Geography Progression of Skills



The document below has been designed to show how we will cover all of the relevant Geographical knowledge and skills across our school. The context in which these are taught is left to the discretion of teachers, where possible trying to match the content of their unit to their year group's termly topic.

Year Group	Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical Geography	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork
1	To understand where I live in the local area. To locate our school in our local area. To understand what weather forecasts show. To understand what a cold area of the world is like. To name the countries of the UK. To understand what an 'aerial view' shows. To identify key features of the countries of the UK. To name capital cities of the UK.	To understand the differences between a town and the countryside. To compare two capital cities.	To understand what the weather is like in our country. To understand the different seasons in a year. To understand the dangers of weather. To understand what hot and cold countries are like.	To draw a simple map. To understand what our classroom looks like. To understand the route that we take to school. To begin to recognise map symbols.
2	To understand where Kenya is in the world. To understand what seaside holidays and resorts were like (past and	To compare what life is like in different cities (compare to a UK city). To understand where China is in	To understand what a National Park is. To understand some of the main animals which live in	To use a map to visit a seaside town (Folkestone). To use a map to follow a seaside walking route.

	present).	the world. To understand what life is like for people in China. To compare schools in China to schools in the UK. To understand what Chinese culture is like. To understand the different types of farming in China. To compare our lives to a child's life from Kenya. To understand what life is like for people living in Kenya. To understand what Maasai culture is like.	Kenya. To use a map to find seaside locations. To use keywords to describe seaside locations. To describe a seaside town in the UK (Folkestone). To use a map to locate the main British islands. To understand the differences between hot and cold islands across the world.	
3	To identify areas of the world containing rainforests. To describe the key aspects of a tropical climate. To name and locate the countries and cities of the UK. To name and locate the main rivers and seas of the UK. To name and locate some of the Counties of the UK. To name and locate areas of high ground in the UK. To identify the ways that London has changed over time. To explain the importance of the Prime Meridian. To describe how the UK has changed over time.	To compare the Amazon rainforest to a UK forest (e.g. Sherwood Forest).	To describe what geographical features are found underground. To explain how volcanoes are formed. To explain how volcanoes affect people's lives. To explain what causes earthquakes and how they are measured. To explain what causes tsunamis and how they affect people. To explain what causes tornadoes and the effects they have. To describe the features of the rainforest layers. To describe the animals and plants living in the rainforest. To explain the effects humans are having on the rainforests.	To use maps, atlases and digital mediums to identify areas of the world containing rainforests. To use maps, atlases and digital mediums to name and locate the countries and cities of the UK. To use maps, atlases and digital mediums to name and locate the main rivers and seas of the UK. To use maps, atlases and digital mediums to name and locate some of the counties of the UK.
4	To explain the position and significance of the Equator, Northern/Southern Hemispheres. To identify lines of latitude and longitude.	To compare the physical geography of Cardiff with Folkestone. To compare land use in Cardiff with Folkestone.	To explain why settlements develop in certain locations. To explain why settlements develop in certain locations and to identify my own needs.	To use maps, atlases and digital mediums to identify settlements build by invaders. To use maps, atlases and digital mediums to identify links

	To describe the key features of the polar regions and compare them to UK. To compare the climates of the Tropics with the UK climate. To explain the position and significance of the Prime Meridian. To explain the position and significance of time zones. To identify Cardiff and its major features.	To compare the human geography of Cardiff with Folkestone. To create a travel guide for a trip to Cardiff. To compare the physical and human features of Cardiff with those of my local area.	To compare land use in different settlements. To create a map of a settlement.	between settlements.
5	To explain how electricity is generated and distributed (Dungeness). To identify the countries and capital cities of Western Europe.	To compare the features of Western European landscapes with our own area. To compare the climate of Western European regions with that of our own area. To compare the human geography of Western European regions with that of our own area. To present information about one area of Western Europe (Spain).	To explain what settlers need. To explain renewable sources of electricity. To explain where our food comes from (food miles). To understand the importance of conserving food, water and energy supplies. To understand that access to natural resources varies in different countries. To explain the impact of Spanish influence on the UK.	To find information in an atlas using the index. To use a key to describe the features on an OS map. To use the eight compass points to describe routes on a map. To use four or six-figure grid references to locate places on a map. To plan a journey using the 8 compass points and 4/6-figure grid references. To describe how maps have changed over time to show evolving land use.
6	To explain the water cycle. To locate the key rivers of the UK and the World. To identify the countries and capital cities of North and South America. To understand how coastal features are formed.	To identify, compare and contrast North and South America. To compare the climate of North American regions with that of our own area. To compare the human	To describe the key features of a river system. To explain how erosion and deposition works in rivers. To describe the ways rivers are used. To explain the impact of	To examine the features of a river (River Stour).

To identify coastal features of the UK and how they have changed. To explain how borders (UK/European) have changed over time.	geography of North American regions with that of our own area. To plan a trip to North America (e.g. Orlando/Harry Potter World). To create a travel guide for a trip to North America.	damming rivers (holding back floods). To explain how water and weather can change the landscape. To explain how and why landscapes change over time. To predict how physical and human factors might change	
		the landscape in the future.	