

Geography: Progression of skills

Intent: Our wider curriculum enables each child to be a curious, enthusiastic and confident learner for life and an active and caring member of our school family and wider society.

Progression in Geography Skills	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical language	Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others. Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity. Two channelled attention – can listen and do for short span. Responds to instructions involving a two-part sequence. Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion. uses talk to organise, sequence and Clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.	geographical language to describe feature or location e.g. hill/local/a road/coastline/ woods	geographical language to describe feature or location e.g. valley/hill/local/a road/coastline/ woods/village/farmland	to describe route and direction –8 compass points E.g. N, S, E, W, NW, NE, SW, SE link words to topic e.g. river/meander/flood/plain /location/ industry/ transport	to describe route and direction linking n/s/e/w with degrees on the compass -link words to topic/theme e.g. contour/height/ valley use vocabulary such as Longitude and Latitude, Tropics Of Cancer And Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circles, Northern and Southern Hemisphere	-to describe route and direction, location linking 8 points of compass to degrees on compass link words to theme e.g. river – erosion/ deposits/ transportation: coasts – long shore drift/ headland	·describe route, direction, location ·16 points on compass to degrees on compass ·link words to theme e.g. settlement — urban/ rural/ land use/ sustainability: rivers — confluence/

Enquiry (builds on questions from previous years)	comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. shows care and concern for living things and the environment. looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change	ask geographical questions e.g. what is it like to live in this place? use a range of sources to find out characteristic features of the past	ask geographical questions –where is this place? what is it like? how has it changed? drama – develop empathy	ask geographical questions: where is this location? what do you think about it? identify reasons for and results of people's actions	ask questions – what is this landscape like? what will it be like in the future? offer a reasonable explanation for some events	ask questions: what is this landscape like? how has it changed? what made it change? how is it changing?	ask questions: what is this landscape like? how is it changing? what patterns can you see/ how has the pattern changed?
		express own views about a place, people, environment	express own views about a place, people, environment, location. give detailed reasons to support own likes, dislikes, preferences	analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations using photos/pictures, temperatures in different locations, population	analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations using photos/pictures/ maps	analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales: temperature of various locations – influence on people/ everyday life	analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data on land use comparing land use/ temperature. look at patterns and explain
		recognise how places have become the way they are e.g. shops (patterns and processes)	recognise how places have become the way they are e.g. shops (patterns and processes	identify and explain different views of people including themselves e.g. views of different sections of community when developing holiday resort/new housing estate hold geographical issues through drama role play e.g. recycling	identify and explain different views of people including themselves	identify and explain different views of people including themselves design and use questionnaires to obtain views of community on subject	identify and explain different views of people including themselves give increased detail of views, justification – detailed reasons influencing views

Enquiry (builds on questions from previous years)		observe and record e.g. identify buildings on a street – memory maps	observe and record in different ways eg. sketches, diagrams, ict	collect and record evidence: construct questionnaire, use field sketch, sketch, brainstorm words about a place, sketch maps (elearning, atlases)	collect and record evidence: show questionnaire results in simple chart, colour coded maps which demonstrate patterns	collect and record evidence. conduct a land use survey categorise codes	collect and record evidence record measurement of river width/ depth/ velocity
		communicate in different ways e.g. pictures/ pictograms simple maps/sketches/ labelled diagrams	communicate in different ways – pictures, writing, charts	communicate in ways appropriate to task and audience creating a sense of place eg. use questionnaires, charts, graphs to show results, write views to local paper	communicate in ways appropriate to task and audience	communicate in ways appropriate to task and audience e.g. persuasive writing – show information on map overlays in showing levels of information e.g. old/ new	communicate in ways appropriate to task and audience e.g. use email to exchange information about locality with another school
Fieldwork: where, why? Use fieldwork techniques	orders and sequences familiar events.	use simple field sketches use a camera study aerial photographs of the school observe and record e.g. draw pictures of the weather at different times of the year or keep	use simple field sketches and diagrams, use a camera study aerial photographs of the local area	use more detailed field sketches and diagrams plot and record data on a graph present findings in different ways e.g. reports, graphs, sketches, diagrams, pictures. critically study photographs – do	make field notes/observational notes about land features. visit a river,locate and explain the features. choose effective recording and presentation methods e.g. tables to collect data.	field sketches should show understanding of pattern/movement/change take photographs to support findings classify buildings and natural features.	field sketches should show understanding of pattern/movement/change collate the data collected and record it using data handling software to produce graphs and charts of the results.

		a record of how many times it rains in a week in the winter and a week in the summer. observe and record information about the school		they think these were taken close to the equator or further away.	draw conclusions from the data.	present data in an appropriate way using keys to make data clear. compare and evaluate usefulness of maps.	report on the effects of environmental change on themselves and others. look at maps on different scales and calculate scales on own maps.
Map and Atlas Work	knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers	make simple maps and plans explore maps of the local area	compare two settlements use globes, maps, plans at a range of scales use content/index to locate country/draw information from a map	draw maps more accurately plan view (from above) use key accurately use contents/index to locate page quickly and accurately (ict)	draw accurate map develop more complex key use contents/index to locate position of location including page/coordinates	draw in scale – accuracy of scale locate information/ place with speed and accuracy use key to make deductions about landscape/ industry/ features etc.	locate information/ place with speed and accuracy use key to make deductions about landscape/ industry/ features