

Geography

Key skills and knowledge by unit

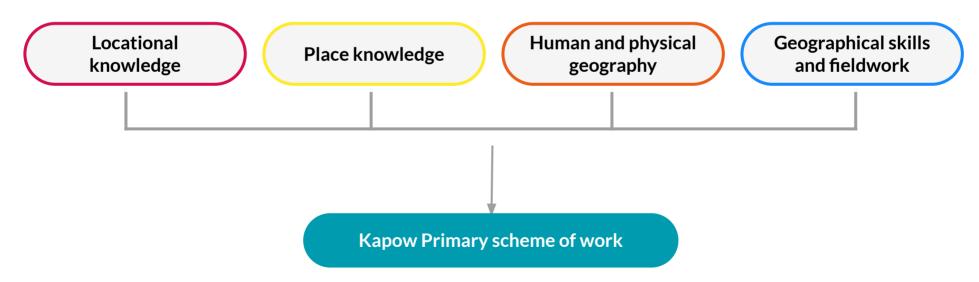
Mixed-age

Introduction

This document is for those school following our <u>Geography: Long-term plan – mixed-age</u> and links to our <u>Geography:</u> <u>Progression of knowledge and skills – mixed-age</u>.

It shows which units from EYFS: Reception, Year 1/2, Year 3/4, and Year 5/6 focus on developing each of the skills or knowledge statements. This document was created on 18.04.24 and the most current version of the document can always be found <u>here.</u>

The statements in this document are organised by strand:



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EYFS (Recep	EYFS (Reception)		Outdoor adventures	Around the world	
Identifying land and water on a map or globe		 <u>Activity 1: Pirate map bingo</u> <u>Activity 5: Investigating maps</u> 		 Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes Activity 5: Desert explorers Activity 6: Polar explorers 	
Making observations about the characteristics of places (in stories, photographs or in the school grounds/local area).*		 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 3: Let's build a map Activity 4: Creating journey sticks Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 	✓ Activity 1: Nature catchers ✓ Activity 2: Observational painting ✓ Activity 3: Exploring the weather	 ✓ Activity 1: Home or away? ✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 3: City or countryside? ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes ✓ Activity 5: Desert explorers ✓ Activity 6: Polar explorers 	
To know some vocabulary to describe different bodies of water, even if used inaccurately (sea/ocean, lake, river, pond)*	Locational	 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 5: Investigating maps 	✓ Activity 3: Exploring the weather		
To know that usually water is represented in blue on a map or globe.	knowledge	 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 		Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes	
To know the name of their school and the place where they live.		✓ Activity 2: Our school from above		✓ Activity 1: Home or away?	
To know some vocabulary to describe the characteristics of different places, even if used inaccurately (hill, field, building, road, house, old).*		 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 3: Let's build a map Activity 4: Creating journey sticks Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 	✓ Activity 1: Nature catchers ✓ Activity 2: Observational painting ✓ Activity 3: Exploring the weather	 ✓ Activity 1: Home or away? ✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 3: Citv or countryside? ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes ✓ Activity 5: Desert explorers ✓ Activity 6: Polar explorers 	

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Discussing how environments in stories and images are different to the environment they live in.		✓ Activity 1: Pirate map bingo ✓ Activity 3: Let's build a map	✓ Activity 2: Observational painting	 ✓ Activity 1: Home or away? ✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 3: City or countryside? ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes ✓ Activity 5: Desert explorers ✓ Activity 6: Polar explorers
To know that places within this country can differ from each other.	Place knowledge			✓ Activity 1: Home or away? ✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 3: City or countryside?
To know that there are differences between places in this country and places in other countries.				 ✓ Activity 1: Home or away? ✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes ✓ Activity 5: Desert explorers ✓ Activity 6: Polar explorers

EYFS (Recept	ion)	Exploring maps	Outdoor adventures	Around the world
Observing weather across the seasons.			 Activity 3: Exploring the weather Activity 5: Exploring the seasons Activity 6: Dress the teddy 	
Observing and discussing the effect the changing seasons have on the world around them.			 Activity 3: Exploring the weather Activity 5: Exploring the seasons Activity 6: Dress the teddy 	
Beginning to use the names of the seasons in the correct context.			 Activity 3: Exploring the weather Activity 5: Exploring the seasons Activity 6: Dress the teddy 	
Making observations about the features of places (in stories, photographs or in the school grounds/local area).*		 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 3: Let's build a map Activity 4: Creating journey sticks Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 	✓ Activity 1: Nature catchers ✓ Activity 2: Observational painting ✓ Activity 4: Senses in nature	
Making observations about the characteristics of places (in stories, photographs or in the school grounds/local area).*	Human and physical	 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 3: Let's build a map Activity 4: Creating journey sticks Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 	 Activity 1: Nature catchers Activity 2: Observational painting Activity 3: Exploring the weather 	 Activity 1: Home or away? Activity 2: Bear's UK travels Activity 3: City or countryside? Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes Activity 5: Desert explorers Activity 6: Polar explorers
To know that the terms Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter are used to describe the season.	geography		 Activity 3: Exploring the weather Activity 5: Exploring the seasons Activity 6: Dress the teddy 	
To know some of the key characteristics of each season.			✓ Activity 3: Exploring the weather ✓ Activity 5: Exploring the seasons ✓ Activity 6: Dress the teddy	
To know that there are four seasons in a year marked by certain weather conditions.			 Activity 3: Exploring the weather Activity 5: Exploring the seasons Activity 6: Dress the teddy 	
To know some vocabulary to describe different bodies of water, even if used inaccurately (sea/ocean, lake, river, pond)*		✓ Activity 1: Pirate map bingo ✓ Activity 5: Investigating maps	✓ Activity 3: Exploring the weather	
To know some vocabulary to describe the characteristics of different places, even if used inaccurately (hill, field, building, road, house, old).*		 ✓ Activity 1: Pirate map bingo ✓ Activity 2: Our school from above ✓ Activity 3: Let's build a map ✓ Activity 4: Creating journey sticks ✓ Activity 5: Investigating maps ✓ Activity 6: Map making 	 Activity 1: Nature catchers Activity 2: Observational painting Activity 3: Exploring the weather 	

EYFS (Recep	otion)	Exploring maps	Outdoor adventures	Around the world
Ask questions about the world around them.		✓ Activity 2: Our school from above	 Activity 1: Nature catchers Activity 2: Observational painting Activity 3: Exploring the weather Activity 4: Senses in nature Activity 5: Exploring the seasons 	
Commenting on the features they see in their school and school grounds.		✓ Activity 2: Our school from above ✓ Activity 4: Creating journey sticks ✓ Activity 6: Map making	 ✓ Activity 1: Nature catchers ✓ Activity 2: Observational painting ✓ Activity 4: Senses in nature ✓ Activity 5: Exploring the seasons 	
Answering simple questions, guided by the teacher.		 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 3: Let's build a map Activity 4: Creating journey sticks Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 	 ✓ Activity 1: Nature catchers ✓ Activity 2: Observational painting ✓ Activity 3: Exploring the weather ✓ Activity 4: Senses in nature ✓ Activity 5: Exploring the seasons ✓ Activity 6: Dress the teddy 	 ✓ Activity 1: Home or away? ✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 3: City or countryside? ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes
Representing some of the features they notice in their school and school grounds.	Coographical	✓ Activity 2: Our school from above ✓ Activity 6: Map making	✓ Activity 2: Observational painting	
Expressing their likes and dislikes about a specific place and its features, beginning to explain their reasoning.	Geographical skills and fieldwork	✓ Activity 1: Pirate map bingo ✓ Activity 2: Our school from above		✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels
Beginning to look at and talk about maps (real or imaginary) in stories, non-fiction books, atlases and on globes.		 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 3: Let's build a map Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 		 ✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes ✓ Activity 5: Desert explorers ✓ Activity 6: Polar explorers
Beginning to use modelled directional vocabulary when describing features in the surrounding environment.		✓ Activity 4: Creating journey sticks ✓ Activity 6: Map making		
Recognising features on maps (real or imaginary).		✓ Activity 1: Pirate map bingo ✓ Activity 2: Our school from above ✓ Activity 5: Investigating maps ✓ Activity 6: Map making		✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes
Creating real or imaginary maps even if features are indistinguishable.		 Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 3: Let's build a map Activity 4: Creating journey sticks Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 		

EYFS (Reception)		Exploring maps	Outdoor adventures	Around the world	
To know that a map is a picture of a place.	Coographical	 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 3: Let's build a map Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 		✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes	
To know some vocabulary to describe directions, even if used inaccurately (e.g near, far, next to, close, behind).	Geographical skills and fieldwork	✓ Activity 3: Let's build a map ✓ Activity 4: Creating journey sticks ✓ Activity 6: Map making		✓ Activity 2: Bear's UK travels ✓ Activity 3: City or countryside? ✓ Activity 4: Exploring world landscapes	
To know that a place and its features can be represented in a picture.		 Activity 1: Pirate map bingo Activity 2: Our school from above Activity 5: Investigating maps Activity 6: Map making 	✓ Activity 2: Observational painting		

			Cycle A		Cycle B		
Year 1/2		<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	What is the weather like in the UK?	What can you see at the coast?	Where am I?	<u>Would you</u> prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>
Locating all the world's seven continents on a world map.				~		~	~
Locating the world's five oceans on a world map.				~			~
Showing on a map which continent they live in.			 				 ✓
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.			~		~		
Showing on a map the oceans nearest the continent they live in.	Locational knowledge			~			
Locating the surrounding seas and oceans of the UK on a map of this area .				~			
Confidently 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.				~			

					Cycle B		
Year 1/2		<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	What is the weather like in the UK?	What can you see at the coast?	Where am I?	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>
To be able to name the seven continents of the world.			~	~		~	
To know that a continent is a group of countries.			~				
To know that they live in the continent of Europe.		~		~			~
To know that an ocean is a large body of water and that a sea is a body of water that is smaller than an ocean.				~			~
To be able to name the five oceans of the world.				~			
To know that the UK is short for 'United Kingdom'.		~	~		 Image: A start of the start of		
To know that a country is a land or nation with its own government.	Locational	~	~		~		
To know that the United Kingdom is made up of four countries and their names.	knowledge		~	~	~		~
To know the name of the country they live in.		~	v	~	 Image: A start of the start of		
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.				v			

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Year 1/2		<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> see at the coast?	Where am I?	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>
Naming and beginning to describe some key similarities between their local area and a small area of a contrasting non-European country.						~	~
Naming and beginning to describe 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.						~	
To know that life elsewhere in the world is often different to theirs.	Place knowledge						~
To know that life elsewhere in the world often has similarities to theirs.							~
To know some similarities and differences between their local area and a contrasting non European country.						~	

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Year 1/2		<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> <u>see at the</u> <u>coast?</u>	Where am I?	<u>Would you</u> prefer to live in <u>a hot or cold</u> <u>place?</u>	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>
Describing how the weather changes with each season in the UK.			~				
Describing the daily weather patterns in their locality.			~			~	
Confidently using the vocabulary 'season' and 'weather'.			~			~	
Recognising and describing some physical features of a location using subject-specific vocabulary.		~	~	 	✓		✓
Recognising and describing some human features of a location using subject-specific vocabulary.	Human and physical	~		~	 Image: A start of the start of		
Locating some hot and cold areas of the world on a world map.	geography					~	
Locating the Equator and North and South Poles on a world map.						~	
Locating hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South poles.						~	
Describing and understanding the differences between a city, town and village.				 Image: A start of the start of			

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Year 1/2		<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> see at the coast?	Where am I?	<u>Would you</u> prefer to live in <u>a hot or cold</u> <u>place?</u>	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>	
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.			~			~		
To know that physical features means any feature of an area that is on the Earth naturally.				~		~	~	
To know that human features means any feature of an area that was made or built by humans.				~			~	
To know that the Equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.	Human and					~		
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.	physical geography					~		
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.						~		
To know that coasts (and other physical features) change over time.				 ✓ 				
To know some key physical features of the UK.				~				
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.				 ✓ 				

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Year 1/2		<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> <u>see at the</u> <u>coast?</u>	Where am I?	<u>Would you</u> prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>
Question : Asking questions about the world around them.		~	~	~	~	~	~
Question : Recognising there are different ways to answer a question.				~		~	
Observe: Commenting on and discussing the features they see in their school and school grounds on a walk around the respective places.		V	~		v		~
Observe: Asking and answering simple questions about human and physical features of the area surrounding their school grounds.				~		~	
Measure: Asking and answering simple questions about the features of their school and school grounds.				~	~	~	
Measure: Collecting quantitative data through a small survey of the local area/school to answer an enquiry question.	Geographical			~			
Record: Drawing some of the features they notice in their school and school grounds in correct relation to each other on a sketch map.	skills and fieldwork	V	~		v		V
Record : Classifying the features they notice into human and physical with teacher support.				~			
Record: Taking digital photographs of geographical features in the locality.				~			
Record: Making digital audio recordings when interviewing someone.				~			
Present: Using a simple recording technique to express their feelings about a specific place and explaining why they like/dislike some of its features.				~	~		
Present: Presenting data in simple tally charts or pictograms and commenting on what the data shows.				~			
Present: Asking and answering simple questions about data.		~		v			

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Year 1/2		<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> <u>see at the</u> <u>coast?</u>	Where am I?	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>
Using an atlas to locate the UK.		~	~	~	 		~
Using a map to locate the four countries of the UK.			 	v	 Image: A start of the start of		
Using a world map, globe and atlas to locate the world's five oceans.				✓		~	
Using directional language to describe the location of objects in the classroom and playground.		~	~		 Image: A start of the start of		
Using directional language to describe features on a map in relation to other features (real or imaginary).		~	~		v		~
Responding to instructions using directional language to follow routes.		 	 				

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Year 1/2	<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> see at the coast?	Where am I?	<u>Would you</u> prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>			
Adding labels to sketch maps.							~		
Using simple picture maps and plans to move around the school.		~	~		~				
Asking questions about the world around them.		 ✓ 	 ✓ 		 		 ✓ 		
Commenting on the features they see in their school and school grounds on a walk around the respective places.		~	~		~		~		
Asking and answering simple questions about the features of their school and school grounds.		~	~		~		~		
Drawing some of the features they notice in their school and school grounds in correct relation to each other on a sketch map.	Geographical skills and	~	~		~		~		
Using a simple recording technique to express their feelings about a specific place and explaining why they like/dislike some of its features.	fieldwork	~			~				
Recognising why maps need a title.				~					
Using an atlas to locate the four capital cities of the UK.				v					
Using a world map, globe and atlas to locate all the world's seven continents on a world map.						~	~		
Using locational language and the compass points (N, S, E, W) to describe the location of features on a map.				✓		~			

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Year 1/2	<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> <u>see at the</u> <u>coast?</u>	Where am I?	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>	
Using locational language and the compass points (N, S, E, W) to describe the route on a map.				~			
Using a map to follow a prepared route.				~			
Recognising landmarks on aerial photographs and plan perspectives.		~	~	~	~		~
Recognising human features on aerial photographs and plan perspectives.		~		~	v	~	~
Recognising physical features on aerial photographs and plan perspectives.	Geographical	~		v	v	v	~
Drawing a map and using class agreed symbols to make a simple key.	skills and fieldwork			 			
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.				~			

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Year 1/2	<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> <u>see at the</u> <u>coast?</u>	Where am I?	<u>Would you</u> prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>			
Recognising there are different ways to answer a question.				~		~			
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.				~		V			
Collecting quantitative data through a small survey of the local area/school to answer an enquiry question				~					
Classifying the features they notice into human and physical with teacher support.	Geographical skills and fieldwork			~					
Taking digital photographs of geographical features in the locality.				~					
Making digital audio recordings when interviewing someone.				~					
Presenting data in simple tally charts or pictograms and commenting on what the data shows.				~					
Asking and answering simple questions about data.				~					

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Year 1/2		<u>What is it like</u> <u>here?</u>	<u>What is the</u> weather like in <u>the UK?</u>	<u>What can you</u> <u>see at the</u> <u>coast?</u>	Where am I?	<u>Would you</u> prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	<u>What is it like</u> <u>to live in</u> <u>Shanghai?</u>	
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.		~			v		~	
To know simple directional language (e.g near, far, up, down, left, right, forwards, backwards).		~	~		~		~	
To know what a sketch map is.							~	
To know that a compass is an instrument we can use to find which direction is north.	Geographical skills and fieldwork		~				V	
To know which direction is N, S, E, W on a map.	neidwork		~				~	
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 maps need a title and purpose.				~				
To know that maps need a key to explain what the symbols and colours represent.							✓	
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.				~				

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			Cycle A			Cycle B	
Lower key s	Lower key stage 2		Why are rainforests important to us?	Where does our food come from?	<u>Who lives in</u> <u>Antarctica?</u>	<u>Are all</u> <u>settlements the</u> <u>same?</u>	What are rivers and how are they used?
Locating some countries in Europe and North and South America using maps.		v	~		v		v
Locating some major cities of the countries studied.				~		~	~
Locating key physical features in countries studied including significant environmental regions.		~	~	~	~	~	~
Locating some key human features in countries studied.			~	 	✓	 	
Locating the world's most significant mountain ranges on a map and identifying any patterns.	Locational	V					~
Locating where the world's volcanoes are on a map and identifying the 'Ring of Fire'.	knowledge	v					
Locating some of the world's most significant rivers and identifying any patterns.			~				✓
Locating some counties in the UK (local to your school).						v	
Locating some cities in the UK (local to your school).						V	
Beginning to locate the twelve geographical regions of the UK.						~	v

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Identifying key physical and human characteristics of counties, cities and/or geographical regions in the UK.			~		✓	~	~
Identifying how topographical features studied have changed over time using examples.		v	~				
Describing how a locality has changed over time, giving examples of both physical and human features.		~	~		~	~	
Finding the position of the Equator and describing how this impacts our environmental regions.	Locational		~	~	v		
Finding lines of latitude and longitude on a globe and explaining why these are important.	knowledge		v				
Identifying the position of the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and their significance.			V	~			
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.				~			

Why do peop live near volcanoes?	rainforests	Where does our food come from?	Who lives in Antarctica?	Are all settlements the same?	What are rivers and how are they used?
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			Cycle A		Cycle B			
Lower key s	Lower key stage 2		Why are rainforests important to us?	Where does our food come from?	<u>Who lives in</u> <u>Antarctica?</u>	Are all settlements the same?	What are rivers and how are they used?	
To know the name of some counties in the UK (local to your school).			~			~	~	
To know the name of some cities in the UK (local to your school).						~	~	
To know the name of the county that they live in and their closest city.						~	v	
To begin to name the twelve geographical regions of the UK.						~	~	
To know the main types of land use.*	Locational	V	V	~	v	V	~	
To know some types of settlement.*	knowledge	~				~	~	
To know that countries near the Equator have less seasonal change than those near the poles.			V	~	v			
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.			V	~	~			
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.				~	~			

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Lower key stage 2		Why do people live near volcanoes?	Why are rainforests important to us?	Where does our food come from?	<u>Who lives in</u> <u>Antarctica?</u>	<u>Are all</u> settlements the same?	What are rivers and how are they used?
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 the 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 hemisphere are 'halves' of the Earth, above and below our Equator and have alternate seasons to each other.	Locational knowledge			~	~		
To know the boundaries of the polar regions are marked by the invisible lines the Arctic and Antarctic circle.					~		
To know the patterns of daylight in the Arctic and Antarctic circle and the Equatorial regions.					~		

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Lower key s	Lower key stage 2		Why are rainforests important to us?	Where does our food come from?	<u>Who lives in</u> <u>Antarctica?</u>	<u>Are all</u> <u>settlements the</u> <u>same?</u>	<u>What are rivers</u> and how are <u>they used?</u>	
Describing and beginning to explain similarities between two regions studied.			~	~	✓	~		
Describing and beginning to explain differences between two regions studied.			v	~	v	~		
Describing how and why humans have responded in different ways to their local environments.		V	V	~	v	V	~	
Discussing climates and their impact on trade, land use and settlement.			~	✓	✓			
Explaining what measures humans have taken in order to adapt to survive in cold places.	Place				v			
Describing and explaining how people who live in a contrasting physical area may have different lives to people in the UK.	knowledge		~	~	~	~		
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.		v						

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Lower key s	tage 2	<u>Why do people</u> <u>live near</u> <u>volcanoes?</u>	Why are rainforests important to us?	Where does our food come from?	<u>Who lives in</u> <u>Antarctica?</u>	<u>Are all</u> <u>settlements the</u> <u>same?</u>	What are rivers and how are they used?	
Mapping and labelling the six biomes on a world map.			 ✓ 	 				
Understanding some of the causes of climate change.		 ✓ 	 	v				
Describing how physical features, such as mountains and rivers are formed, and why volcanoes and earthquakes occur.		V					 	
Describing where volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains are located globally.		~			v		 	
Describing and explaining how physical features such as rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes have had an impact upon the surrounding landscape and communities.		V	~			~	✓	
Describing how humans use water in a variety of ways.	Human and physical		 ✓ 		V		 	
Describing and understanding types of settlement and land use.	geography		~	~	~	~	 	
Explaining why a settlement and community has grown in a particular location.			~	 		~	~	
Explaining why different locations have different human features.				 	v	~	v	
Explaining why people might prefer to live in an urban or rural place.				 	v	~		
Describing how humans can impact the environment both positively and negatively, using examples.			✔ and knowledge by ur	V			(apowprimary.com 2	

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To know that the water cycle is the processes and stores which move water around our Earth and to be able to name these.			~		v		
To know the courses and key features of a river.							
To know the different types of mountains and volcanoes and how they are formed.		V					~
To know that an earthquake is the intense shaking of the ground.		 ✓ 					
To know that a biome is a region of the globe sharing a similar climate, landscape, vegetation and wildlife.*	Human and physical		V	~	v		
To know the world's biomes.*	geography		~	v	v		
To know that the hottest biomes are found between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.			V	~	v		
To know that climate zones are areas of the world with similar climates.*			V	v	v		
To know the world's different climate zones.*			~	~	v		
To know that climates can influence the foods able to grow.			V	 ✓ 			

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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.	Human and physical geography	~	~	~	~	~	~
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.				~		v	v

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Beginning to use maps at more than one scale.		v	~	 	 Image: A start of the start of	~	~
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 physical and human features in countries studied.				~	~	~	~
Using the scale bar on a map to estimate distances.				 	 Image: A start of the start of	~	
Finding countries and features of countries in an atlas using contents and index.	Geographical skills and	v	~	~	v	~	~
Zooming in and out of a digital map.	fieldwork				 Image: A start of the start of	~	~
Beginning to use the key on an OS map to name and recognise key physical and human features in regions studied.						~	
Accurately using 4-figure grid references to locate features on a map in regions studied.					v		~
Beginning to locate features using the 8 points of a compass.					v		
Using a simple key on their own map to show an example of both physical and human features.						~	

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Following a route on a map with some accuracy.						~	✓
Saying which directions are N, S, E, W on an OS map.						~	v
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.						V	~
Beginning to choose the best approach to answer an enquiry question.	Coorrenties		~	 		~	~
Mapping land use in a small local area using maps and plans.	Geographical skills and		~			~	v
Making a plan for how they wish to collect data to answer an enquiry-based question, with the support of a teacher.	fieldwork		~	~			
Asking and answering one-step and two-step geographical questions.		V	v	~		 	v
Observing, recording, and naming geographical features in their local environments.		V	V		~	V	~
Using simple sampling techniques appropriately.		~					
Making digital audio recordings for a specific purpose.				 			

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Designing a questionnaire/interviews to collect qualitative fieldwork data.				 				
Taking digital photos and labelling or captioning them.		~				~	~	
Making annotated sketches, field drawings and freehand maps to record observations during fieldwork.			~				v	
Beginning to use a simplified Likert Scale to record their judgements of environmental quality.							v	
Collecting quantitative data in charts and graphs.	Geographical		~					
Using a questionnaire/interviews to collect qualitative fieldwork data.	skills and fieldwork		~	v				
Presenting data using plans, freehand sketch maps, annotated drawings, graphs, presentations, writing and digital technologies (photos with labels/captions) when communicating geographical information.		V	~	✓			v	
Suggesting different ways that a locality could be changed and improved.			V				~	
Finding answers to geographical questions through data collection.		V	~	~		V	V	

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To understand that a scale shows how much smaller a map is compared to real life.					v	v	~	
To recognise world maps as a flattened globe.		V	~		v		~	
To know that an OS (Ordnance survey) 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.	Geographical skills and		~			~	~	
To know that grid references help us locate a particular square on a map.	fieldwork			~			~	
To know the eight points of a compass are north, south, east, west, north-east, south-east, north-west, south-west.					V		~	
To know the main types of land use (agricultural, residential, recreational, commercial, industrial and transportation).						~	~	
To know an enquiry-based question has an open-ended answer found by research.			V	~		~	~	

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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.	Geographical skills and fieldwork	V	~		✓		✓	
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.			~			~	~	

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Locating more countries in Europe and North and South America using maps.		<i>v</i>	~	~	 			
Locating major cities of the countries studied.		~	v	~		~	 	
Locating some key physical features in countries studied on a map.		v	v	~		~	 	
Locating key human features in countries studied.		~	v	~	v	~	 	
Identifying significant environmental regions on a map.	Locational knowledge	v	v			~		
Using maps to show the distribution of the world's climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts and identifying any patterns.		~	~					
Locating many counties in the UK.					~			
Locating many cities in the UK.				~			 	

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Confidently locating the twelve 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.	Locational knowledge	V	~	~	~	V		
Identifying the location of the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones, (including day and night) and explaining its significance.			~	✓				
Using longitude and latitude when referencing location in an atlas or on a globe.		~	~	✓				

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To know the name of many countries and major cities in Europe and North and South America.		V	V	~	~		~
To know the location of key physical features in countries studied.		V	V			~	
To name and describe some of the world's vegetation belts (ice cape, tundra, coniferous forest, deciduous forest, evergreen forest, mixed forest, temperate grassland, tropical grassland, mediterranean, desert scrub, desert, highland).*			~				
To know the name of many counties in the UK.	Locational knowledge				~		
To know the name of many cities in the UK.				~	~		~
To confidently name the twelve geographical regions of the UK.					~		~
To know that London and the South East regions have the largest population in the UK.					~		
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.			~	~			

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Describing and explaining similarities between two environmental regions studied.		v	v	v			
Describing and explaining differences between two environmental regions studied.		v	v	v			
Explaining how and why humans have responded in different ways to their local environments in two contrasting regions.			~		~	V	
Understanding how climates impact on trade, land use and settlement.	Place	~	~	~	~	~	
Explaining how humans have used desert environments.	knowledge		~				
Using maps to explore wider global trading routes.				~		V	
To know some similarities and differences between the UK and a European mountain region.		~					
To know why tourists visit mountain regions.		v					

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Describing and understanding the key aspects of the six biomes.		v	v				
Describing and understanding the key aspects of the six climate zones.		v	v			~	
Understanding some of the impacts and causes of climate change.		v	v	 ✓ 	v	~	
Describing and understanding the key aspects and distribution of the vegetation belts in relation to the six biomes, climate and weather.		~	~				
Giving examples of alternative viewpoints and solutions used in regards to an environmental issue and explaining how this links to climate change.	Human			~	~	v	~
Describing and understanding economic activity, including trade links.	and		v	 ✓ 	 ✓ 	~	
Suggesting reasons why the global population has grown significantly in the last 70 years.	physical geography			 	v		
Describing the 'push' and 'pull' factors that people may consider when migrating.			v		~		
Understanding the distribution of natural resources both globally and within a specific region or country studied.			v	✓			
Recognising geographical issues affecting people in different places and environments.		~	~	✓	v	~	~
Describing and explaining how humans can impact the environment both positively and negatively, using examples.		~	~	✓	V	v	~

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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.		 Image: A start of the start of	v				
To know why the ocean is important.						~	
To know the global population has grown significantly since the 1950s.					v		
To know which factors are considered before people build settlements.	Human and		v		v		
To know migration is the movement of people from one country to another.	physical geography				~		
To know that natural resources can be used to make energy.			V	~			
To know some positive impacts of humans on the environment.				v		V	
To know some negative impacts of humans on the environment.			~	v	~	~	v

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Confidently using and understanding maps at more than one scale.		V	~	~	~	~	~
Using atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping to locate countries studied.		V	V	~	V	V	~
Using atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping to describe and explain physical and human features in countries studied.		~	~	~	~	~	~
Identifying, analysing and asking questions about distributions and relationships between features using maps (e.g settlement distribution).	Geographical skills and		~	~			~
Using the scale bar on a map to calculate distances.	fieldwork	V				~	
Recognising an increasing range of Ordnance Survey symbols on maps and locating features using six-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.					~	~	

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Using models and maps to talk about contours and slopes.			 Image: A start of the start of	✓			
Selecting a map for a specific purpose.				 		~	 Image: A start of the start of
Confidently using the key on an OS map to name and recognise key physical and human features in regions studied.		~		~	~		~
Accurately using four and six-figure grid references to locate features on a map in regions studied.				~	✓		~
Confidently locating features using the 8 points of a compass.					v		 Image: A start of the start of
Following a short pre-prepared route on an OS map.	Geographical	v			v		
Identifying the eight compass points on an OS map.	skills and fieldwork						
Planning a journey to another part of the world using six-figure grid references and the eight points of a compass.					~		
Developing their own enquiry questions.					v		 Image: A start of the start of
Choosing the best approach to answering an enquiry question.		 				~	 Image: A start of the start of
Making sketch maps of areas studied including labels and keys where necessary.		v		v		~	
Making an independent or collaborative plan of how they wish to collect data to answer an enquiry-based question.				~	v	~	v

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Selecting appropriate methods for data collection.		V		~		~	
Designing interviews/questionnaires to collect qualitative data.		V		~			✓
Beginning to use standard field sampling techniques appropriately.					✓	~	
Using GIS (Geographical Information Systems) to plot data sets.					v	~	•
Using a simplified Likert Scale to record their judgements of environmental quality.	Geographical skills and				v		~
Conducting interviews/questionnaires to collect qualitative data.	fieldwork	~		~	v		v
Interpreting and using real-time/live data.			v				~
Deciding how to present data using plans, freehand sketch maps, annotated drawings, graphs, presentations, writing at length and digital technologies (photos with labels/captions) when communicating geographical information.		~		~	~	~	•

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Drawing conclusions about an enquiry using findings from fieldwork to support your reasonings.		V	V	~	~	~	~	
Evaluating evidence collected and suggesting ways to improve this.					 	~	~	
Analysing quantitative data in pie charts, line graphs and graphs with two variables.			~		V	~		
To know that contours on a map show height and slope.			~	v			~	
To know that qualitative data involves qualities, characteristics and is largely opinion based and subjective.	Geographical		V	~	V		~	
To know that GIS is a digital system that creates and manages maps, used to support analysis for enquiries.	skills and fieldwork		V		V	~	~	
To know that a pie chart can represent a fraction or percentage of a whole set of data.			V		V	~		
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.		~		~	~	 ✓ 	~	
To know how to use a range of data collection methods.		~		~	~	~	~	

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