

Progression of Skills in Geography Autumn, Spring, Summer

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Geographical Enquiry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions Use information books/pictures as sources of information Investigate their surroundings Make observations about where things are e.g. within school or local area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; where is it? What is it like? Use NF books, stories, maps, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information Investigate their surroundings Make appropriate observations about why things happen Make simple comparisons between features of different places | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions Use NF books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos as sources of information Investigate places and themes at more than one scale (size) Begin to collect and record evidence Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two different places using photos/ pictures, temperatures in different locations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas Extend to satellite images, aerial photographs Investigate places and themes at more than one scale (scale) Collect and record evidence with some aid Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations, photos/pictures/maps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to suggest questions for investigating Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations Investigate places with more emphasis on the large scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence unaided Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales e.g. temperature of various locations – influence on people/ every day life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest questions for investigating Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant place Collect and record evidence unaided 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 |
| Direction/location | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions (up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions (as Year 1 and including NSEW) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 4 compass points to follow/ give directions: Use letter/no. coordinates to locate features on a map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 4 compass points well Begin to use 8 compass points Use letter/ no. coordinates to locate features on a map confidently | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 8 compass points; Begin to use 4 figure coordinates to locate features on a map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to locate features on a map Begin to use 6 figure grid references, use latitude and longitude on atlas maps |
| Drawing maps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw a map of a real or imaginary place (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order Try to make a simple scale drawing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order Make a simple scale drawing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity |
| Representation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use own symbols on an imaginary map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to understand the need for a key Use class created symbols to make a simple key | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know why a key is needed Use standard symbols | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know why a key is needed Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key Use/recognise OS map symbols | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use/recognise OS map symbols Use atlas symbols |
| Using maps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a simple picture map to move around the school Recognise that it is about a place | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow a route on a map Use a plan view Use an infant atlas to locate places | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe Follow a route on a map with some accuracy (e.g. whilst orienteering) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate places on large scale maps (e.g. find UK or India on globe) Follow a route on a large scale map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare maps with aerial photographs Select a map for a specific purpose (e.g. pick atlas to find Thailand, OS map to find a local village) Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places (e.g. find the wettest place in the world) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow a short route on an OS map Describe features shown on OS map Locate places on a world map Use atlases to find out about other features of places (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns) |
| Scale/ distance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK to a small scale and larger scale map) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to match boundaries (e.g. find some boundary of a country on different scale maps) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to match boundaries (e.g. find some boundary of a country on different scale maps) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure straight line distance on a plan Begin to match boundaries Find/recognise places on maps of different scales (e.g. River Nile) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a scale to measure distances Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales |
| Perspective | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw around objects to make a plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look down on objects to make a plan view map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw a sketch map from a high view point | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw a plan view map with some accuracy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw a plan view map accurately |
| Map knowledge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn names of some places within/around the UK e.g. home town, cities, countries e.g. Wales, France | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, home location, seas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to identify points on maps A, B and C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to identify significant places and environments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify significant places and environments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidentially identify significant places and environments |
| Style of map | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picture maps and globes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find land/ sea on globe Use teacher drawn base maps Use large scale OS maps Use an infant atlas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use large scale OS maps Begin to use map sites on internet Use junior atlases Use map sites on internet Identify features on aerial/ oblique photographs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use large and medium scale OS maps Use junior atlases Use map sites on internet Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use index and contents page within atlases Use medium scale land ranger OS maps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use OS maps Confidently use an atlas Recognise world map as a flattened globe |