

Progression in Geography

		Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
MAPWORK SKILLS	Style of map		*Use picture maps and globes	*Use teacher drawn base maps *Use large scale OS maps *Use an infant atlas * Wall maps and pictures	*Begin to use junior atlas maps and globe *Large scale OS maps *Begin to use map sites on the internet *Begin to use aerial/oblique photographs	*Use large and medium scale OS maps (1:1250, 1:12500 and 1:10,000) *Use atlas maps and globes	*Use medium scale maps (eg Landranger OS: 1:10,000, 1:25,000, 1:50,00 maps) *Use atlas maps and globes	*Confidently use medium scale maps (eg Landranger OS: 1:10,000, 1:25,000, 1:50,00 maps)
	Using and interpreting maps		*Understand the purpose of a map is to show 'where' *Gather information from picture maps *Use a simple picture map to move around the school *recognise that a picture map is about a place *Begin to spatially match places	*Follow a route on a map *Use a plan view * Use an infant atlas to locate places *Use a globe to locate land/sea and match with wall maps and pictures *Begin to spatially match places	*Begin to give maps a title to show purpose *Use index and contents pages in an atlas *Use map sites on the internet to explore different map types, views and scales *Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs and satellite imagery *Locate places on larger-scale maps (eg Europe) *Follow a route outside on a large scale map *Locate places on a globe *Locate photographs of features	*Locate places on large scale maps (eg America on a globe, Spain on map of Europe) *Follow a route on a large scale map with some accuracy *Locate photographs of features with greater accuracy *Use oblique aerial views *Confidently use an atlas *Use thematic maps *Find/recognise places on maps of different scales	*Use thematic maps for specific purposes (eg population) *Find/recognise places on maps of different scales *Compare maps with aerial photographs *Relate maps to each other *Select a map for a specific purpose (eg atlas to find major rivers in Europe, OS map to find a local village) *Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places (eg wettest parts of the world) *Follow routes on OS maps *Describe features shown on OS maps	*Confidently use an atlas, including contents and index pages *Use thematic maps for specific purposes *Find/recognise places on maps of different scales *Follow a route on a 1:50,000 OS map *Describe features seen and relate to each other *Locate places on a world map *Use atlases and Google Earth to find out about other features of a place (eg mountain regions, weather patterns)
	Drawing maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw information from a simple map. 	*Draw picture maps with labels of place they know or imaginary places or places from stories	*Draw a map of a real or imaginary place	*Draw a map of a short route *Draw a sketch map of view from a high point	*Draw and label a sketch map of view from a high viewpoint *Use digital mapping software to record routes and enquiries, including GPS devices	*Make sketch maps of area scale, symbols and key *Use a drawing program to make a plan of a small area *Use digital mapping software to record information from an enquiry *Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity including scale plans	*Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data *Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity *Use digital mapping software to record information from an enquiry * Draw a plan view map accurately by hand and using appropriate software
	Symbols and representation		*Use own symbols on an imaginary map	*Begin to understand the need for a key *Use symbols agreed by the class to make a simple key	*Know why a key is needed *Use standard symbols on a map *Use conventional symbols in digital mapping software	*Know why a key is needed *Use standard symbols on a map *Begin to recognise some standard symbols on an OS map *Use conventional map symbols in digital mapping software	*Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key *Use a drawing plan to make a plan of a small area *Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity, including scale plans	*Recognise and use OS map symbols *Use atlas symbols *Develop understanding of contours and slope through maps and photographs
	Plan view and perspective		*Draw around objects to make a plan *Recognise shapes in plan view	*Look down on objects to make a plan view *Draw around objects 1:1 to make a plan view	*Use a plan view with increasing confidence *Look at a view from a high place *Use digital mapping software to reinforce	*Use a plan view with confidence *Look at smaller scale aerial view *Use digital mapping software to reinforce *Try to make a simple scale drawing	*Draw a plan view with increasing accuracy by hand and using appropriate software *Develop using higher viewpoints up to satellite *Develop understanding of contours and slope through maps and photographs	*Develop using higher viewpoints up to satellite *Use mapping software with a 3D view to compare plan and oblique views of places
	Scale and distance		*Use relative vocabulary (such as bigger/smaller, like/dislike)	*Draw objects on a table or tray to scale using squared paper 1:1 first, then 1:2 and so on	*Draw a simple scale plan of a room with whole numbers (eg 1cm ² =1m ²)	*Draw a simple scale plan of a room with whole numbers (eg 1cm ² =1m ²)	*Use linear scale to measure distance (eg straight line distance on a plan, rivers)	*Use a scale bar on maps to measure distances

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use a scale bar on atlas maps *Use paces or tape outside *Begin to find boundaries (eg find same boundary of a country/county on different scale maps) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use a scale bar on atlas maps *Use paces or tape outside *Begin to find boundaries (eg find same boundary of a country/county on different scale maps) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To find and recognise places on maps of different scales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Find/recognise places on maps of different scales
Direction and location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use and follow simple directions (up, down, left, right, forward, backwards) *Introduce four compass points (N, S, E, W) * Use world maps to identify the position of the UK and its position in the world *Use maps to locate the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use simple compass points (N, S, E, W) and directional language (near/far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map *Follow directions using simple compass points *Locate and name on a world map and globe the seven continents and five oceans * Locate on a globe the hot and cold areas of the world including the Equator and North and South Poles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use four compass points to follow/give directions with confidence *Use simple grids *Begin to use letter/number co-ordinates to locate features on a map *Locate Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn *Locate countries within Europe *Begin to identify significant places and environments sated within KS2 National Curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use four compass points to follow/give directions with confidence and begin to use eight compass points *Use simple grids *Begin to use letter/number co-ordinates to locate features on a map confidently *Begin to use four-figure co-ordinates to locate features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use eight compass points to follow/give directions with confidence *Use four-figure co-ordinates with confidence and accuracy * Begin to use six-figure grid references to locate features on a map *Align a map with a route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use eight compass points with confidence and accuracy * Use six-figure grid references with increasing confidence *Begin to use latitude and longitude on atlas maps *Locate main countries in each continent *Locate main environmental regions and key human/geographical features 	
Vocabulary	Begin to introduce KS1 vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *PHYSICAL: mountain, cliff, hill, beach, coast, forest, sea, river, season etc *HUMAN: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, shop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *PHYSICAL: as Y1 plus ocean, soil, valley, vegetation etc *HUMAN: as Y1 plus office, port, harbour etc 	Climate	Biome (large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things eg Tundra, Desert, Grassland, Tropical Rainforest), climate zone	Northern Hemisphere Southern Hemisphere Greenwich Meridian Time Zones Sustainability	Erosion	
Fieldwork methods and activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Identify daily weather patterns in UK * Identify seasonal weather patterns in UK *Identify physical features of 2 places being studied *Identify physical features of 2 places being studied *Fieldwork methods: note taking, videoing, sketching, photographs, , visual maps/memory maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Identify physical features of 2 places being studied (small area of the UK and contrasting non European country) *Identify physical features of 2 places being studied * Fieldwork methods: as Y1 plus keys, reports, graphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Describe key physical features of places being studied (climate, river, mountain, volcanoes) *Describe key human features of places being studied (types of settlement and land use, natural resources such as food and water) *Know how landscapes change over time and offer reasons for these changes *Use fieldwork skills to explore human geography impacts (eg litter, noise, traffic) *Use fieldwork skills to explore physical geography impacts (eg weather survey in school) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Identify the key physical and human features of countries/continents within the biomes being studied including mountain ranges, capitals, rivers etc *Describe how and why settlements are located where they are – focusing on a specific area/s *Describe how land use has changed and why * Understand the water cycle and nature of rivers * Use fieldwork skills to investigate specific areas – survey land use and compare with land use as shown on previous maps of the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use fieldwork skills to investigate evidence of changes in the physical and human geography of places over time *Explore issues of human geography including trading links between UK, Europe and the rest of the world *Investigate resources (eg Fairtrade food/clothing) *Three areas of UK land use and how it has changed over time *Use digital mapping software to record information from an enquiry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Describe and explain processes that cause natural disasters *Investigate impact of these through studies of photos, population etc *Compare/investigate impact around the world (butterfly effect) *Investigate distribution of natural resources focusing on energy *Use fieldwork skills to investigate specific environmental issues eg traffic 	