

Geography Curriculum Key Skills and Knowledge



Concepts	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
A: Geographical skills and fieldwork:	<p>Understanding the world: Draw information from a simple map Explore the natural world around them</p> <p>ELG Understanding the world – people, culture and communities Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.</p> <p>ELG Understanding the world – the natural world – Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons.</p>	<p>A1 I can use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of my school. • Simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of my school. (A1) A2 I can use simple locational and directional language (near and far; left and right). • Simple locational and directional language (near and far; left and right). (A2) A3 I can use globes, maps and atlases to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, along with continents and some oceans. • That maps and atlases are used to show locations (A3) • The location of the UK on a world map (A3) • The UK is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (A3) • The location of each country on a map of the UK (A3) A4 I can draw a simple map of a real or imaginary place, adding simple labels and markers Paws, Claws & Whiskers A4 I can draw a simple</p>	<p>A1 I can use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the key human and physical features of the school's surrounding environment. The definitions of and difference between human and physical geography (A1) • Examples of human and physical geography in the local area (A1) • Landmarks in the local area (A1) A2 I can use aerial photographs to draw a simple map and identify local landmarks. • How to identify local landmarks on maps and aerial photographs (digimaps could be used for this) (A2) • How to draw simple maps (A2) A3 I can point out the North, South, East and West on a map and compass. The positions of North, East, South and West (A3) • How to identify North on a map and use this to identify the other compass points (A3) • How to use a compass (A3)</p>	<p>A1 I can use correct geographical words to describe a place and the things that happen there. The geographical features of a location and the vocabulary to describe these. (A1) A2 I can use some basic OS map symbols. • The OS map symbols for footpath, roadway, dual carriageway, pub, post office, bridleway, contour lines, rivers, single track, multiple track and station. (A2) A3 I can use maps and atlases appropriately by using contents and indexes • Contents are found at the front of a book and the index at the back (A3) • Contents pages are in page order; whereas indexes are in alphabetical order (A3) • How to identify locations using contents and indexes (A3) A4 I can use digital maps to locate countries. • Various digital maps that can be used e.g. Google maps or digimaps (A4) • How to use the search function to find a location (A4)</p>	<p>• The difference between a city and a village (Recap Y2 towns and villages) A1 I can research features of cities and villages. • Key geographical features of cities and villages (A1) • The locations of cities and villages studied (A1) A2 I can use digital maps to identify different locations and describe their geographical features. • How to identify the location and features of a city or village on a digital map e.g. Google maps or digimaps. (A2) A3 I can use digital technologies to accurately measure the distance between two locations. • Appropriate units of measure to describe distances (A3) • That different units of measure will be appropriate for different distances e.g. metres for shorter distances and kilometres/miles for longer distances (A3) • Conversions between key units of measure e.g. 1 metre = 1000km (A3) • How to relate distances to their own</p>	<p>A1 I can communicate my findings using the appropriate vocabulary. • How to describe features and findings using key vocabulary (A1) A2 I can use atlases and digital maps to locate countries and locations. • How to use atlases and digital maps e.g. Google maps and digimaps to locate places (A2) A3 I can use the 8 points of the compass and 4 and 6 grid references. • The 4 and 8 points of the compass (A3) • How to describe a location using the 8 points of a compass (A3) • How to identify locations and features within 4 and 6 figure grid references (A3) • How to identify 4 and 6 figure grid references for locations and features • Use digital maps e.g. Google maps or digimaps to locate features within 6 figure grid references (A3) A4 I can use digital technologies to measure and record human and physical features in the local area. • How to compare historical and modern day maps of the local area</p>	<p>A1 I can use OS maps to answer questions. • How to interpret information from a map (A1) A2 I can recognise all key symbols used on Ordnance Survey maps. • All OS map symbols (A2/3) • How to read and interpret map, photos and plans – both physical and digital (A2/A3) • How to apply knowledge of map keys and symbols to identify human and physical features (A2/A3) A3 I can use maps, aerial photos, plans and web resources to describe what a locality might be like. A4 I can create a scale plan of the local area, using digital technologies to measure observe and record distances and geographical features. • The impact of these geographical features on the population and environment (A4) • Appropriate vocabulary to describe each locality (A4) • What 'to scale' means (A4) • How to use digital technology to measure</p>



		<p>map of a real or imaginary place, adding simple labels and markers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That maps are used to help us to identify locations (A4) • Maps contain the positions of key places of interest in a locality (A4) • Simple maps are often use a bird’s eye view (A4) • The location of different places in relation to another (A4) • Labels help to identify various locations (A4) • The names of key locations on the map (A4) 	<p>A4 I can use globes, world maps and atlases to identify some countries, all continents and oceans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use a globe and maps to identify countries and continents(A4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to locate countries using knowledge of continents and neighbouring countries (A4) 	<p>understanding of the world e.g. the school is 1 mile from Rassels and Little Bytham garage (A3)</p> <p>A4 I can use symbols and keys on maps to build my knowledge of the UK and the wider world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common map symbols (A4) • How to use symbols and keys to interpret maps (A4) • How to describe the features of a location using your interpretation of symbol and keys (A4) • Comparing similarities and differences between the UK and the wider world (A4) • Considering the reasons behind some differences between the UK and the wider world (A4) <p>A5 I can observe and measure human and physical features in the local area using charts and graphs to record and present findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The difference between human and physical geography (Y2 recap) • Efficient methods for gathering and recording data from fieldwork (A5) • How to draw and interpret information from charts and graphs(A5) • How to draw conclusions about the local area based on findings from fieldwork(A5) 	<p>using digital mapping tools (A4) and (A5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key human and physical features of the local area – historical and present day (A4) • How to record findings in an efficient and clear way(A4) <p>A5 I can use digital technologies to locate features within 6 figure grid references</p>	<p>and record distances between locations (A4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical features of studied locations (A4) • How to create a scale plan (A4)
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<p>B: Human and physical geography:</p>	<p>Understanding the world Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live</p> <p>ELG Understanding the World, People Culture and Communities – Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps</p> <p>ELG Understanding the world – The Natural world – Know some similarities and difference between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.</p>	<p>B1 I can complete a simple weather chart and answer questions about the weather in the United Kingdom. How to read and interpret simple charts (B1) B2 I can make plausible predictions about what the weather may be like later in the day or tomorrow in the United Kingdom. Vocabulary to describe weather accurately (B2) B3 I can explain how the weather changes with each season in the United Kingdom. • The names of each season and the associated weather (B3) B4 I can begin to describe the general weather on certain continents. • How to predict the weather through observation e.g. grey clouds in the sky indicate the possibility of rain later in the day.(B4) B5 I can begin to 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 • How to use basic vocabulary for key physical features ie sea, cliff, beach, river (B5)</p>	<p>How to use comparative language e.g. both, but, and, like, unlike, similar, different B1 I can locate hot and cold regions of the world, in relation to the Equator and North and South Poles • The location of the Equator and the North and South Poles (B1) • The difference in temperature associated with the Equator and the North and South Poles(B1) • The location of hot and cold countries (B1) • Applying their understanding of Poles and the Equator to explain why a location is hot or cold (B1) • The features of a hot or cold country (B1) B2 I can recognise and explain when people spoil the area or make it better. • The impact of human actions e.g. littering or creating green spaces (B2) B3 I can name key features associated with a city, town or village, e.g. factory, shopping centre, school, park and draw simple comparisons. • The difference between a town and village (B3) • The features of towns and villages, using maps to identify these (B3)</p>	<p>B1 I can describe how volcanoes are created. • There are lots of different types and sizes of volcanoes. (B1) B2 I can describe how earthquakes are created. • The Earth’s surface is made up of lots of pieces called tectonic plates (B2) • These plates can slide against each other, which lets magma from underneath squeeze up through the cracks (B2) • When tectonic plates move, it also causes earthquakes. (B2) • The key events of a volcanic eruption (B2) B3 I know the parts of a river. • The start of a river is called the source. The source of a river is the furthest point on the river from its mouth. (B3) • The end of a river is called the mouth. Some rivers flow into the sea but other rivers flow into lakes or bigger rivers (B3) • Smaller rivers which join to form a larger river are called tributaries. (B3) • Tidal river – At the end of a river, near the ocean, water from the sea flows up the river when the tide comes in. This bit of the river is called ‘tidal’ (B3) • Estuary – Where a river reaches the ocean and the river and ocean mix. Estuaries are normally wide and flat. (B3)</p>	<p>B1 I can recognise and explain how people are trying to manage their environment to improve it and keep them safe. • Various strategies and initiatives in the wider world to improve the environment (B1) B2 I can explain why people are attracted to living in cities. • The features of cities and villages, including geographical aspects such as population, places of interest, amenities, economy and transport (B2) B3 I can explain why people may choose to live in a village rather than a city. • The impact of these on people’s choice of settlement (B3) B4 I can report on ways in which humans have both improved and damaged the environment. • Examples of how human action has damaged the environments or could lead to long-term negative effects (B4) • The environmental impact of positive and negative human actions (B4)</p>	<p>B1 I can explain how a location fits into its wider geographical location; reference to human and economical features. • The location of the areas studied on world and national maps (B1) • The key geographical features in the surrounding areas including human, physical and economic features (B1) • The difference between human and physical geography (B1) • How to identify human and physical features in maps, atlases and photographs (B1) B2 I can recognise how physical and human characteristics can affect the lives and activities of people living there. • The context of these features e.g. historical events, climate etc. and the subsequent impact on the lives of the local population and/or wildlife (B2) • The impact of these features on the local population (B2) B3 I can name and locate a famous mountain regions on maps. • How to identify mountain ranges on maps and atlases (B3)</p>	<p>B1 I can give an extended description of the human features of different places around the world. • How to identify human features using physical and digital maps (B1) • Appropriate vocabulary to describe the features of different places (B1) B2 I can understand the term sustainable development. • What ‘sustainable development’ means (B2) • Examples of sustainable development around the world (B2) • The impact of these (B2) B3 I can name the mountain regions of North and South America. • How to identify mountain ranges on maps and atlases (Y5 recap) • The names and locations of mountain ranges in North and South America. (B3)</p>
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<p>C: Locational knowledge:</p>	<p>Understanding the world Draw information from a simple map Explore the natural world around them</p> <p>ELG Understanding the world – people, culture and communities Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion,</p>	<p>C1 I can name the 4 countries of the UK and the town where I live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the UK stands for ‘United Kingdom’ (c1) • The UK is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (C1) • The location of each country in the UK (C1) • We live in Lincolnshire, which is located in England (C1) 	<p>C1 I can name the capital cities of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The location of the four countries of the UK (Y1 recap) (C1)</p> <p>C2 I can name the continents of the world and find them in an atlas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are seven continents in the world (C2) 	<p>C1 I can locate and name some of the world's most famous volcanoes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most volcanoes are located along the edges of tectonic plates. (C1) • The locations of famous volcanoes including: Krakatoa, Mount St. Helens, Cotopaxi, Mount Vesuvius, Mount Ruiz, Mount Tambora, Mauna Loa & Mount Fuji. (C1) 	<p>C1 I know the difference between the British Isles, Great Britain and UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a difference between the British Isles, Great Britain and the UK (C1) • British Isles – England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales plus around 5000 smaller islands located along our coasts (C1) • The UK – England, Scotland, Wales and 	<p>C1 I can name the largest desert in the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert in the world (C1) • Antarctica and the Arctic are the two largest deserts (C1) • The definition of a desert (C1) • The location of all three deserts (C1) <p>C2 I can use digital technologies to</p>	<p>C1 I can locate the USA, Galapagos islands (in Darwin) and Canada on a world map and atlas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to efficiently locate the USA and Canada on a world map and atlas – physical and digital. (C1) • The difference between the continent of America and the USA.(C1) <p>C2 I can identify and name the Tropics of</p>



	<p>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.</p> <p>ELG Understanding the World – the natural world 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of Lincolnshire on a map of the UK(C1) <p>C2 I can name the continents and I have some idea of where to find them on a map or globe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That we have 5 continents and where they are on a map (C2) <p>C3 I can name some oceans connected to the countries I am studying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About the oceans and seas are around Britain (C3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The names and locations of each continent (C2) <p>C3 I can name the world's oceans and find them in an atlas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The names of the world's oceans (C3) • How to identify the ocean using a map (C3) • The difference between a sea and ocean (C3) <p>C4 I can identify the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The names and locations of London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast. (C4) • The map symbol for capital cities (C4) • The UK is surrounded by four seas: the English Channel, North Sea, Irish Sea and Atlantic Ocean. (C4) • The location of each sea (C4) 	<p>C2 I can name a number of countries in Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the names of European countries (C2) <p>C3 I can name and locate the capital cities of neighbouring European countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know what a capital city is (C3) • Understand how capital cities are marked on maps (C3) <p>C4 I can name and locate many of the world's major rivers on maps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to identify rivers on maps (C4) • The names and locations of major rivers including: the Nile, Mississippi, Danube, Amazon, Congo, Ganges and Yangtze rivers.(C4) 	<p>Northern Island (Y1 & Y2 recap) (C1)</p> <p>C2 I can name up to six cities in the UK and locate them on a map.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The locations of all these places on maps (C2) • The definition of a city and capital city (C2) • The map symbols for cities and capital cities (C2) • The names and locations of six cities in the UK (C2) <p>C3 I can locate and name some of the main islands that surround the U.K.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Britain – England, Scotland, Wales and their associated island (not N. Ireland) (C3) • The names and locations of the main islands surrounding the UK (C3) <p>C4 I can name several counties of Britain including those neighbouring where I live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The definition of a county (C4) • The names and locations of neighbouring counties (C4) • The historical influence on the names of British counties e.g. Anglo-Saxon kingdoms (C4) 	<p>understand how land use has changed over time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in land use over time and the possible reasons for these (C2) • The impact of these changes (C2) <p>C3 I can use digital technologies to locate the Equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The locations of the Equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn (C3) • How to locate these using digital maps (C3) • The names of some countries located along the Equator and Tropics (C3) • The climate of these countries (C3) <p>C4 I can identify key topographical features and land use patterns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What topography is (C4) • How to identify topographical features (C4) • How to identify land use patterns (C4) • Vocabulary to describe land use patterns and topographical features (C4) • The impact of land use patterns and topographical features on people and places (C4) 	<p>Cancer and Capricorn as well as the Arctic and Antarctic circles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, and the Arctic and Antarctic circles. (C2) <p>C3 I can name the main lines of latitude and meridian of longitude.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to identify the lines of latitude and longitude (C3) <p>C4 I can explain how the time zones work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How time zones work (C4) • The significance of Greenwich Mean Time (C4) <p>C5 I can locate and name the main countries in South America on a world map and atlas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The names and locations of countries in South America (C5)
<p>D: Place knowledge:</p>	<p>Understanding the world Recognise some similarities and differences between life</p>	<p>D1 I know and understand simple human and physical features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the UK and a contrasting non-European country on a world map 	<p>D1 I can explain why a locality has certain physical features.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to identify compare physical features using digital 	<p>D1 I can begin to recognise the climate for a given country according</p>	<p>D1 I can understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and</p>



	<p>in this country and life in other countries. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.</p> <p>ELG Understanding the world – people, culture and communities 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.</p> <p>ELG Understanding the World – the natural world 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.</p>	<p>D2 I can describe the human and physical features of my local area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The geographical features of Little Bytham, both human and physical (D1 and D2) 	<p>D1 I know and understand human and physical features D2 I can describe the human and physical features of a small area of a contrasting non-European country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The difference between human and physical features of geography (D1 and D2) <p>D3 I can understand and compare simple similarities and differences of human and physical geography of my local area and a contrasting non-European country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of human and physical features in both locations (D3) • How to identify geographical features on maps and aerial photographs (D3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The geographical features of the local area (Little Bytham) (D1) • Why these features are there – considering the impact on the community (D1) • Which features have been recently added, reflecting on why this may be.(D1) 	<p>and/or physical historical maps of a locality</p> <p>D1 I am aware that different places may have both similar and different characteristics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The geographical features of the local area (Little Bytham) (D1) • Why these features are there – considering the impact on the community (D1) • Which features have been recently added, reflecting on why this may be.(D1) <p>D2 I can explain how a locality has changed over time with reference to physical features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to apply historical knowledge to understand and explain changes in physical geography (cause) (D2) • Consider the impact on the population (effect) (D2) • Identify any existing remnants or indications of historical change in the local environment e.g. historical buildings, place names, roads, plaques (D2) 	<p>to its location on the map.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to use maps to identify the locations of countries – physical or digital maps (D1) • The location of the Equator and Tropics and how these influence a country’s climate (D1) 	<p>physical geography of the region of the UK and a region within North or South America.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to identify geographical features (D1) • The similarities and differences of features between a region of the UK and a region in North and South America (D1) • How to interpret information and data from maps, graphs, charts and photographs (D1) • Comparative language to accurately describe similarities and differences (D1)
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