

Progression of Skills in Geography



	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 wherethings are e.g. within school or localarea. 	 Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; Where is it? What's it like? Use NF books, stories, maps, pictures/photosandinternetas 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/photosandinternetas 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 photos/pictures/maps 	 Begintosuggestquestionsfor 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 e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life 	Suggestquestions 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 inc'. NSEW) 	 Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions: Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map. 	 Use 4 compass points well: Begin to use 8 compass points; Use letter/no. co-ordinates 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 co-ordinates confidently to locate features on a map. Beginto use6 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	 Useownsymbolsonimaginary map. 	 Begin to understand the need for a key. Useclass agreed symbols to make a simple key. 	Know why a key is needed.Use standardsymbols.	 Know why a key is needed. Beginto 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.
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 planview. Use an infant atlas to locate places. 	 Locate places on largerscale 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 atlasto 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	 Userelative 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.) 	Beginto match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a county on different scale maps.)	 Measurestraightline 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.



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Perspective	Draw around objects to make a plan.	Look down on objects to make a plan viewmap.	Begin to draw a sketch map from a high view point.	Draw a sketch map from a high view point.	Draw a plan view map with some accuracy.	Draw a plan viewmap
Map knowledge	 Learn names of some places within/around the UK. E.g. Hometown, cities, countries e.g. Wales, France. 	Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, homelocation, seas.	Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C	Begin to identify significant places andenvironments	Identify significant places and environments	Confidently identify significant places and environments
Style of map	Picture maps andglobes	 Find land/sea onglobe. Use teacher drawnbase maps. Use large scale OS maps. Use an infantatlas 	 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 junioratlases. Use map sites on internet. Identify features on aerial/obliquephotographs. 	 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.

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