

## **Geography Whole School Overview 2023 - 2024**

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- a knowledge of globally significant places;
- a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes; and
- geographical enquiry skills.

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2		
Right of the month	September: Article 28 – the right to learn and go to school October: Article 12 – the right to be listened to	November: Article 19 – the right not to be harmed and to be looked after and kept safe December: Article 13 – the right to follow your own religion	January: Article 29 – the right to become the best you can be February: Article 42 – the right to learn about your rights	March: Article 7 – the right to a name and a nationality April: Article 24 – the right to food, water and medical care	April: Article 24 – the right to food, water and medical care May: Article 20 – the right to practice your own culture, language and religion	June: Article 22 – the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee July: Article 31 – the right to play and rest		
Skill of the month	September: Listening October: Speaking	November: Teamwork December: GLOBAL GOALS	January: Problem Solving February: Staying Positive	March: Creativity April: GLOBAL GOALS	April: GLOBAL GOALS May: Aiming High	June: Leadership July: GLOBAL GOALS		
Whole school days/events linked to Geography		St Andrew's Day - Scotland		Fairtrade Fortnight St David's Day - Wales Mother Earth Day	St George's Day- England Outdoor Classroom Day Wonderful World Week Flag Bee Capital Cities Bee Cultural Diversity Day	World Environment Day World Oceans Day		
Nursery	World	map focus Locating countr	Understation Understation Understation Understation Understation Understation Understation Understation Underst	anding the World e class Recreate tactile sce	enes from Bear Hunt - rocks	, sand, grass, etc.		
		Sahaal and ite		anding the World	form onimple and food			
Reception		School and its surrounding area       Places in the world       Farms, farm animals and food         Changing seasons: impact on natural environment       Looking after the environment       Maps and positional vocabulary						
Year 1	Exploring the world Nationalities of the class Find countries on a map using atlases.       Exploring the UK Local area, United Kingdom, seasons and weather.         Compare and contrast Languages and celebrations around the world.							

Year 2	<b>Exploring the UK</b> Our local area, countries in the UK, comparing different types of settlements, map making.	Exploring the world Continents and Oceans What are the seven continents? What are the five oceans? Compare and Contrast Australia and England What is the same and what is different between London and Sydney?	
Year 3	Locations in the UK and Europe Know rivers and mountains in the UK and Europe. Naming countries and cities in Europe. Comparing and Contrasting Locations in UK and Europe Case study comparing London and another city in Europe.		
Year 4			<b>Africa</b> Know equator and tropics across Africa. Identify countries in Africa and major rivers. Identify similarities and differences with the UK.
Year 5	South America Identify geographical features of South America using maps. Features of the rainforest, including plants, animals and indigenous peoples. Contrasting Climates How climates vary around the world. How have humans impacted negatively on South America? Map Skills I can locate UK's major urban areas and their characteristics; explain how they have changed over time. I can describe height and slope on a map, including contour lines.		Climate Change All Change
Year 6		Exploring the world States and cities and topographical features in North America Compare and contrast Environmental change (global warming)	

## Geography Knowledge and Skills Progression EYFS - YEAR 6 2023-24

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- their geographical enquiry and map skills;
- a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes; and
- a knowledge of globally significant places.

Locational	Nursery and	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Knowledge	Reception						
	ELG: Understanding the	Name & locate: 7 continen	ts & 5 oceans. Name,	Locate world's countries, Eur	ope (including location of R	ussia), Americas, concentrati	ing on their environmental
	- People, Culture and	and capitals of UK & surrow	unding seas.	regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, major cities. Locate UK's counties and cities, geographical regions' human and physical characteristics, topographical features, land use & changes over time. Latitude,			
	Communities			longitude, Equator, N. & S. hemispheres, Tropics of Cancer & Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, Prime /			
	-The Natural World			Greenwich Meridian & time 2	zones.		

	Nursery topics: Wild	Name, locate and	Review Y1	Review Y1 and 2	Review Y1 - Y3	Review Y1 – Y4	Review Y1 - Y5
	Animals, Woodland, In the Garden Talk about the	identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of	Name, locate and identify	UK: Counties and cities Rivers and seas	UK: London through history (maps)	Countries in the world	What is Geography?
	differences they have experienced or seen in photos in countries around the world. Begin to understand respect and care for the natural environment. Know that there are different countries in	the United Kingdom. Local area – Islington Introduce all terminology & wider world through stories, games & context.	characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. Name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans.	Hills and mountains Europe: Countries and capital cities; rivers and mountains	Countries in the world Countries in Africa Longitude and latitude Time zones	America	Countries in the world States and cities in North America Geographical superlatives
	the world <b>Reception topics:</b> <i>Marvellous Me, Let's</i> <i>Celebrate, Magic</i>				Equator, N. & S. hemispheres, Tropics of Cancer & Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle		
Place	Materials, Sunshine	Local scale study – simil	arities and differences	Regional comparison – sin	nilarities and differences	– referring to human and	physical geography - UK,
knowledge	and Sunflowers,	– UK & non-European co	Juntry	European country. North a	or South America		
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Compare	Wriggle Stomp and	A local scale study of	A local-scale study	Comparing London to a	Comparing the UK to	Comparing the Amazon	Environmental change (global
Compare and	Wriggle Stomp and Crawl, Marvellous	A local scale study of our school grounds vs	A local-scale study of a non – European	Comparing London to a European city.	Comparing the UK to Africa.	Comparing the Amazon Rainforest to other	Environmental change (global warming) around the world.
Compare and	Wriggle Stomp and Crawl, Marvellous Machines	A local scale study of our <u>school grounds vs</u>	A local-scale study of a non – European	Comparing London to a European city.	Comparing the UK to Africa.	Comparing the Amazon Rainforest to other environments.	Environmental change (global warming) around the world.

Human and physical Local and Global scales	Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge	Identify seasonal & daily (UK & local scales). Iden of the world in relation t South Poles Use basic vocabulary.	v weather patterns tify hot & cold areas to Equator & North &	Describe and understand k volcanoes, earthquakes, w distribution of natural reso	es, biomes, vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, nent & land use, economic activity (incl.trade links), ninerals, water		
	non-fiction texts and maps – when appropriate. Explore the natural world around them. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. 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. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons.	Knowledge of seasons and daily weather patterns in UK	Build on knowledge of seasons and daily weather patterns in the UK. Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles	Describe key aspects of key physical features: rivers, mountains, and the water cycle. Focus on features of a river Key human features: settlements and land use.	Climate zones Topographical features in Africa Biomes - Savannah Grasslands Natural resources – bronze, gold, diamonds etc. with reference to the ancient Benin Kingdom, the ancient Ashanti kingdom and Tudor England	Climate zones Topographical features in South America including contours Biomes - Amazon rainforest and Atacama Desert Tribal settlements and people in cities in Brazil	Topographical features in North America Earthquakes – San Andreas fault Volcanoes - Kilauea and Maunaloa
SKILLS	Begin to ask questions.	Begin to ask questions. Identify places using maps, atlases, globes, aerial images & plan perspectives, make maps, devise simple map using basic symbols, NSEW and directional vocabulary, and fieldwork.		Develop questions. Locate, mapping. Eight compass p UK and wider world. Local methods including maps, p	, describe, explain using i points, 4- and 6- figure gr area fieldwork to measu plans, graphs.	maps (including OS maps) id references symbols and ire, record and communic	, atlases, globes, digital key to build knowledge of ate using a range of
Enquiry, critical thinking	What's 'our place' like? What's the weather like today?	What's the weather like today? What about in other parts of the UK?	How is where we live different to? And why?	Where do most people live and why?	What is a region? How can we compare ? What different climates are there	Where is Antarctica? What kind of place is it and why? What or who will I see?	What could/should the world be like in the future? How and why is this place changing?

	Where are the sunny and shady places in our school grounds? What's 'our place' like?	What do maps tell us? How do I use an atlas? How does this place compare with other places?	What are rivers and where do they come from / go to? What happens there?	and why? Where are they? Where is this place? How and why are places connected?		What can we do to influence change? Why do people live near volcanoes?
Mapping RoyalNursery: Use words like 'in front of' and 'behind'. Look at and talk about maps, atlases and globes, using words like big and smallDigimapsUnderstand position by using basic locational and positional vocabulary to describe the world around them through words alone. For example, "The bag is under the table," - with no pointing.Follow maps around the school created by the teacher and look at maps of the UK and Africa for the Wild Animal topicReception: Describe a familiar route. Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'	Locational knowledge Interpret a range of sources of geographical information: including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs. Place knowledge Exploring the physical characteristics of the classroom as a place. Human and Physical characteristics of the classroom as a place. Human and Physical communicate geographical information and use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical and human features on maps and plans. Skills and Fieldwork Use simple compass directions (North, South, East, West) and locational and	Locational knowledge Locate places and physical features on maps and aerial photographs of the local area. Place knowledge Consider the physical and human features of the local area and school grounds. Human and Physical Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical and human features of the local area. Skills and Fieldwork Interpret a range of sources of geographical information,	Locational knowledge Defining The British Isles Great Britain, The United Kingdom and learning which countries make up the British Isles. Locating capital cities on a map of the UK. Place knowledge Capital Cities - London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin Human and Physical Human - cities and their location, directions, political boundaries. Physical - mountains, rivers, seas Skills and Fieldwork Using eight compass points to give directions. Locating places on maps.	Locational Knowledge Locate a range of places and landmarks on Ordnance Survey maps of the UK. Place Knowledge Learn about the geographical features of specific locations on maps Human and Physical features on OS maps and consider the symbols for these features in the map key. Skills and Fieldwork Interpret maps and aerial photographs. Communicate geographical information through maps. Use the eight	Locational Knowledge Using an OS map to locate a range of human and physical features. Place Knowledge Considering how the features and characteristics of place are represented on maps. Human and Physical features on OS maps. Relief on maps and on the land. Skills and Fieldwork Contour lines	Locational Knowledge Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom and discover how to locate specific landmarks and places through the use of grid references. Place Knowledge Learn about how features of places can be represented through symbols on maps in 2-dimensions. Human and Physical Use OS map symbols and the map key to name physical and human features. Skills and Fieldwork Interpret maps and aerial photographs. Use the eight points of a compass and six-figure grid references. Key Questions

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Talk about any features on a map (island, treasure, ocean etc) Look at and talk about maps, atlases and globes, using words like big and small Understand position by using basic locational and positional vocabulary to describe the world around them through words alone. For example, "The bag is under the table," – with no pointing. Use directional vocabulary (up, down, over there etc)	directional language to describe the location of features on a map. Devise a simple map, and use and construct basic symbols in a key. <i>Key questions</i> What is a map? What is a plan? What is a plan? What are compass points? How can we use them to give directions?	including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs. Communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps. Devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. <i>Key questions</i> How can we find out where places are located? What is a map? What is a plan? How can I give directions? How are places represented on maps and plans?	Key Questions How can we use maps to develop our knowledge of the British Isles? Which countries make up the British Isles? What are their capital cities and where are these located? How can we describe the location of different parts of the British Isles?	points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom. <i>Key Questions</i> How can we use maps to find out about the local area? What is an Ordnance Survey map? How are places, human and physical features represented on OS maps? What symbols are used on OS maps? How can we find places on OS maps?	Key Questions What are the definitions of: 'human feature' and 'physical feature'? How are these represented on an Ordnance Survey map? How is land height shown on Ordnance Survey maps? What is a contour line? Digital Maps • Combine area and point markers to illustrate a theme • Use maps at different scales to illustrate a story or issue • Use maps to research factual information about locations and features	How can we locate places on Ordnance Survey maps? What is a six-figure grid reference? How can we read them? How is distance represented on a map? Digital Maps • Find 6-figure grid references and check using the Grid Reference Tool • Use maps at different scales to illustrate a story or issue • Use maps to research information about locations and features • Use linear and area measuring tools accurately
Create a simple map (real or imaginary) using mark making, a range of materials (leaves, twigs, bubble wrap etc) and/or mediums (paints, chalks, crayons etc) Have experience of looking at and talking about Google Earth in class	Digital Maps •Find places using a postcode or simple name search •Draw around simple shapes and explain what they are on the map for example, houses •Add simple information to maps for example, labels and markers	Digital Maps • Find places using a postcode or simple name search • Draw around simple shapes and explain what they are on the map for example, houses • Add simple information to maps	<ul> <li>Digital Maps</li> <li>Use the zoom function to locate places</li> <li>Begin to add annotation labels and text to help me explain features and places</li> <li>Add photographs to specific locations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Digital Maps</li> <li>Use the zoom function to explore places at different scales</li> <li>Add a range of annotation labels and text to help me explain features and places</li> <li>Highlight an area on a map and measure it using the Area Measurement Tool</li> </ul>		

Fieldwork	Opportunities	Opportunities	for example, labels and markers Opportunities	Opportunities	<ul> <li>Use grid references in the search function</li> <li>Use the grid reference tool to record a location</li> <li>Highlight areas within a given radius</li> </ul>	Opportunities	Opportunities (Y6 - Isle of
	Nursery: • explore the immediate local area through walks and visits to selected sites trips to post letters, Canonbury Gardens, the Fire Station and Little Angel Theatre • explore the setting's outdoor area, noticing and naming its features (e.g. play equipment, different areas and surfaces, flower beds) • experience different weather conditions and their impact on the environment • examine and discuss natural objects (e.g. leaves, twigs, stones) Reception: • explore the setting's outdoor area, noticing and naming its	Investigate the physical and human features of the school and school grounds: naming and describing what they see (e.g. different areas including playground, car park, field, wildlife area) and how these areas are used; routes around the school site, people's jobs, places that have been/could be improved, and so on • investigate different weather conditions through observation and by making and using simple measurement devices (e.g. to record wind direction, to measure rainfall) • explore the local area of the school to investigate the range	Visit some local facilities (e.g. shops, a library, a health centre) and talk about what happens there and investigate why people go there • observe and record seasonal changes (e.g. to flowering plants and deciduous trees) in the school grounds and local area • visit a park or local green space to observe its physical and human features and investigate how people use and enjoy it • take a short journey by bus, tram or train to investigate a slightly more distant site that contrasts with the immediate local	Use the school and its grounds as a site for studying aspects of physical and human geography by investigating questions such as 'Where does the water go when it rains?', 'How do we travel to school' and 'Where does the food for school dinners come from?' •when learning about the water cycle, weather and climate, to investigate and record different weather phenomena through observation and by using standard measurement devices (e.g. thermometers, rain gauges and anemometers) • take field trips to more distant places (e.g. farm, water treatment plant, botanical gardens) to investigate their physical	When learning about biomes and vegetation belts, to visit a woodland to study the trees, plants and animals, as an ecosystem • when learning about natural resources, to explore issues of sustainability in everyday life (e.g. energy generation and use, water supply and use) • when learning about land use, to investigate local buildings, land use, and local facilities and explore issues of environmental quality and value (e.g. by investigating which spaces or places are valued by the local community) • when learning	When learning about rivers, to visit a local stream or river to investigate its physical features (e.g. meanders, sites of erosion and deposition) and its use by people now and in the past • when learning about economic activities, to investigate the range and location of primary, secondary and tertiary businesses in the local area (Industrial <b>Revolution)</b> • when learning about natural resources and trade, to explore issues of sustainability in everyday life, including how everyday goods (e.g. food or clothing) are produced and traded, as well as consumption, waste and recycling (Fairtrade Fortnight)	Wight Canada Water) Use the school and its grounds as a site for studying aspects of physical and human geography by investigating questions such as 'How can our school reduce its plastic waste?' and 'How can we make our school grounds more bee friendly?' • take field trips to unfamiliar environments to investigate the physical and human geography of those areas (e.g. mountains, rural areas, beaches) as appropriate to the curriculum plan (PGL) • Geobus workshops about Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Climate Change
	features (e.g. play equipment, different	of buildings, roads, green spaces and other local features	area	and human geography, as appropriate to the curriculum plan	about economic activities, to investigate local		Techniques develop skills in a range of

areas and surfaces,				shops (e.g. to find		standard techniques for
flower beds)				out how far people		collecting, analysing and
<ul> <li>experience different</li> </ul>				travel to them and		presenting what they learn
weather conditions				why) or investigate	Techniques	including:
and their impact on				local journeys and	develop skills in a range	<ul> <li>drawing freehand maps (e.g.</li> <li>of a site they have visited)</li> </ul>
the environment				routes, including road	of standard techniques	(Orienteering)
<ul> <li>examine and discuss</li> </ul>				safety, public	for collecting, analysing	making models, annotated
natural objects (e.g.				transport provision	and presenting what	drawings and field sketches to
leaves, twigs, stones)				and more sustainable	they learn including:	record observations
	<u>Techniques</u>		<u>Techniques</u>	travel choices	<ul> <li>recording selected</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>relating large-scale plans to</li> </ul>
	develop skills in using	<u>Techniques</u>	develop skills in a range		geographical data on a	the fieldwork site, identifying
<u>Techniques</u>	a range of simple	develop skills in	of standard techniques	<u>Techniques</u>	map or large-scale plan,	relevant features
Nursery:	techniques for	using a range of	for collecting, analysing	develop skills in a	using colour or symbols	(Orienteering)
<ul> <li>use small world play</li> </ul>	collecting, analysing	simple techniques	and presenting what	range of standard	and a key	taking digital photos and
or the role play area to	and presenting what	for collecting,	they learn, including:	techniques for	taking digital photos	annotating them with labels
represent a visited	they learn, including:	analysing and	• making models,	collecting, analysing	with labels or cantions	• collecting analysing and
place	<ul> <li>using small world</li> </ul>	presenting what	annotated drawings and	and presenting what	making digital audio	presenting quantitative data
<ul> <li>take digital photos</li> </ul>	play, model making,	they learn,	field sketches to record	they learn, including:	recordings (e.g. to create	in charts and graphs
(e.g. of a collection of	or the classroom	including:	observations	<ul> <li>drawing freehand</li> </ul>	soundscapes)	<ul> <li>designing and using a</li> </ul>
natural objects,	role-play area to	<ul> <li>investigate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>relating a large-scale</li> </ul>	maps of routes (e.g.	<ul> <li>using standard field</li> </ul>	questionnaire to collect
buildings in the	represent a visited	environmental	plan of the local area or	of a walk to a site in	sampling techniques	qualitative data (e.g. to find
locality)	place (e.g. a shop, the	issues (e.g. lack of	fieldwork site to the	the local area)	appropriately (e.g. taking	out and compare pupils' views
<ul> <li>sequence photos to</li> </ul>	library or Health	play facilities, where	environment, identifying	<ul> <li>relating a</li> </ul>	water samples from a	on plastic waste)
recall features seen on	Centre)	litter collects, road	features relevant to the	large-scale plan of	• designing and using a	fieldwork interviews (e.g. to
a visit or short walk	<ul> <li>drawing a freehand</li> </ul>	safety issues) in the	enquiry	the local area or	tool to record their	establish the range of views
<ul> <li>express their feelings</li> </ul>	map (e.g. of the	school grounds or	<ul> <li>recording selected</li> </ul>	fieldwork site to the	feelings about the	local people hold about a
about places they visit,	school grounds, local	local area	geographical	environment,	advantages and	proposed development)
saying which features	street or park)	<ul> <li>adding details to a</li> </ul>	information on a map or	identifying features	disadvantages of a	<ul> <li>conducting a transect to</li> </ul>
they like/dislike	<ul> <li>relating a large-scale</li> </ul>	teacher-prepared	large-scale plan, using	relevant to the	proposed development,	observe changes in buildings
	plan (e.g. of the	drawing (e.g. doors,	colour or symbols and a	enquiry	for instance	and land use
	school grounds or a	windows and other	key	<ul> <li>making digital</li> </ul>		
Reception:	local street) to the	features to the	<ul> <li>taking digital photos</li> </ul>	audio recordings for		
<ul> <li>make drawings (e.g.</li> </ul>	environment,	outline of a house)	and annotating them	a specific purpose		
of their favourite place	identifying known	<ul> <li>making annotated</li> </ul>	with labels or captions	(e.g. traffic noise)		
in the outdoor area,	features	drawings to show	<ul> <li>designing and using a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>collecting,</li> </ul>		
what they saw at the	<ul> <li>using a simple</li> </ul>	variations (e.g. in a	questionnaire to collect	analysing and		
park)	compass and cardinal	row of houses in a	quantitative fieldwork	presenting		
<ul> <li>draw a map (e.g. of</li> </ul>	compass directions	local street)	data (e.g. to compare	quantitative data in		
the outdoor area)	(north, south, west,	<ul> <li>marking</li> </ul>	how far people travel to	charts and graphs		
	east)	information on a	different types of shop)			

<ul> <li>count (e.g. cars parked at the start/end of the day)</li> <li>express their feelings about places they visit, saying which features they like/dislike</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>collecting and sorting natural objects (e.g. leaves, twigs, stones) to investigate their properties</li> <li>using a simple recording technique (e.g. smiley/sad faces worksheet) to express their feelings about a specific place and explaining why they like/dislike some of its features</li> </ul>	large-scale plan (e.g. of the school grounds or a local street) using colour or symbols to record observations • taking digital photos (e.g. of buildings in the locality, things seen on a bus journey) • making digital audio recordings when interviewing someone (e.g. shop worker, librarian, nurse) about their job • collecting quantitative data (e.g. to create a pictogram of favourite places to play or how pupils travel to school) using a questionnaire (e.g. to find out the most popular options for improving playtimes)	<ul> <li>using simple sampling techniques appropriately (e.g. time sampling when conducting a traffic survey)</li> <li>developing a simple method of recording their feelings about a place or site</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>designing and conducting interviews (e.g. to investigate which spaces/places local people value)</li> <li>using a simplified Likert Scale to record their judgements of environmental quality (e.g. in streets near the school)</li> </ul>	