



Geography Progression of Skills

	Nursery	Receptio	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		n						
		I can talk	l can	l can name	l can name	I can identify	I can name and	I can confidently
		about	name and	the seasons	the main	countries in	locate many of	use an atlas to
		some	locate the	and describe	countries in	the Northern	the world's	locate key
		features	seas	the basic UK	the	and Southern	most	deserts in all 7
		of the	surroundin	seasonal	Northern	Hemispheres	mountainous	continents and
		areas	g the	weather	hemisphere	in Europe,	regions (eg	be able to
		where I	United	patterns	and can	North and	Rockies, Andes,	explain the key
		live	Kingdom		name and	South America	Himalayas and	features such as
					locate	and locate	Alps)	cause and size
				l can name	capital &	them on a		
			l can	some different	major cities,	map		
			demonstra	parts	major rivers		I can locate	I can explain
			te	of the UK and			more unusual	where minerals
			knowledge	state that the		I can locate:	rivers across	are found
			about my		l can	Mississippi,	the world and	around the
			local area	weather may	explain	Mekong,	know why they	world
				vary there	where the 3	Ganges,	are important:	
Location					main rivers	Danube,	Sepik, Volga,	
Knowledg			l can	I can describe	of the world	Yangtze rivers	Zambezi,	I can locate
e			discuss	locational and	are: Nile,	on the world	Mekong	places studied in
			some	place	Amazon	map		relation to the



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aspects	knowledge	and			Equator, the
relating to	about my	Danube	l can describe	I can name and	Tropics of
the	locality, and		where the UK	locate key	Cancer and
physical	the UK as a		is located,	topographical	Capricorn,
and	whole	I can locate,	using	features of the	latitude and
human		describe	locational	UK	longitude, and
geography		and	terminology	UK	relate this to
of my local	I can explain	compare	(north, south,		their time zone,
area	that many	coastal	east, west)	I can begin to	climate, seasons
	different types	environmen	and name	locate the	and vegetation
	of food come	ts in the UK	nearby	tropical,	
l can	from the		counties	temperate and	
name and	different UK	Ican		, polar climate	I can locate the
locate the	regions	describe		zones on a	tropical,
7		longitude	l can name	globe or map,	temperate and
continents		and latitude	and locate the	name	polar climate
	l can name,		UK's most	examples and	zones on a globe
1	locate and		significant	have some	or map, name
l can	identify	I can locate	river and	understanding	examples and
name and	characteristic	the Equator,	mountain	of them	have some
locate the	s of the four	Northern	environments		understanding
world's 5	countries	and			of them
oceans	capital cities	Southern			
	and other	hemisphere	I can locate		
	main cities,	s, Tropics of	the		



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	I know the	e.g	Cancer and	Prime/Greenw	
	relative	Manchester,	Capricorn,	ich Meridian	
	locations	within the of	North and	on a globe	
	of the	the United	South Poles	and world	
	continents	Kingdom, and	and Arctic	map	
	and	its	and		
	oceans to	surrounding	Antarctic		
	the	seas	Circles on		
	equator		world maps		
	and North		and globes		
	and South	l can describe			
Location	Poles	an island			
Knowledg		located inside			
e		and outside of			
	l can	Europe using			
	name and	geographical			
	locate the	terms such as			
	capital	beach, forest,			
	cities of	hill, Mountain,			
	the UK on	Ocean and			
	a map and	valley, stating			
	can use	the			
	the map to	differences &			
	find out	similarities			

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	where we			
	live			

l can	I can talk	l can	l can	l can	l can	l can compare	I can understand
make	about	name,	understand	understand	understand	the physical	the
observa	features	describe	geographical	why there	the wider	and human	geographical
tions	of my	and	similarities	are	context of	features of a	similarities and
about	own	compare	and	similarities	places –	region of the UK	differences
my	immediat	familiar	differences	and	region,	and a region of	through the
local	е	places	through	differences	country	North America,	study of human
environ	environm	(local	studying the	between	(within	identifying	and physical
ment	ent and	area)	human and	places -	Europe)	similarities and	geography of a
e.g	how		physical	with a focus		differences	region of the UK,

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Place Knowledg e	park, school, home I can comme nt and ask questio ns about aspects of my familiar world such as the place where we live	environm ents may vary from one another	I can understan d some present changes that are happening in the local environme nt e.g. at school	geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country	on a region within the UK. I can develop an awareness of how places relate to each other- region, town, city, county, hamlet etc	I can understand why there are physical and human similarities and differences between places within Europe	a region of a mainland European country and a region within North or South America

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-	l can use	I can make	I can identify	l can compare	l can use	l can	l can use	l can use
	simple	observatio	seasonal	seasonal and	Geographic	begin to	Geographical	Geographica
	vocabulary	ns and	and daily	daily weather	al	use	vocabulary	l vocabulary
	to talk	express	weather	patterns in the	vocabulary	Geogra	correctly (all	correctly (all
	about the	my views	patterns in	United	is used	phical	majority of the	the time)
	weather e.g.	of the	the United	Kingdom and	consistently	vocabul	time) throughout	throughout
	cold, hot,	environme	Kingdom	another locality	throughout	ary	pieces of work	pieces of
	wet, snow	nt		world wide	each piece	correctly	using evidence to	work using
					of work	through	explain an answer	evidence to
			I can begin			out	in more detail	explain an
	I can show	<mark>l can talk</mark>	to use	l can express		pieces		answer in
	interest in	<mark>about past</mark>	resources	opinions	l can	of work		more detail
	the lives of	and	that are	compare and	compare	using	I can explore and	
	people who	<mark>present</mark>	given to	contrast the	and	evidenc	explain weather	
	are familiar	<mark>events in</mark>	them, and	features of	contrast	e to	patterns around	I can discuss
	to me	<mark>my life and</mark>	their own	different	seasonal	explain	the world	the impact
		<mark>the lives of</mark>	observations,	geographical	and daily	an	(continents) and	on climate
Human		<mark>family</mark>	to ask and	places	weather	answer	relate these to	change
and	Ican	<mark>members</mark>	respond to		patterns in	in more	climate zones,	
Physical	recognise		questions		the United	detail	biomes and	
Geograp	and		about places	I can make	Kingdom		vegetation zones.	
hy	describe	<mark>l know</mark>	and	observations in	and parts of			
	special	<mark>about</mark>	environment	order to ask	Europe	l can		
	times or	<mark>similarities</mark>	S	and respond to		begin to	I can explore trade	
	events for	<mark>and</mark>		questions		explore		

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family or friends I can show interest in different occupation s and ways of life	differences between others, and myself and among families, communiti es and traditions	I can begin to use basic geographical vocabulary for physical and human features	about places and human and physical environments I can independently use basic geographical vocabulary for physical and human	weather patterns in parts around the world (contine nts) and relate these to climate zones	I can describe the impact of human geography to physical geography	
about why things happen and how things work	closely at similarities, differences , patterns and change		features			
I can build on my understandi ng of growth, decay and	l know about similarities and					





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changes	differences				
over time	in relation				
	to places,				
	objects,				
l can show	materials				
care and	and living				
concern for	things				
living things					
and the					
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	I can talk	l can use	l can use	l can use	l can use a	l can	I can identify	l can read OS
	about what	some	simple	simple	key to	use	symbols on OS	maps,
	I see on the	descriptive	fieldwork and	fieldwork and	locate	maps,	maps and can	identify
	way to	vocabular	observationa	observational	public	atlases,	begin to use	common
	school	y to	l skills to	skills to study	services/a	globes	compass points	symbols and
		describe	study the	the geography	menities on	and	confidently.	use the 8
		features	geographical	of key human	a map	digital		compass
	I can name	e.g tall	features of	and physical		mappin		points.
	simple	tree, long	the local	features.		g to	I can identify a	
	features e.g	wall	environment.		l can use	locate	location using lines	
	trees,			l can use world	maps,	countrie	of latitude and	l can use
	ground,			maps, atlases	atlases and	s;	longitude.	longitude
	wall, grass,	l can use	l can use	to identify the	digital	identify		and latitude
	road	simple	simple	, UK and	mapping to	and		to identify
Geograp		directional	locational	contrasting	locate	describe	I can research,	locations
hical		language	and	localities.	countries	features	represent and	(including
Skills and	I can talk	(near, far,	directional		and	studied.	interpret data	time zones).
Fieldwork	about some	infront,	language	l can use maps,	describe		regarding extreme	
	of the	behind	including	atlases and	features		weather and	
	things I	etc.)	simple	globes to	studied.	l can	climate.	l can use
	have		compass	0		collect		fieldwork to
	observed		points (N, E, S,	identify the		and		create
	such as	I can ask	w).	continents and	I can start	accurat	I can start to	representatio
	plants,	questions		oceans.	to use the	ely	analyse and draw	ns of a
	animals,	about my			eight points	, measur	conclusions about	location.
							a place, based on	

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 natural and found objects 	familiar world (where they live or the natural world) I can discuss daily weather/ seasons I can make observatio ns of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and	I can devise a simple map and use basic symbols in a key of a known specific area. I can use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries I can use locational and directional language e.g. near, far,	I can use simple compass directions (North, East, South and West), to describe the location of features and routes on a map. I can use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features: devise a simple map; and use and construct basic	of a compass, introduce four-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom.	e informat ion (e.g. rainfall, tempera ture, wind speed, noise levels etc.). I can choose appropri ate resource s to investig ate an aspect of an area.	a range of statistics. I can start to use a range of resources to give support to details and opinions of the characteristic features of a place. I can use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied. I can use the eight points of a compass, extend	I can use maps, atlases, globes and digital/comp uter mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied. Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/comp uter mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries

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Geograp hical Skills and Fieldwork	, 0, 1,	skills to find different locations. I can collect data with a focus on human geography, and start to identify links to physical geography	(topic specific)	to eight-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 I can use fieldwork (residential and non-residential) to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the wider area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and	and describe features studied. I can use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the wider area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.





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weather		digital	l can
patterns)		technologies.	introduce the
			use of
I can use simple dig technolog to record what is see and supp observation	lý en ort	technologies. I can use orienteering skills to locate different objects on a given map. Study the environment by pond dipping and stream studies	





	trees	under	beach cliff	vogotation	rivers	volcano	topography	Name and
	1962	under		vegetation			topography	
	grass	through	coast	seasonal daily	mountains,	earthquak	erosion stock	locate
	0		forest hill	(weekly monthly	natural	е	stack column	countries/cities
	groun	next to	mountain	etc) fortnight	resources,	epicentre	cave cliff wave	on other
	d	behind	sea ocean	January February	characteristic	zenith	force friction	continents that
	wall		river soil	(etc)		focus	gravity (from	might be / have
	road	seasons	valley	()		tectonic	Sci NC)	been in the
	road	forest	continent		climate zones,			news:
	weath	river	month	island peninsula	vegetation			Afghanistan Iran
	er		year		belts	biome		Iraq, Saudi
	hot	beach	season		(forest, grassl	vegetation	latitude	Arabia, Yemen,
Vocabular		house		poles equator	and, tundra, d	region	longitude	North & South
у	cold	school		temperature	esert, ice	dominant	Equator, N&S	Korea, Hong
	wet	shop	summer	thermometer	sheet) climate	environme	Hemisphere,	Kong, Zimbabwe
	snow	park	autumn		soil tropical	ntal	Tropics of	Sudan
	SHOW		winter		temperate	anemome	Cancer &	
			spring	habitat, life cycle,		ter	Capricorn,	
			(from	food chain, food		barometer	Prime/Greenwi	
			Maths NC)	web (from Sci	igneous		ch Meridian	economy,
				NC)	metamorphic	water		zone/sphere of
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		sedimentary	water		influence,
			weather		pressure heat	cycle,		demographic
			hot cold			precipitati		





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	desert	compare order	crystals fossil	on	Name and	
	(vaguely;	value rank	organic (from	evaporatio	locate	recurring
	i.e. more	represents,	Sci NC)	n	remaining	quantities scale
	detail at	stands for,		condensat	countries and	proportion ratio
	Y3) rain	exact(ly) round		ion (from	capitals of the	(from Maths NC)
	gauge,	nearest	corresponding	Sci NC)	Americas	
	wind sock,		equivalent			adaptation
	wind vane		positive			evolution,
		fractions	negative	negative	Identify	survival of the
				numbers	countries and	fittest, (from Sci
	equal to,				cities on other	NC)
	more/less	symbol calculate,	round		continents that	
	than,	measuring scale	up/down,	increase,	are of interest	
	larger		approximate(I	decrease	to children eg	
	smaller		y) estimate	factor	Bangladesh	
	most least		remainder		Indonesia	
	half whole	similarity	data(base)		Malaysia	
	share	difference	row column	plot	Singapore, New	
	group		cell	quadrant	Zealand,	
	0	office port		origin	Madagascar	
		harbour estuary			Ū	
	above	bay			erosion	
Vocabular	below		Regions: North	economic	distribution (of	
У	underneat		East, North	activity,	natural	
	h centre	channel	West,	trade links,	resources etc)	
				land use,		



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journey guess nearly roughly, close to, old(er) new(er) Europe Africa Asia, North & South America, Antarctica Australia Pacific Atlantic Indian Arctic	material artificial natural (from Sci NC)	Yorkshire and the Humber, West Midlands, East Midlands, East Anglia, (Greater) London, South East, South West Orkney Shetland Herbrides archipelago authority council government borough district	finance retail municipal industrial employme nt infrastruct ure, arable pastoral, mixed farming, carrying capacity, statistics contiguou s impact settlement waste sewage pollution,	arrive depart statistics timetable, line graph, bar line chart, mode range maximum minimum outcome (from Maths NC) million (from Maths NC - so understand more than in Y3)
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	England	Arctic Circle, NC)
	London	Antarctic
	Scotland	Circle,
	Edinburgh	tropics/tropic
	Wales	al
	Cardiff,	
	Northern	
	Ireland,	hemisphere
	Belfast	(from Maths
	area same	NC)
	different	region, case
	point	study,
		contrast
	city town	compare
	village	settlement
	factory	locality
	farm house	community
		culture energy
Vocabular	shop weekend	renewable
У	Weekeng	minerals
	journey	function
	abroad	(inter)national

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	capital	canal	
	country	waterway	
	object	amount worth	
	(from Sci	expensive	
	NC	(from Maths	
		NC)	
		million	
		billion	