meridian is a line of longitude which goes through 0 and determines the start of the world's time zones 	



Place Knowledge

EYFS: Reception		Understanding the World; Development matters and Early Learning Goals
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing how environments in stories and images are different to the environment they live in 	Development Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries Early Learning Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps 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
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that places within the country can differ from each other To know that there are differences between places in this country and places in other countries 	

	Year 1	Year 2	National Curriculum – end of KS1 Pupils should be able to:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naming some key similarities between their local area and a small area of a contrasting non-European country Naming some key differences between their local area and a small area of a contrasting non-European country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing and beginning to explain some key similarities between their local area and a small area of a contrasting non-European country Describing and beginning to explain some key differences between their local area and a small area of a contrasting non-European country Describing what physical features may occur in a hot place in comparison to a cold place 	Understanding geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK, and a small area in a contrasting non-European country
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that life elsewhere in the world is often different to ours To know that life elsewhere in the world often has similarities to ours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know some similarities and differences between their local area and a contrasting non-European country 	

	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	National Curriculum – end of KS2 Pupils should be able to:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing and beginning to explain similarities between two regions studied Describing and beginning to explain differences between two regions studied Describing how and why humans have responded in different ways to their local environments Discussing how climates have an impact on trade, land use and settlement Explaining what measures humans have taken in order to adapt to survive in cold places Describing and explaining how people who live in a contrasting physical area may have different lives to people in the UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing and explaining similarities between two environmental regions studied Describing and explaining differences between two environmental regions studied Explaining how and why humans have responded in different ways to their local environments in two contrasting regions Understanding how climates impact on trade, land use and settlement Explaining how humans have used desert environments Using maps to explore wider global trading routes 	<p>Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the UK, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America</p>
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the negative effects of living near a volcano To know the positive effects of living near a volcano To know the negative effects an earthquake can have on a community To know ways in which communities respond to earthquakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know some similarities and differences between the UK and a European mountain region To know why tourists visit mountain regions 	



Human and Physical Geography

EYFS: Reception		Understanding the World; Development matters and Early Learning Goals
Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">Observing weather across the seasonsObserving and discussing the effect the changing seasons have on the world around themBeginning to use the names of the seasons in the correct contextMaking observations about the features of places (in stories, photographs or in the school grounds / local area)Making observations about the characteristics of places (in stories, photographs or in the school grounds / local area)		Development Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outsideExplore the natural world around themUnderstand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them Early Learning Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plantsUnderstand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matterKnow some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class
Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">To know that the terms Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter are used to describe the weatherTo know some of the key characteristics of each seasonTo know that there are four seasons in a year marked by certain weather conditionsTo know some vocabulary to describe bodies of water, even if used inaccurately (sea/ocean, lake, river and pond)To know some vocabulary to describe the characteristics of different places, even if used inaccurately (hill, field, building, road, house, old)		

	Year 1	Year 2	National Curriculum – end of KS1 Pupils should be able to:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Describing how the weather changes with each season in the UKDescribing the daily weather patterns in their localityConfidently using the vocabulary 'seasons' and 'weather'	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Locating some hot and cold areas of the world on a world mapLocating the Equator and North and South Poles on a world mapLocating hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South poles	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles

Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the four seasons of the UK To know that 'weather' refers to the conditions outside at a particular time To know that different parts of the UK often experience different weather To know that a weather forecast is when someone tries to predict what the weather will be like in the near future To know that weather conditions can be measured and recorded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that the Equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth To know that, because it is the widest part of the Earth, the Equator is much closer to the sun than the North and South poles To know that the North Pole is the northernmost point of the Earth and the South Pole is the southernmost point of the Earth To know that different parts of the world experience different weather conditions and that these are often caused by the location of the place 	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognising some physical features in their locality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing the key physical features of a coast using subject specific vocabulary 	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that physical features means any feature of an area that is on the Earth naturally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that coasts (and other physical features) change over time To know some key physical features in the UK 	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognising some human features in their locality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing and understanding the differences between a city, town and village Describing the key human features of a coastal town using subject specific vocabulary 	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that human features means any feature of an area that was made or built by humans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that a sea is a body of water that is smaller than an ocean To know that human features change over time To know some key human features of the UK 	

	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	National Curriculum – end of KS2 Pupils should be able to:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping and labelling the 7 biomes on a world map Understanding some of the causes of climate change Describing how physical features, such as mountains and rivers are formed, and why volcanoes and earthquakes occur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing and understanding the key aspects of the 6 biomes Describing and understanding the key aspects of the 6 climate zones Understanding some of the impacts and causes of climate change 	Describe and understand key aspects of:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing where volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains are located globally Describing and explaining how physical features such as rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes have had an impact upon the surrounding landscape and communities Describing how humans use water in a variety of ways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing and understanding the key aspects and distribution of the vegetation belts in relation to the 6 biomes, climate and weather Giving examples of alternative viewpoints and solutions regarding an environmental issue and explaining its links to climate change 	Physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that the water cycle is the processes and stores which move water around our Earth and to be able to name these To know the courses and key features of a river To know the different types of mountains and volcanoes and how they are formed To know that an earthquake is the intense shaking of the ground To know that a biome is a region of the globe sharing similar climate, landscape, vegetation and wildlife To know the world's biomes To know that the hottest biomes are found between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn To know that climate zones are areas of the world with similar climates To know the world's different climate zones To know that climates can influence the foods able to grow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know vegetation belts are areas of the world that are home to similar plant species To name and describe some of the world's vegetation belts To know why the ocean is important 	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing and understanding types of settlement and land use Explaining why a settlement and community has grown in a particular location Explaining why different locations have different human features Explaining why people might prefer to live in an urban or rural place Describing how humans can impact the environment both positively and negatively, using examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing and understanding economic activity including trade links Suggesting reasons why the global population has grown significantly in the last 70 years Describing the 'push' and 'pull' factors that people may consider when migrating Understanding the distribution of natural resources both globally and within a specific region or country studied Recognising geographical issues affecting people in different places and environments Describing and explaining how humans can impact the environment both positively and negatively, using examples 	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

Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know the main types of land use • To know the different types of settlement • To know water is used by humans in a variety of ways • To know an urban place is somewhere near a town or city • To know a rural place is somewhere near the countryside • To know that a natural resource is something that people can use which comes from the natural environment • To know the threats to the rainforest both on a local and global scale • To know that fair trading is the process of ensuring workers are paid a fair price, have safe working conditions and are treated with respect and equality • To know the UK grows food locally and imports food from other countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know the global population has grown significantly since the 1950s • To know which factors are considered before people build settlements • To know migration is the movement of people from one country to another • To know that natural resources can be used to make energy • To know some positive impacts of humans on the environment • To know some negative impacts of humans on the environment 	
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Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Through fieldwork studies in each unit, pupils carry out geographical enquiries using the enquiry cycle. These fieldwork enquiries combine substantive knowledge from the other strands: Locational knowledge, Place knowledge, Human and physical geography and allow pupils to understand the discipline of Geography and how this substantive knowledge was formed.

It is important that pupils consider the ways that geographers question and explain the world and begin to 'think like a geographer.' At The Stoke Poges School we have used the enquiry cycle – question, observe, measure, record, present – when planning the fieldwork studies throughout our curriculum to encourage pupils to ask geographical questions and learn how geographers research their answers through enquiry.

Fieldwork Skills

Below is a list of many of the fieldwork skills featured in our curriculum. These are built upon over time and feature across units where most appropriate for the enquiry question.

Observing	Measuring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps and compasses to follow routes• Annotated field sketches• Aerial photographs• Transects• Magnifying glasses to observe in more detail and classify• Sketch maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likert scales• Rain gauges• Thermometers• Non-standard measurements (e.g., drawing around a puddle with chalk)
Recording	presenting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawing routes on maps• Annotated maps• Digital photographs• Using simple recording techniques to record their feelings• Questionnaires• Interviews• Tally charts• Audio recordings• Sketch maps to show spatial patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIS (digital mapping)• Bar charts• Pictograms• Pie charts• Presentations• Letters• Slideshows• Non-chronological reports• Verbal• Posters• Video• Balanced arguments

	EYFS: Reception	Year 1	Year 2	National Curriculum – end of Key Stage 1 Pupils should be able to:
Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask questions about the world around them 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognising there are different ways to answer a question 	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
Observe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commenting on the features they see in their school and school grounds 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing the features they see in the area surrounding their school when on a walk Asking and answering simple questions about human and physical features of the area surrounding their school grounds 	
Measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answering simple questions, guided by the teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking and answering simple questions about the features of their school and school grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting quantitative data through a small survey of the local area/school to answer an enquiry question 	
Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating some of the features they notice in their school and school grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing some of the features they notice in their school and school grounds in correct relation to each other on a sketch map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classifying the features they notice into human and physical with teacher support Taking digital photographs of geographical features in the locality Making digital audio recordings when interviewing someone 	
Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressing their likes and dislikes about a specific place and its features, beginning to explain their reasoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using a simple recording technique to express their feelings about a specific place and explaining why they like/dislike some of its features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenting data in simple tally charts or pictograms and commenting on what the data shows Asking and answering simple questions about data 	

	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	National Curriculum – end of Key Stage 2 Pupils should be able to:
Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning to choose the best approach to answer an enquiry question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing their own enquiry questions Choosing the best approach to answering an enquiry question 	

Observe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping land use in a small local area using maps and plans Making a plan for how they wish to collect data to answer an enquiry based question, with the support of a teacher Asking and answering one-step and two-step geographical questions Observing, recording, and naming geographical features in their local environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making sketch maps of areas identified including labels and keys where necessary Making an independent or collaborative plan of how they wish to collect data to answer an enquiry based question 	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
Measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using simple sampling techniques appropriately Making digital audio recordings for a specific purpose Designing a questionnaire / interviews to collect quantitative fieldwork data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selecting appropriate methods for data collection Designing interviews / questionnaires to collect qualitative data Beginning to use standard field sampling techniques appropriately 	
Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking digital photos and labelling or captioning them Making annotated sketches, field drawings and freehand maps to record observations during fieldwork Beginning to use a simplified Likert Scale to record their judgements of environmental quality Using a questionnaire / interviews to collect qualitative fieldwork data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using GIS (Geographical Information Systems) to plot data sets (e.g. prevalence of crime in certain areas) onto base maps which can then be analysed Using a simplified Likert Scale to record their judgements of environmental quality Conducting interviews / questionnaires to collect qualitative data Interpreting and using real-time data To identify and mitigate potential risks during fieldwork 	
Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenting data using plans, freehand sketch maps, annotated drawings, graphs, presentations, writing and digital technologies when communicating geographical information Suggesting different ways that a locality could be changed and improved Finding answers to geographical questions through data collection Analysing and presenting quantitative data in charts and graphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deciding how to present data using plans, freehand sketch maps, annotated drawings, graphs, presentations, writing at length and digital technologies when communicating geographical information Drawing conclusions about an enquiry using findings from fieldwork to support their reasonings Evaluating evidence collected and suggesting ways to improve this Analysing quantitative data in pie charts, line graphs with two variables 	

EYFS: Reception		Understanding the World; Development matters and Early Learning Goals
Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask questions about the world around them Commenting on the features they see in their school and school grounds Answering simple questions, guided by the teacher Drawing some of the features they notice in their school and school grounds Expressing their likes and dislikes about a specific place and its features, beginning to explain their reasoning Beginning to look at and talk about maps (real or imaginary) in stories, non-fiction books, atlases and on globes Beginning to use modelled directional vocabulary when describing features in the surrounding environment Recognising features on maps (real or imaginary) Draw real or imaginary maps even if features are indistinguishable 		Development Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the natural world around them Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside Understand that some places are special to members of their community Draw information from a simple map Early Learning Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate - maps
Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that a map is a picture of a place To know some vocabulary to describe directions, even if used inaccurately (e.g. near, far, next to, close, behind) 		

	Year 1	Year 2	National Curriculum – end of KS1 Pupils should be able to:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using an atlas to locate the UK Using a map of the UK to locate the 4 countries Beginning to use an atlas to locate the 4 capital cities of the UK Using a world map and globe to locate 2 of the world's 7 continents (Europe and Asia) Using an atlas to locate the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognising why maps need a title Using an atlas to locate the 4 capital cities of the UK Using a world map, globe and atlas to locate all the world's 7 continents Using a world map, globe and atlas to locate the world's 5 oceans 	Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using directional language to describe the location of objects in the classroom and playground Using directional language to describe features on a map in relation to other features (real or imaginary) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using locational language and the compass points (N, S, E, W) to describe the location of features on a map Using locational language and the compass points to describe the route on a map 	Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to instructions using directional language to follow routes Beginning to use the compass points (N, S, E, W) to describe the location of features on a map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using locational language and the compass points to plan a route in the playground or school grounds Using a map to follow a prepared route 	to describe the location of features and routes on a map
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognising local landmarks on aerial photographs Recognising basic human features on aerial photographs Recognising basic physical features on aerial photographs Drawing freehand maps (of real or imaginary places) using simple pictures or symbols Drawing a simple sketch map of the classroom and playground using simple pictures, colours or symbols to represent features Using simple picture maps and plans to move around the school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognising landmarks of a city studied on aerial photographs and plan perspectives Recognising human features on aerial photographs and plan perspectives Drawing a map and using class agreed symbols to make a simple key Drawing a simple sketch map of the playground or school grounds using symbols to represent human and physical features Finding a given OS symbol on a map with support Beginning to draw objects to scale (e.g. show the school playground is smaller than the school or school field) Using an aerial photograph to draw a simple sketch map using basic symbols for a key 	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
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that an aerial photograph is a photograph taken from the air above To know that atlases give information about the world and that a map tells us information about a place To know that a map is a picture of a place, usually drawn from above To know that symbols are often used on maps to represent features To know simple directional language (e.g. near, far, up, down, left, right, forwards, backwards) To know what a sketch map is 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know that a globe is a spherical model of the Earth To begin to recognise world maps as a flattened globe To know that a compass is an instrument we can use to find which direction is north To know which direction is N, S, E, W on a map To know that maps need a title and purpose To know that maps need a key to explain what the symbols and colours represent To know that an interview can be a way to find out people's views about their area To know that a tally chart is a way of collecting data quickly To know that a pictogram is a chart that uses pictures to show data 		

	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	National Curriculum – end of KS2 Pupils should be able to:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning to use maps at more than one scale Using atlases, maps, globes, satellite images and beginning to use digital mapping to locate countries studied Using atlases, maps, globes and beginning to use digital mapping to recognise and describe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidently using and understanding maps at more than one scale Using atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping to locate countries studied 	

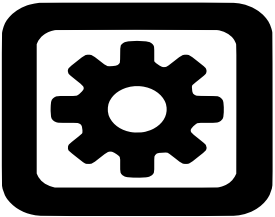


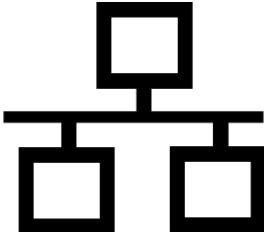
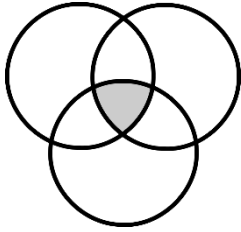
	<p>physical features and human features in countries studied</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the scale bar on a map to estimate distances• Finding countries and features of countries in an atlas using contents and index• Zooming in and out of a digital map	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying, analysing and asking questions about distributions and relationships between features using maps (e.g. settlement distribution)• Using the scale bar on a map to calculate distances• Recognising an increasing range of Ordnance Survey symbols on maps and locating features using 6-figure grid references• Recognising the difference between Ordnance Survey and other maps and when it is most appropriate to use each• Beginning to use thematic maps to recognise and describe human and physical features studied• Using models and maps to talk about contours and slopes• Selecting a map for a specific purpose	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital / computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning to use the key on an OS map to name and recognise key physical and human features in regions studied• Accurately using a 4-figure grid references to locate features on a map in regions studied• Beginning to locate features using the 8 points of a compass• Using a simple key on their own map to show an example of both physical and human features• Following a route on a map with some accuracy• Saying which directions are N, S, E, W on an OS map• Making and using a simple route on a map• Labelling some features on an aerial photograph and then locating these on an OS map of the same locality and scale in regions studied	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confidently using the key on an OS map to name and recognise key physical and human features in regions studied• Accurately using 4 and 6-figure Grid References to locate features on a map in regions studied• Confidently locating features using the 8 points of a compass• Following a short pre-prepared route on an OS map• Identifying the 8 compass points on an OS map• Planning a journey to another part of the world using 6 figure grid references and the 8 points of a compass	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 UK and the wider world
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To understand that a scale shows how much smaller a map is compared to real life• To recognise world maps as a flattened globe• To know that an OS map is used for personal use and organisations use it for housing projects, planning the natural environment and public transport and for security purposes• To know that an OS map shows human and physical features as symbols• To know that grid references help us locate a particular square on a map• To know the 8 points of a compass• To know the main types of land use (agricultural, residential, recreational, commercial, industrial and transportation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To know that contours on a map show height and slope• To know that qualitative data involves qualities, characteristics and is largely opinion based and subjective• To know that GIS is a digital system that creates and manages maps, used to support analysis for enquiries• To know that a pie chart can represent a fraction or percentage of a whole set of data• To know a line graph can represent variables over time• To be aware of some issues in the local area• To know what a range of data collection methods look like	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know an enquiry-based question has an open-ended answer found by research • To know how to use various simple sampling techniques • To know what a questionnaire and an interview are • To know that quantitative data involves numerical facts and figures and is often objective • To know that an annotated drawing or sketch map is hand drawn and gives a rough idea of features of an area without having to be completely accurate • To know a Likert Scale is used to record people's feelings and attitudes • To know that qualitative data involves opinions, thoughts and feelings and is often subjective • To know what a bar chart, pictogram and table are and when to use which one best to represent data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know how to use a range of data collection methods
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Geography Concepts

Our teaching equips pupils with geographical knowledge and an understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes that shape our landscapes, environments and people. To help facilitate the exploration of geography, key concepts are focused on and revisited throughout our Geography curriculum from Reception to Year 6.

 Space	 Place	 Scale	 Connections	 Similarities and differences
How interactions across the physical features, people, services and goods that lead to flows or movements that create patterns and networks.	Understanding the characteristics of places, how it became like this and how it is subject to forces of change.	Seen as a 'zoom lens' that enables us to view places at all levels from the personal, local and regional to the global.	The understanding of how things are linked together, but also how one aspect affects and needs another.	Appreciating the differences and similarities between people, places, environments and cultures. Understanding the contribution they make to the dynamic functions of societies and economies.

These symbols can be seen in our curriculum documents and are displayed in the classroom. They are briefly discussed with the children as part of each unit and we aim that over time children will become familiar with them, beginning to make links and connections across units to identify that key geographical concepts span throughout the study of Geography.



Climate Change

Our geography curriculum integrates climate change impacts across a range of units, sometimes through case studies and fieldwork opportunities, allowing children to contextualise what contributes to climate change in their local environment and to explore the environmental health of their locality. Lessons provide the opportunity for pupils to present suggestions for how their locality to relevant audiences such as local councils.

We want to empower children to contribute towards positive change, understanding environmental issues well enough to make informed choices where possible, whilst acknowledging that socioeconomic factors might limit some actions. It is appreciated that not all children will have control over particular choices and therefore any actions are only suggested, and by no means directed, within lessons.

Considering climate change

Food production and supply	Energy and sustainability
Our changing environment impacts the way we grow, harvest, transport, and distribute food worldwide. There is a complex interplay between weather patterns, soil health, crop viability, and logistics and changes in the climate may disrupt these interconnected systems.	Generating, using, and managing energy without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own energy needs. Fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas, which contribute to climate change can be replaced with renewable sources like solar, wind, and hydroelectric power, which have less environmental impact.
Water security	Population growth and human resources
The availability of sufficient, safe, and accessible water is crucial for meeting the needs of both people and the environment, now and in the future. Climate change has the potential to disrupt water supplies through changing rainfall patterns, increasing evaporation rates, and causing more frequent and severe weather events like floods and droughts.	The population is growing and a growing population puts pressure on natural resources, contributing to climate change. Management of essential resources such as food, water, and shelter must be considered as well as elements like labour, skills, and intellectual contributions that people bring to a society.
Environmental management (physical processes)	Fieldwork opportunities
Natural processes like the water cycle, weather patterns, and land formations are affected by human activities and climate change. Humans interact with these natural systems to mitigate or adapt to changes in the environment and climate and it is important to consider what steps can be taken to manage these impacts.	Practical activities that take students outside the classroom to observe, measure, and analyse geographical phenomena in a real-world context. These opportunities allow students to gain hands-on experience and a deeper understanding of how climate change is affecting their local environment.

Climate Change in the curriculum

Below indicates where elements of climate change are introduced, discussed or conceptual understanding is being developed in the Key Stage 2 Geography curriculum.

	Lower Key Stage 2						Upper Key Stage 2					
	Why do people live near volcanoes?	Who lives in Antarctica?	Are all settlements the same?	Why are rainforests important to us?	Where does our food come from ?	What are rivers and how are they used?	What is life like in the Alps?	Why do oceans matter?	Would you like to live in the desert?	Why does population change?	Where does our energy come from?	Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?
Food production and supply				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Energy and sustainability	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Water security				✓		✓		✓	✓			
Population growth and human resources	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Environmental management (physical processes)	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fieldwork opportunities				✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓