

## Progression of Disciplinary Knowledge in Geography

### EYFS

Almost all geography covered in EYFS is disciplinary.

The skills taught across EYFS feed into the geography curriculum for KS1 and KS2.

The following are the key statements from the Early Learning Goals and Development Matters for Three- and Four-Year Olds and Reception to match their programme of study for geography

<b><u>EYFS GEOGRAPHY</u></b>		
Three and Four-Year Olds	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding position through words alone. For example, “The bag is under the table,” - with no pointing!</li> <li>• Describe a familiar route</li> <li>• Discuss routes and locations, using words like ‘in front of’ and ‘behind’</li> </ul>
Reception	Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.</li> <li>• Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</li> <li>• Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.</li> </ul>
ELG	Understanding the World	People, Culture and Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.</li> <li>• Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.</li> <li>• Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.</li> </ul>
		The Natural World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.</li> <li>• Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.</li> <li>• Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.</li> </ul>

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
<b>Geographical Enquiry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions.</li> <li>• Use information books as sources of information.</li> <li>• Investigate their surroundings.</li> <li>• Make observations about where things are e.g. within school, local area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; Where is it? What's it like?</li> <li>• Use NF books, stories, maps, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information.</li> <li>• Investigate their surroundings</li> <li>• Make appropriate observations about why things happen.</li> <li>• Make simple comparisons between features of different places.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions.</li> <li>• Use NF books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information.</li> <li>• Investigate places and themes at more than one scale</li> <li>• Begin to collect and record evidence</li> <li>• Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations using photos/ pictures, temperatures in different locations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas.</li> <li>• Extend to satellite images, aerial photographs</li> <li>• Investigate places and themes at more than one scale</li> <li>• Collect and record evidence with some aid</li> <li>• Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations photos/pictures/ maps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin to suggest questions for investigating</li> <li>• Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.</li> <li>• Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places</li> <li>• Collect and record evidence unaided</li> <li>• Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest questions for investigating</li> <li>• Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.</li> <li>• Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places</li> <li>• Collect and record evidence unaided</li> <li>• Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it</li> </ul>
<b>Direction and Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow directions (as year 1 and include NSEW)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions.</li> <li>• Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use 4 compass points well</li> <li>• Begin to use 8 compass points</li> <li>• Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map confidently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use 8 compass points;</li> <li>• Begin to use 4 figure co-ordinates to locate features on a map.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately;</li> <li>• Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to locate features on a map.</li> <li>• Begin to use 6 figure grid refs; use latitude and longitude on atlas maps.</li> </ul>
<b>Drawing Maps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw a map of a real or imaginary place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order</li> <li>• Try to make a simple scale drawing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order</li> <li>• Make a simple scale drawing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data.</li> <li>• Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity.</li> </ul>
<b>Representati on</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use own symbols on an imaginary map.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin to understand the need for a key.</li> <li>• Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know why a key is needed.</li> <li>• Use standard symbols.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know why a key is needed.</li> <li>• Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key;</li> <li>• Use/recognise OS map symbols.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use/recognise OS map symbols;</li> <li>• Use atlas symbols.</li> </ul>
<b>Using Maps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a simple picture map to move around the school;</li> <li>• Recognise that it is about a place.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow a route on a map.</li> <li>• Use a plan view.</li> <li>• Use an infant atlas to locate places</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe)</li> <li>• Follow a route on a large scale map.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare maps with aerial photographs</li> <li>• Select a map for a specific Purpose (E.g. Pick atlas to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow a short route on an OS map. Describe features shown on OS map.</li> <li>• Locate places on a world map.</li> </ul>

					find Taiwan, OS map to find local village.) • Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. find wettest part of the world)	• Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns)
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 viewpoint.	• Draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint.	• 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

### Vocabulary for Geography Fieldwork

#### KS1

Compass

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Direction

North

East

South

West

Plan

Record

Observe

Aerial view

Key

Map  
Symbols  
Direction  
Position  
Route  
Journey  
The UK  
Changes  
Tally chart  
Pictogram  
World map  
Country  
Continent  
Human  
Physical

**Lower KS2 (also include all KS1 vocabulary)**

Sketch map  
Map  
Aerial view  
Feature  
Annotation  
Landmark  
Distance  
Key  
Symbol  
Land use  
Urban  
Rural  
Population  
Coordinates

**Upper KS2 (Include KS1 and Lower KS2 vocabulary)**

Atlas

Index

Coordinates

Latitude

Longitude

Key

Symbol

Ordnance Survey

Compass

Borders

Fieldwork

Measure

Observe

Questionnaire

Record

Map

Sketch

Graph