

Knowledge (National Curriculum)

Locational knowledge

• name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas

Place knowledge

• understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country

Human and physical geography

- identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather; key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map
- use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key
- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment

surrounding environment					
	EYFS 3 & 4 year olds Reception ELG	Year 1	Year 2	End of key stage expectation	
Location knowledge	Can I know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences I have experienced or seen in photos? ELG Can I describe my immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps?	Can I recognise similarities and differences in my immediate environment? Can I talk about people and places beyond my local environment? Can I name and locate the four countries making up the British Isles?	Can I locate the four countries which make the British Isles, and know the capital cities, seas and main rivers running through each country? Can I name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans?	Can I name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans? Can I name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas?	



Place knowledge	Can I talk about the features	Can I talk about where I	Can I explain where	Can I identify similarities
	of my own immediate	live?	shops/buildings/open	and differences through
	environment and how		spaces are located in my	studying the human and
	environments might vary	Can I talk about my home	local environment?	physical geography of an
	from one another?	and family and compare		area of the United Kingdom
		them to those in another		and a contrasting non-
	Can I recognise some	country?		European country?
	similarities and differences			
	between life in this country	Can I talk about and find my	Can I compare a small area	
	and life in other countries?	way around school showing	of the United Kingdom with	
	ELG	an awareness of where	a contrasting small area of	
	Can I explain some	things belong and the	another country?	
	similarities and differences	people within the school?		
	between life in this country			
	and life in other countries,			
	drawing on knowledge from			
	stories, non-fiction texts and			
	-where appropriate – maps?			
Human and physical	Can I make observations of	Can I identify the seasons	Can I identify hot and cold	Can I Identify seasonal and
geography	the environment and	and associated changes in	places in the world and	daily weather patterns in
	explain why some things	the weather?	compare and contrast the	the United Kingdom and the
	occur and talk about		human and physical	location of hot and cold
	changes?	Can I identify daily weather	features of them?	areas of the world?
		patterns in the U.K.?		Can I use basic geographical
	Can I recognise some		Can I express my views on	vocabulary to refer to: key
	environments that are	Can I show knowledge, skills	features of the environment	physical features, including:
	different from the one in	and understanding in	of a locality?	beach, cliff, coast, forest,
	which I live?	studies at a local scale?		hill, mountain, sea, ocean,
			Can I show knowledge, skills	river, soil, valley, vegetation,
	Can I understand the effect	Can I use resources that are	and understanding in	season and weather Key
	of changing seasons on the	given to me, and make own	studies at a local scale?	human features, including:
	natural world around me?	observations?		city, town, village, factory,
	ELG		Can I use resources that are	farm, house, office, port,
	Can I understand some	Can I ask and respond to	given to me, and make own	harbour and shop
	important processes and	questions about places and	observations?	
	changes in the natural world	environments?		



	around me, including the			
	seasons (and changing			
	states of matter)?			
Geographical skills and	Can I use everyday language	Can I create a simple map of	Can I draw a map of the	Can I use world maps,
fieldwork	to talk about positions and	the school environment,	journey I take to school,	atlases and globes to
	distance to solve problems?	including a key?	including a key?	identify the United Kingdom
	Can I describe my relative			and its countries, as well as
	position such as behind or	Can I use maps, atlases,	Can I explain where	the countries, continents
	next to?	globes and digital/computer	shops/buildings/open	and oceans studied at this
		mapping (Google Earth) to	spaces are located in my	key stage? Can I use simple
	Can I draw information from	locate places and	local area?	compass directions (North,
	a simple map?	landmarks?		South, East and West) and
	-		Can I use simple compass	locational and directional
		Can I use simple compass	directions (North, South,	language [for example, near
		directions (North, South,	East, West, north-east,	and far; left and right], to
		East and West) and	north-west, south-east,	describe the location of
		locational and directional	south-west)	features and routes on a
		language [for example, near		map?
		and far; left and right], to		
		describe the location of	Can I use maps, atlases,	
		features and routes on a	globes and digital/computer	
		map?	mapping (Google Earth) to	
			locate countries and	
			describe features studied?	
			Can I use fieldwork to	
			observe, measure and	
			record the human and	
			physical features in the local	
			area using a range of	
			methods, including sketch	
			maps (including a key, plans	
			and graphs, and digital	
			technologies?	