

Geography Curriculum Map	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery & Reception	<i>Following EYFS curriculum standards.</i>					
Year 1	Where we live Pupils will place where we live, moving from local knowledge to wider knowledge of the 4 countries of the UK and their capitals. They will explore seasonal weather of the UK.		Exploration Pupils will learn about the continents with particular focus on Europe and Antarctic. They will explore hot and cold places in the world (knowledge of Equator and Poles).			
Year 2	London Pupils will explore aerial photos and plans (before Great Fire of London, after and now). They will carry out map work and use compass directions (4 points).		London & a contrasting location Pupils will contrast our location to a non-European country e.g. the locality described in Anna Hibiscus or Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain - set in Kenya.		On the Coast Pupils will carry out a comparison study of a non-European beach locality (perhaps a Caribbean location) with Joss Bay. They will learn about the oceans of the world and seas around the UK.	
Year 3	The UK Pupils will learn about counties, major cities, land use, topographical features (hills, mountains, rivers). They will explore physical and human characteristics and look at changes over time e.g. compare Roman divisions to modern counties.		Volcanoes, Earthquakes & Tsunamis Pupils will look at the pros and cons to living in the shadow of a volcano. They will compare a region of the UK to a region in a European country. They will learn about time zones and land use.			
Year 4	North America Pupils will explore a contrasting locality - region of North America to a region of the UK. They will discuss the question 'Where would you rather live?' They will compare land uses and human and physical characteristics.				Journeys Pupils will use maps to study journeys made by Vikings. They will build on their wider knowledge of Europe and using ordnance survey maps to plan a journey from Welling to another place in England including looking at symbols and keys. Pupils will learn to use grid references, 8 compass points and time zones.	
Year 5			Rivers & the Water Cycle Pupils will explore local and national/global rivers. They will learn about the features of rivers, parts of rivers and relation to other topographical features e.g. mountains. They will know about famous rivers and famous mountain ranges. Pupils will study the link between rivers and land-use - growth of settlements and civilisations and explore the problems with rivers,		Local Geography Study Pupils will carry out a comparative case studies - our area with an area of America. They will complete map work and learn about climate zones, human/physical characteristics and changes over time. They will use 8 compass points and 4 and 6 figure grid references.	
Year 6	South America Pupils will carry out a Brazil case study focusing on the Amazon river basin. They will explore rainforest biomes, sustainability, economic activity and distribution of natural resources. Pupils will know about other climate zones and biomes as comparison to rainforest/tropics.		Britain & Europe Pupils will explore the changes over time during the 20th Century. They will look at changing maps of Europe and the World including Longitude and time zones. Pupils will study climate and physical Geography focuses on the impact of these during WW2. They will discuss how the local area has changed since WW2.			

Geography Progression of skills	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical enquiry	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.	Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; Where is it? What's 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.	Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions. Use NF books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information. Investigate places and themes at more than one scale. Begin to collect and record evidence. Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations using photos/pictures, temperatures in different locations.	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. Collect and record evidence with some aid. Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations using photos/pictures/ maps.	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 larger scale; contrasting and distant places. Collect and record evidence unaided. Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales or temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life.	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 places. 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	Follow directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards).	Follow directions (as yr 1 and include NSEW).	Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions: Use letter/number coordinates to locate features on a map.	Use 4 compass points well: Begin to use 8 compass points; Use letter/number coordinates to locate features on a map confidently.	Use 8 compass points. Begin to use 4 figure co-ordinates to locate features on a map.	Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately; Use 4 figure coordinates confidently to locate features on a map. Begin to use 6 figure grid refs; use latitude and longitude on atlas maps.
Drawing maps	Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories.	Draw a map of a real or imaginary place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph).	Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order; Try to make a simple scale drawing.	Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order; Make a simple scale drawing.	Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data.	Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data. Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity.
Representation	Use own symbols on imaginary map.	Begin to understand the need for a key. Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key.	Know why a key is needed. Use standard symbols.	Know why a key is needed. Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map.	Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key; Use/recognise OS map symbols.	Use/recognise OS map symbols; Use atlas symbols.

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Using maps	Use a simple picture map to move around the school; Recognise that it is about a place.	Follow a route on a map. Use a plan view. Use an infant atlas to locate places.	Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering)	Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe) Follow a route on a large scale map.	Compare maps with aerial photographs. Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find local village.) Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places (e.g. find wettest part of the world)	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	Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike)	Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and larger scale map).	Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.)	Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a county on different scale maps.)	Measure straight line distance on a plan. Find/recognise places on maps of different scales. (E.g. river Nile.)	Use a scale to measure distances. Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales.
Perspective	Draw around objects to make a plan.	Look down on objects to make a plan view map.	Begin to draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint.	Draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint.	Draw a plan view map with some accuracy.	Draw a plan view map accurately.
Map knowledge	Learn names of some places within/around the UK. E.g. Home town, cities, countries e.g. Wales, France.	Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, home location, seas.	Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C	Begin to identify significant places and environments.	Identify significant places and environments	Confidently identify significant places and environments
Style of map	Picture maps and globes	Find land/sea on globe. Use teacher drawn base maps. Use large scale OS maps. Use an infant atlas.	Use large scale OS maps. Begin to use map sites on internet. Begin to use junior atlases. Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs.	Use large and medium scale OS maps. Use junior atlases. Use map sites on internet. Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs.	Use index and contents page within atlases. Use medium scale land ranger OS maps.	Use OS maps. Confidently use an atlas. Recognise world map as a flattened globe.