

**GEOGRAPHY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE PROGRESSION**

Strand	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical enquiry	Identify and describe features in the local environment, e.g. house, farm, church. Talk about the local environment.	Name and describe physical and human features in the local environment. Use photos and simple street plans to find places in the local environment. Talk about features of the local environment that are liked and disliked.	Sort, group and compare physical and human features in the local environment. Use maps and simple street plans to locate places and features in the locality and further afield. Talk about and compare features of the local environment.	Ask and respond to simple geographical questions. Use an increasing range of secondary sources and first-hand enquiry, e.g. surveys. Present findings using a range of simple graphs and charts. Talk about evidence and draw simple conclusions.	Use primary and secondary sources to find information about a range of localities. Present findings and statistical information in a range of different ways e.g. line graphs and pie charts. Present reasoned conclusions when presenting my findings.	Select appropriate sources of primary and secondary information to support investigation. Select an appropriate way in which to present statistical information and findings. Ensure that conclusions make accurate reference to the evidence presented.	Recognise and describe the different views that people may hold when changes are made to the environment. Talk about and describe the ways in which groups try to manage an environment's sustainability. Describe how decisions made about places and environments can impact on the lives of the people who live there.
Geographical skills and fieldwork	Talk about the local environment.	Carry out a small local survey, e.g. traffic, litter, land use. Identify geographical features on a large scale map. Create a simple map of a familiar location using symbols and a simple key to represent landmarks. Use simple compass directions (North, South, East, and West) to describe the location of features on a map. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify world countries, continents and oceans	Identify a range of geographical features on maps. Create a simple map of a familiar location using symbols and a simple key to represent landmarks. Use the 8 points of the compass to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify world countries, continents, oceans, capital cities etc.	Take part in simple fieldwork using simple equipment, e.g. compass, map, camera etc. Use simple geographical vocabulary, e.g. country, city, climate, landscape. Use world maps, atlases and globes and digital/computer mapping to locate towns/cities in the UK.	Follow a route on a map from a familiar location within the local environment to another location, using four-figure grid referencing, and/or 8 points of a compass. Plan and follow a route using an Ordnance Survey map. Communicate findings using geographical terms, e.g. location, land use, settlement. Create maps of the local environment and beyond using conventional symbols, a key and four-figure grid referencing. Use world maps, atlases and globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.	Map a route to another location in the UK using six-figure grid referencing. Use a range of equipment and maps to conduct independent fieldwork. Communicate findings using complex terminology, e.g. erosion, delta, meander. Locate a city in the UK using six-figure grid referencing. Map a route to other locations in Europe and beyond. Plot a series of points along a route and use the scale to calculate the distance.	Build on knowledge of globes, maps and atlases and apply knowledge routinely both in the classroom and the field. Use fieldwork in contrasting locations to collect, analyse and draw conclusions from geographical data. Locate places worldwide using six figure grid referencing. Map a range of routes to worldwide locations. Identify the most direct, cost effective shortest route between two points or locations. Create maps using appropriate scales and six-figure grid referencing.
Location and place knowledge	Talk about and describe people and places in the local area. Talk about similarities and differences between places, e.g. the school playground and the town park.	Talk about and describe key features of the local area. Describe and compare features of known localities. Talk about and describe a contrasting locality in the UK. Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans	Talk about and compare features of the local area. Compare features of localities, giving reasons for their similarities and differences. Compare and contrast localities in the UK.	Talk about and describe features of localities beyond the local area, including a region within the United Kingdom. Describe and compare contrasting locations within and beyond the UK. (a contrasting non-European country) Suggest reasons for the location of towns and settlements in a particular place, e.g. next to a river, on a hilltop. Identify physical and human features within a local study and how they have changed over time. Identify the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and the Arctic and Antarctic Circles.	Talk about and describe a range of cities and countries around the world, including a region in a European country. Support reasons for the similarities and differences between the physical and human features of a range of locations with factual evidence. Identify physical and human features that have contributed towards the change and development of a locality. Talk about the way in which the physical location can determine the growth of a settlement or industry.	Talk about and compare a wide range of locations, countries, and continents around the world, including a region within North or South America. Support reasons for the physical and human features of a location with factual evidence. Suggest ways in which a location might develop and change in the future, based on factual information. Identify and describe the links and relationships that connect localities both within and beyond the UK.	Extend and deepen locational knowledge and spatial awareness of the world's countries and environmental regions, including polar and hot deserts. Recognise that physical and human processes interact to influence and change landscapes, environments and climates. Describe the ways in which physical and human processes operating at different scales create geographical patterns and lead to changes in places. Recognise the many links and relationships that make places dependent on each other.
Human and physical	Talk about how environments might vary from one another.	Talk about the seasons and the changes that take place in spring, summer, autumn, winter in the UK. Talk about and describe features of landmarks within the locality. Identify and describe patterns and changes within the local environment	Identify and locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. Talk about and describe the function of features and landmarks within a locality. Describe and compare patterns and changes within the local environment.	Identify a range of simple physical processes e.g. earthquakes. Identify simple geographical patterns, e.g. hotels on a seafront. Identify and describe the way in which physical and human processes can change the features of a locality.	Identify an increasing range of physical processes, e.g. climate zones and biomes. Identify an increasing range of human processes, e.g. economic activity including trade links. Give simple explanations for the location of human and physical features within a locality. Recognise and describe a wide range of geographical patterns.	Identify a range of physical processes, e.g. vegetation belts and the water cycle. Identify some human processes, e.g. distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. Identify and describe in detail the impact of change on the lives of people in a given locality.	Understand the key processes in physical geography relating to geographical timescales and plate tectonics, weather/weathering, climate and climate change, glaciation & coasts. Understand the key processes in human geography relating to population and urbanisation, international development, economic activity and use of natural resources. Recognise that the environment in the place and the lives of the people who live there are affected by actions and events in other places.
Sustainability	Talk about the things I like and don't like about the local environment. Talk about what people do in the local environment.	Express thoughts and views about a locality. Talk about how people can affect the environment they live in.	Give reasons for thoughts and views about a locality. Talk about and describe how people try to improve and sustain their environment. Give reasons for local environmental issues.	Justify reason, thoughts and views with factual information. Provide factual evidence to support ways in which people can improve and sustain the environment	Talk about and give reasons for own and others views about changes to the environment. Talk about and describe how people's actions can damage and improve the environment. Talk about and describe reasons for global environmental issues.	Recognise and describe the different views that people may hold when changes are made to the environment. Describe how decisions made about places and environments can impact on the lives of the people who live there.	Recognise how conflicting demands on the environment may arise, describe and compare different approaches to managing environments. Recognise that considerations of sustainable development affect the planning and management of environments and resources.