



Geography Curriculum Overview

"I like geography best because mountains and rivers know the secrets. Pay no attention to boundaries"

Intent: To inspire curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that affects the way we live, which makes the heartbeat of our world.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reception	<u>Our School</u> - Where is our school? - What places are there in our school? - How do we get to school?	<u>Let it Grow!</u> Different environments, e.g. farm, seaside, resort, city centre	<u>Where in the World?</u> How does life in this country compare to life in other countries? e.g. houses, places... (world map)
Year 1	<u>My School</u> - Where do we live? - What is a compass? - What do maps tell us? - How do we draw maps? - Are all schools the same? Where is my school?	<u>The United Kingdom</u> - Where is the United Kingdom? - What are the four countries of the UK? - What is the weather like in the UK? - What is the landscape like in the UK? - What do we grow in the UK? What do we know about the UK?	<u>The World</u> - What are continents? - What are oceans? - What is it like in the North & South Poles? - What is the equator? - How are rainforests & deserts different? What do we know about the world?
Year 2	<u>Where We Live</u> - Where is my school? - What is located in our local area? - What should be included on a map of our local area? - How are the Atlas Mountains similar and different to our local area? Where do we live?	<u>The United Kingdom</u> - What do we know about the UK? - What would a geographer say about England? - What would a geographer say about Northern Ireland? - What would a geographer say about Scotland? - What would a geographer say about Wales? What would a geographer say about the UK?	<u>The World</u> - What are the seven continents & five oceans? - Where are the hot & cold places in the world? - What is the climate like in Europe? - What is extreme weather? - How does extreme weather cause problems in Florida? How is climate different around the world?
Year 3	<u>Settlements</u> - What is a settlement? - How do geographers use grid references? - How are settlements different? - What type of settlement are we? - How has our settlement changed over time? How could we improve our local settlement?	<u>Biomes</u> - What is a biome? - What is a vegetation belt? - Where are deserts located around the world? - Are all forest biomes the same? - What is tundra? Why are different biomes important for plants, animals and nature?	<u>Italy</u> - Where is Italy? - What is the climate like in Italy? - What is grown & farmed in Italy? - Why are there volcanoes in Italy? - Why is Venice sinking? Why do people visit Italy?

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Year 4	<u>The United Kingdom</u> - What are the counties in the UK? - What makes a county in the UK unique? - What food is produced in the UK? - What types of plants and animals can be found in the UK? - Which cities are found in the UK? Why do people visit the United Kingdom?	<u>Volcanoes, Mountains & Earthquakes</u> - What are mountains? - What are earthquakes? - Do earthquakes still happen? - What are volcanoes? - Do volcanoes still erupt? Why do we have volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes?	<u>Europe</u> - Which countries are located in Europe? - What are Europe's capital cities? - How are Northern & Southern Europe similar and different? - Where is Eastern Europe? - What are the key human and physical features of Western Europe? Why do people visit Europe?
Year 5	<u>Our Local Area</u> - What would a geographer say about our local area? - What are grid references & how do they work? - How can we use grid references? - What is located where we live? - How do geographers communicate their fieldwork? What is it like to visit our local area?	<u>Our Connected World</u> - How do geographers locate places around the world? - Why do we have different time zones around the world? - How are natural resources distributed around the world? - What is global trade? - How do extreme weather events impact trade? How is our world connected?	<u>Our Blue Planet</u> - Why are our oceans important? - What is the water cycle? - Are all rivers similar? - How do people use rivers? - What challenges does our blue planet face? How can we help our blue planet?
Year 6	<u>The Amazon Rainforest</u> - Which climate zones and biomes are located in South America? - What would a geographer say about Brazil? - What are the features of the Amazon Rainforest? - Why is the Amazon Rainforest important? - What challenges does the Amazon Rainforest face? Why is the future of the Amazon Rainforest uncertain?	<u>North America</u> - Which physical geographical features are located in North America? - What human geographical features can be found in North America? - What is the climate like in Northern America? - What is the San Andreas fault line? - How are wildfires a challenge in California? What are the key features of North America?	<u>My Place</u> - Where is my place? - What is the climate like in my place? - What human features can be found in my place? - What physical features can be found in my place? - How is my place different? Why is my place important?