Geography Skills and Vocabulary Progression

Reception

Intent – aims and vocabulary

Implementation

Unit	Key Knowledge
 Exploring Maps – 5 activities Explore maps through discussions, story telling, games and creative activity Look at how features are represented Think about the meaning behind shapes, lines, and colours on maps 	 A map is a picture of a place Water is usually represented as blue on a map or globe Some vocab to describe the characteristics of different places, even if used inaccurately That a place and its features can be represented in a picture Some vocab to describe directions, even if used inaccurately Some vocab to describe different bodies of water, even if used inaccurately

Vocabulary Human: Building Car park Field House Park Path Road	Mapping: Above Aerial Bird's eye view Map	Fieldwork: Identify Look Photograph Route Search Feel Look Notice Observe	
Unit		See Smell Sound touch Key Knowledge	
Outdoor Advent • Use senses t	ures – 6 activities to explore and describe the natural world ognise the effect of the changing seasons	To know Some vocab to describe different bodies of water, even if used inaccurately Some vocab to describe the characteristics of different places, even if used inaccurately That the terms Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter are used to describe each season Some of the key characteristics of each season That there are four seasons in a year marked by certain weather conditions That a place and its features can be represented in a picture	

Vocabulary	Mapping:	Fieldwork:	
Human:	Above	Identify	
	Aerial	Look	
	Bird's eye view	Photograph	
	Мар	Route	
		Search	
		Feel	
		Look	
		Notice	
		Observe	
		See	
		Smell	
		Sound	
		touch	
		touch	

Year 1
Intent – aims and vocabulary

Year 1	Autumn Lesson 3 and 4 involve fieldwork and may take longer than 1 hour	Vocabulary	
	 What is it like here? 6 lessons Locate where they live on an aerial photograph Recognise local features Create maps using classroom objects Draw simple maps of the school grounds Use maps to follow simple routes around the school grounds Carry out fieldwork to improve the school ground 	Human: Village Town City	Physical: land lake river Ocean sea
Year 1	 Spring Lesson 2,3 and 4 involve fieldwork and may take longer than 1 hour What is the weather like in the UK? 6 lessons Study the countries and cities that make up the UK Discuss the four seasons and their weather Consider how to change behaviour in response to different weather and keep a record Investigate the UK's hot and cold places using weather maps with a simple key 	Vocabulary Human:	Physical: Weather Season climate
Year 1	 Summer Lesson 1 involves fieldwork and may take longer than 1 hour What is it like to live in Shanghai? 6 lessons Use a world map to recognise continents, oceans and countries outside of the UK Identify physical features of Shanghai using aerial photographs and maps Explore land-use to identify human features Compare features of Shanghai to the local area Make simple maps using data collected 	Vocabulary Human: port harbour skyscraper metro transport	Physical: desert

Geographical skills and fieldwork			Locational Knowledge		
Geographical:	Mapping:	Fieldwork:	What is it like here?	What is the weather like	What is it like to live in
Aerial view	Мар	Survey	Place	in the UK?	Shanghai?
Aerial photograph	Globe	Questionnaire	Continent	Europe	Asia
Distance	Atlas	Compass	country	England	China
Location	Symbol	Rain gauge		Scotland	Shanghai
Locate	key	Thermometer		Wales	
Near physical feature		Temperature		Northern Ireland	
Far human feature		Weather vane		United Kingdom (UK)	
Left similar					
Right different					
North					
features					
direction					

Year 2 Intent – aims and vocabulary

Year 2	Autumn Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than 1 hour	Vocabulary	
	 Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place? 6 lessons Introduce the basic concept of climate zones and mapping out hot and cold places globally Compare features in the North and South poles Compare features in Kenya as well as the local area Learn the four compass points and the names and location of the seven continents 	Human: Urban Rural	Physical: pack ice ice sheet Arid Savannah Vegetation Grasslands Rainforest Polar Mild temperate
Year 2	Spring Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than 1 hour	Vocabulary	

	 Why is our world wo Identify features a Name the oceans Consider what is locality Use fieldwork to it 	Human:			Physical: nabitat		
Year 2	Summer	Vocabula	ry				
	 What is it like to live by the coast? 6 lessons Use atlases to name continents and oceans of the world Revise the countries, cities and surrounding seas of the UK Learn about the physical features of the Jurassic Coast How have humans interacted with this over time including land use, settlements and tourism 					6 k	Physical: arch bay Coast Mudflat Pier Cliff Coastline Island Sand dunes stack
Geographical	skills and fieldwork		Locational Knowle	edge			
Geographical: Iandmark Sketch map Scale OS map Pictogram Bar chart Data collection			Would you prefer to in a hot or cold place Africa North America South America Antarctica Oceania Equator North Pole South Pole Kenya		ful? Ocean Icean In Ocean Icean Icean	world	What is it like to live by the coast? Weymouth Jurassic Coast Pembrokeshire Orkney Islands Giant's Causeway Flamborough Head North Sea English Channel The Irish Sea

	Lake Windermere	
	Mount Snowdon (check	
	correct name)	
	Capital city	

Year 3 Intent – aims and vocabulary

Year 3 Autumn Lesson 6 involves fieldwork and may take longer than 1 hour

Why do people live near volcanoes? 6 lessons

- Learn how the Earth is constructed and about tectonic plates and their boundaries
- Learn how mountains are formed, formation and types of volcanoes and explore the cause of earthquakes
- Map global distribution of mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes

Consider the positive and negative effects of living in a volcanic environment and the ways in which humans have responded to earthquakes

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Vocabulary				
Human:		Physical:		
Geothermal ener	rgy	Inner core	pyroclastic flow	Volcano – shield, composite, active, dormant, extinct
Man-made rock		Outer core	fertile soil	Mountain – fault block, fold, volcanic
		Mantle	volcanic springs	Rock – natural, igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic
		Crust	earthquake	
		Tectonic plate	tsunami	
		Plate boundary	fault line	
		Magma	epicentre	
		Magma chamber	seismic wave	
		Vent	focus	
Year 3	Spring Le	sson 6 involves fieldwork ar	nd may take longer than 1 hour	Vocabulary

	 Who lives in Antarctica? 6 lessons Learn about latitude and longitude and link to climate Look at the tilt of the Earth and how this impacts the Antarctic circle and global temperatures Explore the physical features of a polar region and how humans have adapted to working there with no permanent population Study Shackleton's expedition before planning their own, using mapping skills learnt so far 	Human: Treaty	Physical: ice shelf Drifting ice Iceberg wilderness
Year 3	 Summer Lesson 3 involves fieldwork and may take longer than 1 hour Are all settlements the same? 6 lessons Explore different types of settlements and land use, consider the difference between urban and rural Describe different human and physical features in their local area and how these have changed over time Make land use comparisons between their local area and New Delhi to find key similarities and differences 	Vocabulary Human: Linear Nucleated Dispersed Recreational land Agricultural land Residential land Commercial land	place of worship monument memorial facilities

Geographical skills and	Geographical skills and fieldwork		Locational Knowledge		
Geographical:	Mapping:	Fieldwork:	Why do people live near	Who lives in Antarctica?	Are all settlements the
Negative/positive effects	Index	Expedition	volcanoes?	Tropic of Capricorn	same?
Climate change	Hemisphere	Magnetic/magnetic field	Italy	Tropic of Cancer	New Delhi
Adaptation	Scale bar	Research	Climate Zones – polar,	Northern Hemisphere	Settlement
Tourism	Mapping	Intention	temperate, arid, tropical,	Southern hemisphere	County
Explorer	Tilt	Destination	Mediterranean,	Arctic Circle	Region
Cross-section	Four-figure grid reference	Evaluate	mountains	Antarctic Circle	Local
Similarity/difference	Plot	Compare	Earth	South Georgia	Country border
Land use	Eight points of the	improvement	Mount Kilimanjaro	Mount Erebus	
	compass		The Andes		
	route		The Himalayas		

	The Rockies	
	The Alps	
	Mount Etna	
	Lines of latitude/longitude	

Year 4
Intent – aims and vocabulary

Year 4	Autumn Lesson 4 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour	Vocabulary	
	 Why are rainforests important to us? 6 lessons Focus on the link between biomes and climate, locate the Amazon rainforest and explain how the vegetation is defined by the Two Tropics Investigate physical features and layers of the Amazon rainforest, and consider how plants adapt to these conditions Learn about people who live in the rainforest and discuss the impact of human activity locally and globally 	Human: Indigenous Peoples Deforestation Community Logging Mining	Physical: vegetation belts forest floor understorey layer canopy layer emergent layer drought Buttress roots lianas
Year 4	 Spring Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour Where does our food come from? 6 lessons Look at the distribution of the world's biomes Map food imports from around the world Learn about fair trade with a specific focus on Cote d'Ivoire and cocoa beans Explore where food for their school dinners comes from Pros and cons of local vs global 	Vocabulary Human: Food miles Import Export Distribution Produce Waste Consume Fertilisers Pesticides	trade product cooperative responsible trade seasonal food air freight grant packaging bakery

		Greengrocer Butcher	food bank allotment	
Year 4	Summer Lesson 6 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour What are rivers and how are they used? 6 lessons	Vocabulary Human:	Physical:	
	 Explore the different ways water is stored and moves to develop an understanding of the water cycle Name and map major rivers both in the UK and globally Learn about the features and courses of a river and how they are used by humans Study a local river to spot these features 	Irrigation Leisure Supply	condensation evaporation groundwater Percolation Precipitation Transpiration Water cycle Delta Estuary floodplain	meander oxbow lake river mouth source tributary valley waterfall flooding

Geographical skills and	Geographical skills and fieldwork		Locational Knowledge		
Geographical:	Mapping:	Fieldwork:	Why are rainforests	Where does our food	What are rivers and how
Benefit/advantage	Represent	Investigate	important to us?	come from?	are they used?
Drawback/disadvantage	Grid square	Interview	Biomes – Savannah,	Cote d'Ivoire	River Severn
Process		Method	Tropical rainforest,	West Africa	River Thames
Approximate		Risk	temperate deciduous		River Trent
Greenhouse gas		Enquiry	forest, Boreal forest,		River Great Ouse
Sustainability		Data	Desert, Tundra		River Wye
Carbon footprint		Analyse	Amazon Rainforest		River Mississippi
Global warming		Present	Brazil		River Amazon
Renewable energy		Quantitative/qualitive	Manaus		River Nile
		data			River Danube
		Summarise			River Yangtze
		Interpret			River Murray
		Quote			
		Source			

Sample size
Reliability
Limitations
Open-ended/closed
question
Likert scale

Year 5 Intent – aims and vocabulary

Year 5	Autumn Lesson 4 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour	Vocabulary	
	 What is life like in the Alps? 6 lessons Discover the climate of the mountain ranges Think about why people visit the Alps Focus on Innsbruck and identify the human and physical features that attract tourists Apply their learning to investigate tourism in the local area Map recreational land use and present their findings 	Human: Population	Physical: mountain range Coniferous trees Deciduous trees Temperate deciduous forest
Year 5	Spring Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour	Vocabulary	
	 Why do oceans matter? 6 lessons Explore the significance of our oceans and learn how humans use and impact them and how this has changed over time Study the Great Barrier Reef and how plastic and pollution is damaging the marine environment Consider positive environmental changes that can be made including making eco-friendly choices Use fieldwork skills to investigate the amount and type of litter in the nearest marine environment 	Human: Coral bleaching Microplastics Acidification Overfishing Single-use plastic Re-purpose Marine Protected Area Plastic pollution Disposable	Physical: ocean current buffer coral reef marine erosion decompose

				Policy		
				biodegradable		
Year 5	Summer			Vocabulary		
	 Where does our energy come from? 6 lessons Learn about time zones around the world while exploring resources and energy found in the USA and UK. Learn about renewable and non-renewable energy sour the impacts these have on society, economy and environ. Carry out a fieldwork investigation considering the best I for a solar panel on the school grounds 			Human: Energy source Hydropower Wind power Solar power Nuclear power Biofuel Non-renewable Dam Replenished Consumption Producer	Physical: coal natural gas crude oil emissions ocean tide regenerate fossil fuel	
				Headquarters Offshore onshore	fshore	
Geographical sk	kills and fieldwork		Locational Knowle			
Geographical: Natural disaster Threat Species Dependent Geology Ecology Ecosystem Atmosphere Human footprint Environment comparison	Mapping: Land height Sea level Thematic map Aerial map Digital map Time zone	Fieldwork: Fieldwork evidence	What is life like in Alps? The Alps France Monaco Switzerland Liechtenstein Austria Germany Slovenia	Great Barrier Reef Australia Japan South Korea USA Thailand India	Where does our energy come from? Port of Blyth Midland, Texas Cities of the UK – Glasgow, Liverpool, Bristol, Newcastle, Southampton, Plymouth, Leeds	

Year 6
Intent – aims and vocabulary

Year 6	Autumn Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour	Vocabulary	
	 Would you like to live in the desert? 6 lessons Recap biomes with a focus on hot desert biomes and their various characteristics Map the largest global deserts Mojave Desert is used as a case study to learn about the physical features of a desert Consider how humans use deserts and the environmental threats that can occur in this landscape 	Human: Airstrip National park Nature reserve Tourist attraction Military Ranching Agriculture Desertification Flash flood	Physical: rainfall barren sparse mesa mushroom rock natural arch salt flat
Year 6	 Spring Lesson 6 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour Why does population change? 6 lessons Look at global population distribution, think about why some areas are more populated than others Explore the factors that influence birth and death rates and use case studies to illustrate these Consider and discuss the social, economic and environmental push and pull factors that influence migration Fieldwork is carried out to explore the impact of population on the local environment 	Vocabulary Human: Densely populated Sparsely populated Population density Population distribution Birth rate Death rate Natural increase Migration Refugee Push factors	Physical: land mass

		Pull factors Voluntary Involuntary Air pollution Noise pollution
Year 6	Summer Lesson 4 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour	Vocabulary
	Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry? 6 lessons	N/A
	 Plan and carry out their own enquiry by exploring an issue in the local area 	
	 Develop an enquiry question, design their own data collection methods 	
	 Record, analyse and present their findings 	

Geographical skills and	Geographical skills and fieldwork			
Geographical:	Mapping:	Fieldwork:	Why does population	Would you live to live in a
Impact	Six-figure grid references	Digital technologies	change?	desert?
Landscape	Contour lines	Conclusion	Singapore	Mojave Desert
Urban planner		Cartogram	Hong Kong	Death Valley
		Geographic Information	Bangladesh	Gobi Desert
		System (GIS)	Greenland	Oleshky Sands
		Pie chart	Iceland	Sahara Desert
		Line graph	Canada	Chihuahuan Desert
		Live data	Oman	Patagonian Desert
		Consideration	Bulgaria	Antarctic Polar Desert
		Annotate		Great Victoria Desert
		Justify		Nevada
		Issue		Utah
		Viewpoint		Arizona
		Data collection methods		Atacama Desert

Subj	jective	Prime/Greenwich	
Audi	lience	Meridian	
reco	ommendation		