

Geography Overview with links to the National Curriculum

KS1 Year One

Topic title/when taught:	Aims and objectives:	National Curriculum links:
Autumn 1 What is it like here?	 To locate the school on an aerial photograph. To create a map of the classroom. To locate key features of the playground. To draw a simple map. To investigate how we feel about our playground. To create a design to improve our playground. 	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage. Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its

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Spring 1	To locate the four countries of the UK.	Name, locate and identify characteristics of the
What is the weather	To identify seasonal changes in the UK.	four countries and capital cities of the United
like in the UK?	 To identify the four compass directions. 	Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
	 To investigate daily weather patterns. 	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in
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	 To understand how the weather changes with each 	cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator
	season.	and the North and South Poles.
		Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify
		the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as
		the countries, continents and oceans studied at
		this key stage.
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		East and West) and locational and directional
		language [for example, near and far; left and
		right], to describe the location of features and
		routes on a map.
		Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to
		study the geography of their school and its
		grounds and the key human and physical
		features of its surrounding environment.
Summer 1	To recognise physical and human features.	Name and locate the world's seven continents
What is it like to live	 To draw a sketch map. 	and five oceans.
in Shanghai?	 To name and locate some continents on a world map. 	Understand geographical similarities and
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	European country.	physical geography of a small area of the United
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Year Two

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taught:		
Autumn 1	 To name and locate the seven continents. 	Name and locate the world's seven continents and
Would you prefer to	 To locate the North and South Poles. 	five oceans.
live in a hot or cold	 To locate the Equator on a world map. 	Understand geographical similarities and differences
place?	 To compare the UK and Kenya. 	through studying the human and physical geography
	 To investigate local weather conditions. 	

To identify key features of hot and cold places. of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country. Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather. Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key human features, including city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage. Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

Spring 1 Why is our world wonderful.	 To identify geographical characteristics of the UK. To locate some of the world's most amazing places. To know the names of the five oceans and locate them on a map. To understand how to draw human and physical features on a sketch map. To investigate local habitats and record findings. To understand how to present findings in a bar chart. 	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather. Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key human features, including city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage. Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct
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		the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.
Summer 1	 To locate the seas and oceans surrounding the UK. To explain what the coast is. 	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.

What is it like to live	 To identify the physical features of the coast. 	Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four
by the coast?	 To identify human features on the coast. 	countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and
	 To investigate how people use the local coast. 	its surrounding seas.
	 To present findings on how people use the local 	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key
	coast.	physical features, including beach, cliff, coast, forest,
		hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley,
		vegetation, season and weather.
		Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key
		human features, including city, town, village, factory,
		farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.
		Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the
		United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the
		countries, continents and oceans studied at this key
		stage.
		Use simple compass directions (North, South, East
		and West) and locational and directional language [for
		example, near and far; left and right], to describe the
		location of features and routes on a map.
		Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to
		recognise landmarks and basic human and physical
		features; devise a simple map; and use and construct
		basic symbols in a key.
		Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study
		the geography of their school and its grounds and the
		key human and physical features of its surrounding

environment.

Year Three

Topic title/when taught:	Aims and objectives:	National Curriculum links:
Autumn 2 Why do people live near volcanoes?	 To name and describe the layers of the Earth. To explain how and where mountains are formed. To explain why volcanoes, happen and where they occur. To recognise the negative and positive effects of living near a volcano. To explain what earthquakes are and where they occur. To observe and record the location of rocks around the school grounds and discuss findings. 	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America. Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle. Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

		Use maps, atlases, globes and
		digital/computer mapping to locate
		countries and describe features
		studied.
		Use fieldwork to observe, measure,
		record and present the human and
		physical features in the local area
		using a range of methods, including
		sketch maps, plans and graphs, and
		digital technologies.
Spring 2	To understand the position and significance of lines of latitude.	Locate the world's countries, using
Who lives in	To describe the location and physical features of Antarctica.	maps to focus on Europe (including the
Antarctica?	To describe the human features of Antarctica.	location of Russia) and North and
	To use four-figure grid references to plot Shackleton's route to	South America, concentrating on their
	Antarctica.	environmental regions, key physical
	To plan a simple route on a map using compass points.	and human characteristics, countries,
	To follow instructions involving compass points and map a simple	and major cities.
	route.	Identify the position and significance
		of latitude, longitude, Equator,
		Northern Hemisphere, Southern
		Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer
		and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic
		Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian
		and time zones (including day and
		night).
		Describe and understand key aspects
		of physical geography, including
		climate zones, biomes and vegetation
		belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes
		and earthquakes, and the water cycle.

		Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. Use maps, atlases, globes and
		digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world. Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area
		using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.
Summer 2 Are all settlements the same?	 To describe different types of settlements. To identify the human and physical features in the local area. To discuss why physical and human features are in particular locations. 	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their
	 To describe how land use in the local area has changed. To identify land use in New Delhi. 	environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities.

• To compare land use in two different locations. Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America. Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge

of the United Kingdom and the wider
world.
Use fieldwork to observe, measure,
record and present the human and
physical features in the local area
using a range of methods, including
sketch maps, plans and graphs, and
digital technologies.

Year Four

Topic title/when	Aims and objectives:	National Curriculum links:
taught:		
Autumn 2 Why are rainforests important to us?	 To describe and give examples of a biome and find the location and some features of the Amazon rainforest. To describe the characteristics of each layer of a tropical rainforest. To understand the lives of indigenous peoples living in the Amazon rainforest. To describe why tropical rainforests are important and understand the threats to the Amazon. To understand how local woodland is used using a variety of data collection methods. To analyse and present findings on how local woodland is used. 	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night). Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including climate

		zones, biomes and vegetation belts,
		rivers, mountains, volcanoes and
		earthquakes, and the water cycle.
		Describe and understand key aspects of
		human geography, including types of
		settlement and land use, economic
		activity including trade links, and the
		distribution of natural resources
		including energy, food, minerals and
		water.
		Use maps, atlases, globes and
		digital/computer mapping to locate
		countries and describe features
		studied.
		Use fieldwork to observe, measure,
		record and present the human and
		physical features in the local area using
		a range of methods, including sketch
		maps, plans and graphs, and digital
		technologies.
Spring 2	 To explain the impact of food choices on the environment. 	Locate the world's countries, using
Where does our food	 To understand the importance of trading responsibly. 	maps to focus on Europe (including the
come from?	To describe the journey of a cocoa bean.	location of Russia) and North and South
	To map and calculate the distance food has travelled.	America, concentrating on their
	To design and use data collection methods to find where our food	environmental regions, key physical and
	comes from.	human characteristics, countries, and
	To discuss the advantages and disadvantages of buying both locally	major cities.
	and imported food.	Understand geographical similarities
		and differences through the study of
		human and physical geography of a

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Summer 2	To describe how the water cycle works. The state of	Locate the world's countries, using
What are rivers and	To recognise the features and courses of a river. To norm and locate come of the world's language rivers.	maps to focus on Europe (including the
how were they used?	To name and locate some of the world's longest rivers. To identify and locate hymon and physical features and property and physical features are a man.	location of Russia) and North and South
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physical features in the local area using
a range of methods, including sketch
maps, plans and graphs, and digital
technologies.

Year Five

Topic title/when	Aims and objectives:	National Curriculum links:
taught: Autumn 2 What is life like in the Alps?	 To locate the Alps on a map. To locate the key physical and human characteristics of the Alps. To describe the physical and human features of an Alpine region. To investigate what there is to do in the local area using data collection. To understand similarities and differences between the local area and an Alpine area. To understand the human and physical geography of the Alps. 	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night). Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European

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	planning a fieldwork enquiry.	characteristics, countries, and major
	 To collect data on the types of litter polluting a marine 	cities.
	environment.	Name and locate counties and cities of the
	 To present, analyse and evaluate data collected. 	United Kingdom, geographical regions and
		their identifying human and physical
		characteristics, key topographical features
		(including hills, mountains, coasts and
		rivers), and land- have changed over time.
		Describe and understand key aspects of
		physical geography, including climate
		zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers,
		mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes,
		and the water cycle.
		Describe and understand key aspects of
		human geography, including: types of
		settlement and land use, economic activity
		including trade links, and the distribution
		of natural resources including energy,
		food, minerals and water.
		Use maps, atlases, globes and
		digital/computer mapping to locate
		countries and describe features studied.
		Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record
		and present the human and physical
		features in the local area using a range of
		methods, including sketch maps, plans
		and graphs, and digital technologies.
Summer 2	To summarise the characteristics of a desert biome.	Locate the world's countries, using maps
	To locate and explore features of deserts.	to focus on Europe (including the location

Would you like to live	To describe the physical features of a desert environment.	of Russia) and North and South America,
in the desert?		concentrating on their environmental
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	To explore the similarities and differences between two physical	characteristics, countries, and major
	environments.	cities.
		Identify the position and significance of
		latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern
		Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the
		Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic
		and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich
		Meridian and time zones (including day and
		night).
		Understand geographical similarities and
		differences through the study of human
		and physical geography of a region of the
		United Kingdom, a region in a European
		country, and a region within North or South
		America.
		Describe and understand key aspects of
		physical geography, including: climate
		zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers,
		mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes,
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		Describe and understand key aspects of
		human geography, including types of
		settlement and land use, economic activity
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countries and describe features studied.
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maps) to build their knowledge of the
United Kingdom and the wider world.

Year Six

Topic title/when taught:	Aims and objectives:	National Curriculum links:	
Autumn 2 Why does population change?	 To understand the change and distribution of the global population. To define birth and death rates and describe why they change. To recognise the push and pull factors influencing migration. To begin to understand the impact climate change can have on the global population. To collect data showing how population impacts the amount of traffic and litter in an area. To write a report on the fieldwork process, analyse findings and make suggestions to improve a situation. 	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and	

Spring 2 Where does your energy come from?	 To know why energy sources are important. To understand the benefits and drawbacks of different energy sources. To understand how energy is generated in the United States. To know how energy sources are distributed in an area. To explain reasons for choosing an energy source. 	physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America Pupils should be taught to describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies. Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities.
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		features in the local area using a range of
		methods, including sketch maps, plans and
		graphs, and digital technologies.
Summer 2	 To develop an enquiry question. 	Name and locate counties and cities of the
Field work	 To determine the most effective data collection methods for 	United Kingdom, geographical regions and
Enquiry	fieldwork.	their identifying human and physical
	 To plan a route for a fieldwork trip. 	characteristics, key topographical features
	 To collect the data to answer the enquiry question. 	(including hills, mountains, coasts and
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	To present my findings.	understand how some of these aspects
		have changed over time.
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		settlement and land use, economic activity
		including trade links, and the distribution of
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		and present the human and physical
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