

Geography Progression of Learning



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical	• Teacher led enquiries,	• Children	Begin to	 Ask and respond 	Begin to suggest	• Suggest
enquiry	to ask and respond to	encouraged to ask	ask/initiate	to questions and	questions for	questions for
	simple closed	simple	geographical	offer their own	investigating	investigating
	questions.	geographical	questions.	ideas.	 Begin to use 	 Use primary and
	 Use information 	questions; Where	 Use NF books, 		primary and	secondary sources
	books/pictures as	is it? What's it like?	stories, atlases,	 Extend to 	secondary sources	of evidence in their
	sources of information.	 Use NF books, 	pictures/photos	satellite images,	of evidence in	investigations.
	 Investigate their 	stories, maps,	and internet as	aerial photographs	their	
	surroundings	pictures/photos	sources of	 Investigate 	investigations.	 Investigate
	 Make observations 	and internet as	information.	places and themes		places with more
	about where things are	sources of	 Investigate 	at more than one	 Investigate 	emphasis on the
	e.g. within school or	information.	places and themes	scale • Collect and	places with more	larger scale;
	local area.	 Investigate their 	at more than one	record evidence	emphasis on the	contrasting and
		surroundings	scale	with some aid	larger scale;	distant places
		• Make	 Begin to collect 	Analyse evidence	contrasting and	 Collect and
		appropriate	and record	and draw	distant places •	record evidence
		observations about	evidence	conclusions e.g.	Collect and record	unaided
		why things	 Analyse evidence 	make comparisons	evidence unaided	Analyse evidence
		happen.	and begin to draw	between locations	Analyse evidence	and draw
		 Make simple 	conclusions e.g.	photos/pictures/	and draw	conclusions e.g.
		comparisons	make comparisons	maps	conclusions e.g.	from field work
		between features	between two		compare historical	data on land use
		of different places.	locations using		maps of varying	comparing land
			photos/ pictures,		scales e.g.	use/temperature,
			temperatures in		temperature of	look at patterns
			different locations.		various locations -	and explain
					influence on	reasons behind it
					people/everyday	
					life	
Direction/Location	• Follow directions (Up,	• Follow directions	• Use 4 compass	• Use 4 compass	• Use 8 compass	• Use 8 compass
	down, left/right,	(as yr 1 and inc'.	points to	points well:	points;	points confidently
	forwards/backwards)	NSEW)				and accurately;

			follow/give directions: • Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map.	 Begin to use 8 compass points; Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map confidently. 	Begin to use 4 figure coordinates to locate features on a map.	 Use 4 figure coordinates confidently to locate features on a map. Begin to use 6 figure grid refs; use latitude and longitude on atlas maps.
Drawing maps	Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories.	Draw a map of a real or imaginary place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph)	 Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order; Try to make a simple scale drawing. 	 Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order; Make a simple scale drawing. 	Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data.	 Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data. Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity.
Representation	Use own symbols on imaginary map.	 Begin to understand the need for a key. Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key. 	Know why a key is needed.Use standard symbols.	 Know why a key is needed. Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map. 	 Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key; Use/recognise OS map symbols. 	Use/recogniseOS map symbols;Use atlas symbols.
Using maps	 Use a simple picture map to move around the school; Recognise that it is about a place. 	 Follow a route on a map. Use a plan view. Use an infant atlas to locate places. 	• Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering)	 Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe) Follow a route on a large scale map. 	 Compare maps with aerial photographs. Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find local village.) 	 Follow a short route on an OS map. Describe features shown on OS map. Locate places on a world map. Use atlases to find out about

					Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. find wettest part of the world)	other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns)
Scale/Distance	Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike	Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and larger scale map)	Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.)	Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a county on different scale maps.)	 Measure straight line distance on a plan. Find/recognise places on maps of different scales. (E.g. river Nile.) 	 Use a scale to measure distances. Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales.
Perspective	• Draw around objects to make a plan.	• Look down on objects to make a plan view map.	Begin to draw a sketch map from a high view point.	Draw a sketch map from a high view point.	• Draw a plan view map with some accuracy.	Draw a plan view map accurately.
Map knowledge	• Learn names of some places within/around the UK. E.g. Home town, cities, countries e.g. Wales, France.	• Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, home location, seas.	Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C	Begin to identify significant places and environments	• Identify significant places and environments	Confidently identify significant places and environments
Style of map	Picture maps and globes	 Find land/sea on globe. Use teacher drawn base maps. Use large scale OS maps. Use an infant atlas 	 Use large scale OS maps. Begin to use map sites on internet. Begin to use junior atlases. Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs 	 Use large and medium scale OS maps. Use junior atlases. Use map sites on internet. Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs. 	 Use index and contents page within atlases. Use medium scale land ranger OS maps. 	 Use OS maps. Confidently use an atlas. Recognise world map as a flattened globe.