



Locational Knowledge

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Geographical Skills & Fieldwork

Geography Progression Map (Y1-Y6)

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Year 1	Identify the UK on a map. Recognise simple features of the local area.	Explore the school grounds and surrounding area.	Identify basic human and physical features (road, house, hill, park). Observe weather patterns.	Use simple maps, aerial photographs and directional language (near/far, left/right). Conduct simple local fieldwork.
Year 2	Name the seven continents and five oceans. Identify the four UK countries and capital cities.	Compare the UK with a contrasting non-European country (e.g. Kenya).	Identify seasonal weather patterns and environments in different parts of the world.	Use atlases and globes. Begin simple map interpretation and comparisons.
Year 3	Locate major rivers in the UK and the wider world.	Compare geographical features of different regions.	Understand rivers and the water cycle. Explore settlements and land use.	Use maps and atlases. Begin using compass points. Conduct local fieldwork investigations.
Year 4	Locate countries and regions of Europe.	Compare a region of the UK with a region in Europe.	Study climate zones, mountains, volcanoes and environmental regions.	Use four-figure grid references, atlases and digital mapping tools.
Year 5	Locate countries and major cities in North and South America. Identify the Equator and hemispheres.	Study a region of South America (e.g. Amazon Rainforest).	Explore biomes, vegetation belts, natural resources and trade.	Interpret maps, satellite images and geographical data. Create maps showing patterns such as climate or population.
Year 6	Locate key global regions including tectonic plate boundaries and coastal areas of the UK.	Study coastal environments including the local coastline near Brighton.	Understand earthquakes and coastal erosion. Examine how physical processes shape landscapes.	Use atlases and maps to locate countries and cities in WWII. Use four- and six-figure grid references. Conduct coastal fieldwork observations.