

Key Skills Assessment Criteria



Subject: Geography

	Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical Geography	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork
Nursery	Throughout nursery the children will cover these objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating. • Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening. • Questions why things happen and gives explanations. • Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences. • Extends vocabulary, exploring the meaning of new words. • Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. • Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life. • Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. • Shows care and concern for living things and the environment. • Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. 			
Reception	Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. Links statements and sticks to a main theme or intention Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another			
Year 1	Identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas	Know about the local area and name key landmarks (e.g. the nearest local green space) To understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom	To use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features and human features of the surrounding area	To use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries Use simple directional language, such as near and far, up and down, left and right, forwards and backwards Use a world map to identify the UK in its position in the world. Draw basic maps, including appropriate symbols and pictures to represent places or features Use photographs and maps to identify features
Key Questions	Can you plan a route around school for a visitor? Where is Liverpool / Old Swan in the UK? Do we all live in a city?			
Year 2	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area in a contrasting non-European country	To identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom Show awareness that the weather may vary in different parts of the UK and in different parts of the world Locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.	Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK, its countries and capital cities, as well as the world's continents and oceans studied. Use simple compass points (North, South, East, West) Use aerial photographs to recognize landmarks and basic human and physical features Draw or make a map of a real or imaginary place Use and construct basic symbols in a key.
Key Questions	What would we see as we go around the world? Can you describe how life is different in Beijing? Do we all have the same weather?			

Year 3 Opening Worlds	<p>locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia)</p> <p>Locate and recognize the significance of the Equator, Northern and Southern hemispheres.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Recognise that there are physical and human differences within countries and continents</p> <p>Describe human geography, land use, economic activity including trade links (food), climate and physical aspects</p> <p>Describe the water cycle in sequence, using appropriate vocabulary, and name some of the processes associated with rivers and mountains</p> <p>Understand that our food is grown in many countries because of their climate</p> <p>Begin to understand how people affect the environment</p>	<p>Use maps, atlases, globes, aerial photographs and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied</p> <p>Expand map skills to include non-UK countries (Europe)</p> <p>Locate places using a range of maps including OS and digital</p> <p>Use four figure compasses and letter/ number coordinates to identify features on a map</p> <p>Locate the local area on a variety of different scale maps</p> <p>Try to make a map of a short route, with features in current order</p>
Key Questions Opening Worlds	<p>What are the similarities and differences between the Rivers Severn and the River Indus?</p> <p>How do mountains interact with what is around them?</p> <p>How are settlements similar and different?</p> <p>How are we connected to farmers?</p> <p>How do volcanoes affect a place?</p> <p>How does the climate affect the way people live?</p>			
Year 4	<p>Know more about the features of a variety of places around the world from local to global</p> <p>Name and locate some major urban areas in the UK</p> <p>Identify Arctic and Antarctic Circles</p>	<p>Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features, and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time</p>	<p>Begin to describe the physical (including climate) and human features of the UK and a contrasting location.</p> <p>Describe some key physical processes and the resulting landscape features e.g. hot and cold deserts</p>	<p>Use and make maps, using the eight points of a compass</p> <p>Use four-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom in the past and present</p> <p>Draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint</p> <p>Follow a route on a large scale map</p> <p>Locate places on a range of maps (variety of scales)</p>
Key Questions	<p>How have the regions of the UK changed?</p> <p>What is it like in the desert?</p> <p>What is renewable energy and why is it important?</p>			
Year 5	<p>Locate North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities</p> <p>Identify the position and significance of the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn</p>	<p>Understand more about the links between different places and that some places depend on each other</p>	<p>Recognise how places interact to affect the lives and activities of people living there</p> <p>Describe the water cycle in sequence, using appropriate vocabulary, and name some of the processes associated with rivers and mountains</p> <p>Understand how people can both improve and damage the environment</p> <p>Understand that climate and vegetation are connected in an example of a biome – the Amazon Rainforest</p> <p>Understand that animals and plants are adapted to the climate.</p> <p>Explain some ways a biome is valuable and under threat from human activity. Explore how they can be protected.</p>	<p>Describe and begin to explain geographical patterns and a range of physical and human processes</p> <p>Compare maps with aerial photographs</p> <p>Begin to use atlases to find out other information (e.g. temperature)</p> <p>Find and recognize places on maps of different scales</p> <p>Use eight figure compass and begin to use six figure grid references</p> <p>Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key</p> <p>Use and recognize OS map symbols regularly</p>

Key Questions	<p>How does water go round and round? Can you share your understanding of a great American road trip? What is it like in the Amazon Rainforest?</p>			
Year 6	<p>Identify the position and significance of latitude and longitude, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime / Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)</p> <p>Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a Europe</p>	<p>Understand about links and relationships between different places and that make places dependent on each other</p>	<p>Describe and understand key aspects of natural disasters</p> <p>Describe how some physical processes can cause hazards to people</p> <p>Recognise that there are advantages and disadvantages of living in certain environments</p> <p>Describe and explain a range of physical and human processes and recognise that these processes / patterns interact to produce distinctive characteristics of places</p>	<p>Use eight figure compass and six figure grid reference accurately</p> <p>Use lines of longitude and latitude on maps</p> <p>Locate the world's countries on a variety of maps, including the areas studied throughout the key stages</p> <p>Use atlases to find out data about other places</p> <p>Draw plans of increasing complexity</p> <p>Begin to use and recognize atlas symbols</p>
Key Questions	<p>Where on Earth are we? Can the earth shake rattle and roll? Where should we go on holiday?</p>			