Knowledge and Skills Progression for Geography



EYFS

Children in Reception will be learning to:

- Draw information from a simple map.
- Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- Explore the natural world around them.
- Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.

Children at the expected level of development at the end of the Reception year will:

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
- 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.
- Know some similarities between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons.

Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical	Identify features in the	Sort, group and compare	Ask and respond to simple	Respond to challenging geographical	Set own challenging questions	Draw on existing knowledge and
Enquiry	local environment including human and physical.	physical and human features in the local environment.	geographical questions.	questions by planning a range of tasks to seek answers - Global eco systems.	when investigating geographical features and issues - rivers and Greeks.	understanding, suggest relevant geographical questions and issue, and appropriately sequence of investigation -n WW2, Volcanoes.
	Use photos and simple street plans to find places in the local environment. Talk about the local	Use maps and simple street plans to locate places and features in the locality and further afield. Talk about and compare	Use an increasing range of secondary sources and first hand enquiry – images, surveys. Talk about evidence and draw simple conclusions –	Use primary and secondary sources to find information about a range of localities, maps, images, journals - extreme environments. Present findings and statistical information in a range of different	Select appropriate sources of primary and secondary information to support investigations – google Earth, maps, and statistics. Select and appropriate way in	Use multiple sources of increasingly complex skills and sources of evidence effectively. Use Geographical Information Systems to view, analyse and interpret places and data.
	environment - positives and negatives.	features of the local environment.	settlements, rocks.	ways - graphs, posters etc. Present reasoned conclusions when presenting findings.	which to present statistical information and findings - graphs, presentations, letters. Ensure that conclusions make accurate reference to the evidence presented.	Present finding in a coherent way and reach conclusions that are consistent with evidence.

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Geographical	Talk about and describe	Carry out a small local	Take part in simple fieldwork	Use a range of equipment and maps	Use a range of equipment and	Build on knowledge of globes, maps
Skills &	features of the local	survey - traffic, litter,	using simple equipment,	to conduct independent fieldwork,	maps to conduct independent	and atlases and apply knowledge
Fieldwork	environment from photos,	land use etc.	compass, map and cameras etc.		fieldwork.	routinely, both in the classroom
T TEIGWOT N	images and small surveys.			Communicate findings using		and the field.
		Identify a range of	Use simple geographical	geographical terms, location, land	Communicate finding using	
	Identify geographical	geographical features on a	vocabulary, country, climate	use, settlement.	complex terminology, erosion,	Use fieldwork in contrasting
	feature on a large scale map.	map.	landscape etc.		delta, and meander.	locations to collect, analyse and
				Map a route to another location in		draw conclusions from
	Create a simple map of a	Create a simple map of a	Follow a route on a map from a	the UK using six-figure grid	Locate a city in the UK using six-	geographical data.
	familiar location using	location using symbols and	familiar local environment to	referencing.	figure grid referencing and map	
	symbols and a simple key to	a key to represent	another location using a key to		a route to other locations in	Locate places worldwide using six-
	represent landmarks.	landmarks.	represent landmarks.	Create maps of the local	Europe and beyond.	figure grid referencing. Map a
				environment and beyond using		range of routes worldwide.
	Use simple compass	Use the 8-points of the	Use four-figure grid	conventional symbols, a key and	Plot a series of points along a	
	directions to describe the	compass to describe the	referencing and/or a compass,	four-figure grid referencing -	route and use the scale to	Identify the most direct, cost
	location of features on a map	location of features and	and/or 8 points of a compass	South America.	calculate the distance.	effective shortest route between
		routes on a map.	to plan and follow a route on an			two points or location - historical
			ordinate survey map.	Use world maps, atlases and globes,		expeditions
	Use world maps, atlases and	Use world maps, atlases		and digital/computer mapping to	Create maps of the local	
	globes to identify world	and globes to identify	Use world maps, atlases and	locate countries and describe the	environment and beyond using	Create maps using appropriate
	countries, continents and	world countries,	globes, and digital/computer	features studied - Antarctic and	different scales and six-figure	scales and six-figure grid
	oceans.	continents, oceans and	mapping to locate towns /cities	South America.	grid referencing.	referencing - volcanoes
		capital cities.	in the UK.			
Location & Place	Talk about and describe	Talk about and compare	Talk about and describe	Talk about and describe a range of	Talk about and compare a wide	Extend and deepen locational
Knowledge	people and key features of	features of the local area.	features of localities beyond	cities and countries around the	range of locations, countries, and	knowledge and special awareness
	the local area.		the local areas, including	world, including polar regions and	continents around the world,	of the world's countries and
		Compare features of	regions within the United	hot deserts.	including rivers.	environmental regions.
	Describe and compare	localities, giving reasons	Kingdom.			
	features if known localities.	for their similarities and		Support reasons for the	Support reasons for the physical	Recognise that physical and human
		differences.	Describe and compare	similarities and differences	and human features of a location	processes influence and cgange
			contrasting locations within	between the physical and human	with factual evidence - world and	landscapes, environments and
	Talk about and describe a	Compare and contrast	and beyond the UK.	features of a range of locations	UK rivers.	climates.
	contrasting locality within	localities in the UK -		within factual evidence - extreme	T	
	the UK - London and locally.	seaside, town etc.	Suggest reasons for the	environments.	Identify physical and human	Describe the ways in which
			location of towns and		features that have contributed	physical and human processes
			settlements in a particular	Suggest ways in which a location	towards the change and	operating at different scales
			place – river, hilltop.	might develop and change in the future, based on factual	development of a locality - Tyne.	create geographical patters and
				information – climate change,		lead to changes in places.
				extreme environments.		Recognise the many links and
				extreme environments.	Identify and describe the links	relationships that make places
	Name and locate the world's	Compare and contrast the	Talk about the way in which	Identify physical and human	and relationships that connect	dependent on each other - ww2
	seven continents and five	world's seven continents	physical location can determine	features within a local study and	localities both within the UK and	links,
	oceans.	and five oceans.	the growth of a settlement or	how they have changed over time -	beyond.	miks,
	oceans.	und five occurs.	industry.	climate change, rainforests.	beyond.	
			maasii y.	amiliare change, rumporesis.	Identify the position and	
			Identify the Equator, and the	Identify the hemispheres, Arctic	significance of latitude and	
			Tropics of Cancer and	and Antarctic Circles.	longitude and the	
			Capricorn	and rained on clos.	Prime/Greenwich Meridian and	
					time zones.	
Human &	Use simple geographical	Identify And locate hot	Identify a range of simple	Identify an increasing range of	Identify a range of physical	Understand the key processes in
Physical	words to describe physical	and cold areas of the	physical processes, rivers,	physical processes - biomes and	processes - the water cycle.	physical geography relating to
i nysicui	features and seasonal	world in relation to the	earthquakes, volcanoes etc.	climate zones.	,	mountains, tectonic plates,
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	changes that take place in	equator.			Identify a range of human	volcanoes and climate change.
	the UK.		Talk about and describe the	Identify an increasing range of	processes - distribution of water	_
		Talk about and describe	function of features and	human processes – climate change,	(Northumbrian water)	Understand key processes in
	Talk about and describe	the function of features	landmarks within a locality -	deforestation.		human geography relating to
	features of landmarks within	and landmarks within a	human and physical, types of		Identify and describe in detail	population, international
	the locality using simple	locality - Africa (compare	settlements.	Identify simple geographical	the impact of change on the lives	development, economic activity
	geographical terms to	localities).		patterns - City growth by rivers	of people in a given locality –	and natural resources.
	describe human features,		Describe and compare patterns	(Tudors)	River Tyne.	
		Identify and describe	and changes within a locality.			Recognise that the environment,
		patterns and changes		Recognise and describe a wide	Compare and contrast an	and the lives of the people who
		within the local	Identify and describe the way	range of geographical patterns -	increasing range of geographical	live there, are affected by the
		environment – contrast	in which physical and human	biomes, food, and population	patters - river change, pollution,	actions and events in other places
		with Africa,	processes can change the	growth.	River Tyne.	- WW2
			features of a locality -			
			settlements.			
Sustainability	Discuss and express	Give reasons for thoughts	Justify reasons, thoughts and	Talk about and give reasons for	Recognise and describe the	Recognise how conflicting
	thoughts and views about a	and views about locality.	views with factual information	own and others views about change	different views that people may	demands on the environment may
	locality		- survey, fieldwork.	to the environment - climate	hold when changes are made to	arise, describe and compare
				change, deforestation.	the environment.	different approaches to managing
	Talk about how people can	Talk about and describe	Provide factual evidence to			environments.
	affect the environment.	how people try to improve	support ways in which people	Talk about and describe how	Talk about and describe the ways	
		and sustain their	can improve and sustain the	people's actions can damage and	in which groups try to manage an	Recognise that considerations of
		environment - Africa.	environment.	improve the environment.	environment's sustainability -	sustainable development affect
					Northumbria water.	the planning and management of
		Give reasons for local	Use a range of sources of	Talk about and describe reasons		environments and resources.
		environmental issues.	evidence to support	for global issues - deforestation.	Describe how decisions are made	
			environmental issues.		about places and environments	
					can impact on the lives of the	
					people who live there.	