

## **Skills Progression for Geography**

Strand	EYFS – Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Enquiry feat envi	Identify and describe features in the local environment, e.g. house, farm, church.	Name and describe physical and human features in the local environment.	Sort, group and compare physical and human features in the local environment.	Ask and respond to simple geographical questions.	Respond to challenging geographical questions by planning a range of tasks in order to find the answers.	Set own challenging questions when investigating geographical features and issues.	Draw on own knowledge and understanding, suggest relevant geographical questions and issues and
	Use photos and pictures to locate places in the local environment.	Use photos and simple street plans to find places in the local environment.	Use maps and simple street plans to locate places and features in the locality and further afield.	Use an increasing range of secondary sources and first-hand enquiry, e.g. surveys.	Use primary and secondary sources to find information about a range of localities.	Select appropriate sources of primary and secondary information to support investigation.	appropriate sequences of investigation Use multiple sources of increasingly complex skills and sources of evidence and use effectively.
	Talk about the local environment.	Talk about features of the local environment that are liked and disliked.	Talk about and compare features of the local environment.	Present findings using a range of simple graphs and charts.  Talk about evidence and draw simple conclusions.	Present findings and statistical information in a range of different ways e.g. line graphs and pie charts.	Select an appropriate way in which to present statistical information and findings.	Use Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to view, analyse and interpret places and data.
	Early Learning Goal Understanding the World: The World To know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects,		To study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding		Present reasoned conclusions when presenting my findings.	Ensure that conclusions make accurate reference to the evidence presented.	Present findings in a coherent way and reach conclusions that are consistent with evidence.
	materials and living things.  To talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.		environment.				
animals and pexplain why s	To make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.						
Geographical Skills & Fieldwork	Talk about and describe features of the local environment from photos and leaflets etc.	Carry out a small local survey, e.g. traffic, litter, land use.	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its	Take part in simple fieldwork using simple equipment, e.g. compass, map, camera etc.	Use a range of equipment and maps to conduct fieldwork tasks.	Use a range of equipment and maps to conduct independent fieldwork, including sketch maps,	Build on knowledge of globes, maps and atlases and apply knowledge routinely both in the
	Use 'left', right', 'forwards' and 'back' to describe the location of features and routes on a map.	Label photos and pictures of the local environment, e.g. the church, river etc.  Identify geographical features on a large	grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.	Use simple geographical vocabulary, e.g. country, city, climate, landscape.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied	plans and graphs, and digital technologies.  Communicate findings using complex terminology, e.g. erosion,	classroom and the field.  Use fieldwork in contrasting locations to collect, analyse and draw conclusions from geographical data.
		scale map.  Create a simple map of a familiar location using	Carry out a small local survey, e.g. traffic, litter, land use.	Follow a route on a map from a familiar location within the local environment to another	Communicate findings using geographical terms, e.g. location, land use, settlement.	delta, meander.  Locate a city in the UK using six-figure grid	Locate places worldwide using six figure grid referencing.

		symbols and a simple key to represent landmarks.  Use simple compass directions (North, South, East, and West) to describe the location of features on a map.  Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries.  Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify world countries, continents and oceans.	Identify a range of geographical features on maps.  Use simple aerial photos to identify landmarks and basic human and physical features.  Create a simple map of a familiar location using symbols and a simple key to represent landmarks. Use the 8 points of the compass to describe the location of features and routes on a map.	location, using four-figure grid referencing, and/or 8 points of a compass. Plan and follow a route using an Ordnance Survey map.  Use world maps, atlases and globes and digital/computer mapping to locate towns/cities in the UK.	Map a route to another location in the UK using six-figure grid referencing (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps).  Create maps of the local environment and beyond using conventional symbols, a key and four-figure grid referencing.  Use world maps, atlases and globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.	referencing.  Map a route to other locations in Europe and beyond.  Plot a series of points along a route and use the scale to calculate the distance.  Create maps of the local environment and beyond using conventional symbols, a key, different scales and six-figure grid referencing.	Map a range of routes to worldwide locations.  Identify the most direct, cost effective shortest route between two points or locations.  Create maps using symbols, key, appropriate scales and six-figure grid referencing.
Locational	Talk about and describe	Talk about and describe	Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify world countries, continents, oceans, capital cities etc.	Talk about and describe	Talk about and describe	Talk about and compare a	Extend and deepen
& Place Knowledge	people and places in the local area.	key features of the local area.	features of the local area.  Compare features of	features of localities beyond the local area, including a region within the United Kingdom.	a range of cities and countries around the world, including a region in a European country. Explain	wide range of locations, countries, and continents around the world, including a region within North or South America.	locational knowledge and spatial awareness of the world's countries and environmental regions, including polar and hot
	Talk about similarities and differences between places, e.g. the school playground and the town park.	Describe and compare features of known localities.	localities, giving reasons for their similarities and differences.	Use maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia).	geographical similarities and differences.  Name and locate counties	Explain geographical similarities and differences.  Support reasons for the	deserts.  Recognise that physical and human processes interact to influence and
	Talk about different ways to travel, e.g. on foot, by car, train, bus etc.	Talk about and describe a contrasting locality in the UK.	Compare and contrast localities in the UK.  Compare and contrast the world's seven continents	Describe and compare contrasting locations within and beyond the UK. (a contrasting non-	and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions – e.g. Cornwall, Lancashire, Cheshire, Northumbria.	physical and human features of a location with factual evidence.	change landscapes, environments and climates.  Describe the ways in which
	world's seven	continents and five	and five oceans.	European country). Explain any geographical similarities and differences.	Use maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia).	Identify geographical regions in the UK, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and	physical and human processes operating at different scales create geographical patterns and lead to changes in places.
		Name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and the surrounding seas.		Suggest reasons for the location of towns and settlements in a particular place, e.g. next to a river, on a hilltop.	Support reasons for the similarities and differences between the physical and human features of a range of locations with factual	rivers), e.g. Peak District, Breacon Beacons, Cotswolds, Yorkshire Moors - Areas of Outstanding Beauty.	Recognise the many links and relationships that make places
				Identify physical and human features within a local study and how they have changed over time.	evidence.  Identify physical and human features that have contributed towards the	Suggest ways in which a location might develop and change in the future, based on factual	dependent on each other.  Identify the position and significance of

Human and	Use simple geographical	Talk about the seasons	Identify and locate hot and	Identify the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and the Arctic and Antarctic Circles.	change and development of a locality.  Talk about the way in which the physical location can determine the growth of a settlement or industry.  Identify the Equator, and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.	information.  Identify and describe the links and relationships that connect localities both within and beyond the UK.  Identify the position and significance of latitude and longitude and the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zone.  Identify a range of physical	time zones (including day and night)  Understand the key
Physical Geography	words to describe physical features e.g. beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, river, soil, valley, season, vegetation, season, weather.  Use simple geographical words to describe human features e.g. city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour, shop.	and the changes that take place in spring, summer, autumn, winter in the UK.  Talk about and describe features of landmarks within the locality.  Identify and describe patterns and changes within the local environment.  Use simple geographical words to describe physical features e.g. beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, river, soil, valley, season, vegetation, season, weather.  Use simple geographical words to describe human features e.g. city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour, shop.	cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.  Talk about and describe the function of features and landmarks within a locality.  Describe and compare patterns and changes within the local environment.	simple physical processes, e.g. rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.  Identify a range of simple human processes, e.g. types of settlement and land use.  Identify simple geographical patterns, e.g. hotels on a seafront.  Identify and describe the way in which physical and human processes can change the features of a locality.	range of physical processes, e.g. climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.  Identify an increasing range of human processes, e.g. economic activity including trade links.  Give simple explanations for the location of human and physical features within a locality.  Recognise and describe a wide range of geographical patterns.	processes, e.g. vegetation belts and the water cycle.  Identify a range of human processes, e.g. distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.  Identify and describe in detail the impact of change on the lives of people in a given locality.  Compare and contrast an increasing range of geographical patterns.	processes in physical geography relating to geographical timescales and plate tectonics, weather/weathering, climate and climate change, glaciation & coasts.  Understand the key processes in human geography relating to population and urbanisation, international development, economic activity and use of natural resources.  Recognise that the environment in the place and the lives of the people who live there are affected by actions and events in other places.
Sustainability	Talk about the things I like and don't like about the local environment.  Talk about what people do in the local environment.	Express thoughts and views about a locality.  Talk about how people can affect the environment they live in.	Give reasons for thoughts and views about a locality.  Talk about and describe how people try to improve and sustain their environment.  Give reasons for local environmental issues.	Justify reason, thoughts and views with factual information.  Provide factual evidence to support ways in which people can improve and sustain the environment.  Use a range of sources of evidence to support environmental issues.	Talk about and give reasons for own and others views about changes to the environment.  Talk about and describe how people's actions can damage and improve the environment.  Talk about and describe reasons for global environmental issues.	Recognise and describe the different views that people may hold when changes are made to the environment.  Talk about and describe the ways in which groups try to manage an environment's sustainability.  Describe how decisions made about places and environments can impact	Recognise how conflicting demands on the environment may arise, describe and compare different approaches to managing environments.  Recognise that considerations of sustainable development affect the planning and management of environments and resources.

			on the lives of the people who live there.	