Geography Curriculum



Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Ν	What can you find		Where in the World		What is the	
	in the local area?		have you been?		difference?	
	To be able to talk		To be able to describe		To be able to compare	
	about the features of		places they have		two natural items in	
	the natural		visited.		their environment.	
	environment.		To say the names of			
	Use their senses to		countries.			
	explore the world		Talk about their past			
	around them.		experiences.			
	Talk about features of		Make marks of their			
	their local area.		past experiences.			
R	Where do I live?		What is a map?		What is special	
	To know where they		To be able to		about our town?	
	live and say their		explain what a map		Talk about features	
	address		is.		of the town they live	
			Draw simple maps in		in	
			play			
			picy			
1	What is special		Where in the world		Why can't a	
	about where we		am I?		penguin live near	
	live?		To know the county,		the Equator?	
	To know the		country and		Lost and Found	
	location of their		continent that they		To know that there	
	school and school		live in		are hot and cold	
	grounds		Know the world's 7		countries in the	
	Use simple maps				world	
			continents and 5			
	and directions		oceans		To be able to	
	Use aerial		To locate the world's		identify and locate	
	photographs and		7 continents and 5		hot and cold areas	
	devise own simple		oceans on a world		of the world	
	map		map		To know the 4	
					points of a compass	
					Understand	



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	Use simple locational and directional language To know the 4 points of a compass To be able to recognise the shape of Cornwall on a map To know the county and country that they live in Know the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas To name and locate the 4 countries of the UK on a map	Use world maps, atlases and globes to explore the world To know the 4 points of a compass		geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK and Africa (contrast between savannah and city life/poverty - books Anna Hibiscus, Lila and the Secret of the Rain) Visit from AW Know the key weather for each of the 4 seasons in the UK	
2	What is life like in our capital city and how has it changed over time? Know the key features of the 4 countries of the UK. To be able to locate the major rivers, capital cities, mountains in the 4 countries of the UK.		How is life in Delhi different to where we live? Understand geographical and similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK and Asia	Why do we like to be beside the sea? Use fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and compare it to a coastal location Know some key human and physical features of the local area	



	Know the shape of		To be able to	Use simple compass
	the UK on a map		identify similarities	directions and
	Know that places		and differences and	locational and
	can change over		compare and	directional
	time e.g. local area		contrast.	vocabulary to
	and London		Know that there are	describe location,
	To be able to		hot and cold areas	features, and routes
	identify similarities		in the world and	on a map.
	and differences and		they are in relation	Use aerial
	compare and		to the location to	photographs and
	contrast.		the Equator and	plan perspectives to
	Use aerial		North and South	recognise landmarks
	photographs and		poles.	and basic human
	plan perspectives to			and physical
	recognise landmarks			features
	and basic human			
	and physical			
	features			
	To devise a simple			
	тар			
	Use and construct			
	basic symbols in a			
	key			
	Use aerial			
	photographs and			
	plan perspectives to			
	recognise landmarks			
3	What makes the	How can maps		Where do most
	Earth angry?	make us better		people live in
	Escape from	geographers?		Cornwall and
	Pompeii Know the leastion	Know the location of		why?
	Know the location	the Northern and		(reasons for development of Cornish towns e.g.
	and characteristics	Southern		Newquay, Falmouth, St.
	of a range of the	Hemisphere and the		Austell, Camborne)



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	world's most significant physical features e.g. volcanoes, earthquake and mountains. To use maps to identify areas with key physical and topographical features around the world Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography e.g. volcanoes, and the impact that this can have on humans To know that physical geography can impact on human activity and		Arctic and Antarctic Circle Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom To use maps to identify areas with key physical and topographical features around the world Use the eight points of a compass, 4 and 6 figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) Analyse and draw conclusions from a range of aerial photos and maps.	Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including types of settlement and land use and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water To locate different types of settlement on a map and give reasons for their development Use the eight points of a compass, 4 and 6 figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps)	
	have on humans To know that physical geography		Survey maps) Analyse and draw conclusions from a	6 figure grid references, symbols and key (including	
4	What is the Lake District famous for? To know and compare a location in the UK and in Europe in terms of	Where is the highest point in Europe? To know the location of Europe		How can we help to protect our local environment? To know how humans affect the environment over	



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	human and physical features To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of a region in the UK (not London) – focus on human and physical geography	and to name and locate 6 European countries and their capital cities (including the location of Russia) Recognise the shapes of the continents To know and compare a location in the UK and in Europe in terms of human and physical features (Alpine location) To be able to use maps and atlases to locate the world's countries with a focus on Europe.		time and why people seek to manage and sustain their environment Communicate findings in a number of ways Ask questions and create an enquiry Use fieldwork to observe measure and record the human and physical features in a local environment, including sketch maps, OS maps, plans, graphs and digital technologies.	
5	Why are so many of the world's cities situated by rivers? The Wind in the Willows Name key rivers Know and can explain the water cycle To be able to locate areas with specific physical geography		How have rivers shaped our local area? River Fal and White River study Know about the physical features of rivers and begin to understand erosion and deposition To be able to locate geographical regions	What challenges do the inhabitants of Mexico City face in their daily lives? Identify the position and significance of latitude and longitude To explain how humans affect the	



- rivers and the	of the UK and their	environment over
water cycle	physical	time – reasons for
Compare and	characteristics, key	increase of
contrast a UK river	topographical	greenhouse gases,
(Thames – link to	features	impact on Arctic and
Y2) and to a world	Know geographical	Antarctic
river – The Nile	similarities and	environments –
Know about the	differences through	wildlife and global
physical features of	the study of the	implications.
rivers and begin to	local area and a	
understand erosion	contrasting region	
and deposition	Draw detailed	
	diagrams and	
	pictures of places	
	Collect and measure	
	information, e.g.	
	rainfall,	
	temperature, wind	
	speed	
	Use OS maps and 6	
	figure grid	
	references	
	Draw maps with	
	keys	
	Use fieldwork to	
	observe, measure,	
	record and present	
	the human and	
	physical features in	
	the local area	
	(rivers), including	
	sketch maps, plans	



		and graphs and digital technologies	
6	Why should the rainforests matter to all of us?Know location of and shape of some 	How is my life different to a child in the developing world? Global Issues study – what is life like for Neyma? Know and understand that people have differing qualities of life according to where they live. Use an atlas index To explain how humans affect the environment over time e.g. economic activity, including trade links and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, water and minerals	Why does the coastline continuously change?Know about the physical features of coasts and understand the physical processes of erosion and deposition To be able to use map, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. To use 6 figure grid references Use an atlas index To explain how humans affect the coastal environment over time e.g. global warming (link to Y5 curriculum)



countries and			
describe features			
studied.			
To be able to locate			
areas with specific			
physical geography			
 – climate zones, 			
biomes and			
vegetation belts			
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humans affect the			
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natural resources			
including energy,			
food, water and			
minerals			
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Knowledge Skills Literacy links



Year 7 Curriculum

Alien Invasion	Battle with the	Battle with the	A Crowded Planet	Sustainable Places	Sustainable Places
OS map skills in	atmosphere	atmosphere	Knowledge about	Types of industry	Students have the
Cornwall. Developing	Causes and impacts	Knowledge of rivers	world population	such as primary,	opportunity to build a
an understanding of	of flooding in	such as waterfalls,	growth and migration	secondary and	sustainable town
the geology of the UK	Boscastle and	meanders, estuaries.	from Mexico to the	tertiary, study of	using teamwork and
and Cornwall.	Bangladesh and	Look at water stress	USA. Synthesise	farming as a local	creativity. We use
Develop their	extreme weather.	and conflict in the	material and assess	example which allows	resources from the
knowledge of	Understanding of	Himalayas.	positives and	exploration of where	scrap store. We look
continents and	geographical process	Viewpoints and	negatives. Design a	food comes from.	at renewable energy
oceans and UK	and decision making	evaluate. Synthesise	migration board	Sustainable	and waste recycling.
Geography	when they take on a	a range of	game to understand		
	decision based	geographical data	the issues linked to		
	exercise on flood	and research.	the migration issues		
	management.		in Europe.		