



Geography Vocabulary Progression Map



"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.

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	General Introduce vocabulary to enable children to talk about their observations and to ask questions. Use appropriate words, e.g., 'town', 'village', 'road', 'path', 'house', 'flat', 'temple' and 'synagogue', to help children make distinctions in their observations. Encourage the use of words that help children to express opinions, e.g., 'busy', 'quiet' and 'pollution'.	My School Aerial view, human features, physical features, map, landmark, compass, direction, symbol compass points, direction, explorers, travel, far, left, location, near, right, area, position, school, city, farm, rural, urban, village	Where We Live Location, direction, route, compass, aerial map, human features, physical features, symbol key, local, area, fieldwork, landmark, observation, represent, aerial view, building, community, main road, side road, atlas, mountains, remote, rural, transport, urban, climate, local	Settlements Settlement, hamlet, village, town, city, grid reference, key, Ordnance Survey maps legend, scale, symbols, distance, location, rural, urban, commercial, buildings, fieldwork, residential, buildings, sample, services, develop, early settlers, expand, resources, ruins, community	The United Kingdom County, landmark, landscape, capital city, culture, native, temperature, seasonal Country, features, location, region, human features, physical features, tradition, unique, Crops, produce, variety, vegetation, Climate, habitat, temperature, wildlife, businesses, city, transport, landscape	Our Local Area Local area, human feature, physical feature, landmark, grid reference, ordnance survey, fieldwork, geographical Communicate, geographer, compass, route, key, scale, symbols, mapwork, research, data, graph, results, brochure, local councillor	The Amazon Rainforest Biome, climate zone, eco-system, equatorial, deforestation, temperate, tropical, arid/semi-arid distribution, diverse, geographical features, location, canopy, climate, meteorologist, vegetation, ecosystem, essential, indigenous, life, sustainability, agriculture, infrastructure, logging, threat, Certainty, future, issue, reforestation
Spring	Theme Specific Our School Address, Map, village, field, grounds, playground, school, road, building, birds eye view, ariel view	The United Kingdom Island, Europe, sea, ocean, channel, United Kingdom, climate, landscape England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, forecast, rainfall, temperature, weather, loch, mountain, river, valley, crops, farm, farmers, grow, wheat,	The United Kingdom United Kingdom, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, London, region, country capital city, climate, landscape, Coastline, peninsula, Belfast, lough, mountain, river, Edinburgh, island, loch, rural, Cardiff, harbour, remote, valley,	Biomes Biomes, climate, environment, vegetation belt, desert, tropical forests, temperate forests, boreal forests Ecosystem, habitat, adaptation, conditions species, vegetation, dunes, oasis, rainfall Sahara, diversity, equator, extreme lichens migration permafrost tundra	Volcanoes, Mountains & Earthquakes Mountain range, earthquake, tectonic plates, plate boundary, volcano, Earth's crust, seismic wave, fault line peak, physical features, relief, map, valley, Magnitude, region, Richter scale, Seismologist, tsunamis, erupt, lava, magma, Eruptions, hot springs, impact, volcanic soil, volcanologist,	Our Connected World Equator, latitude, longitude, prime meridian, climate change, extreme weather, natural resources, non-renewable resources globe, hemisphere, jet lag, location, time zone, travel, energy, minerals, trade, fair trade, food miles, global trade, origin trade, drought, impact, shortage	North America Location, physical features, human features, landmark, land use, settlement, tectonic plates, wildfire plains, prairie, peninsula, distribution, arid, humid, temperate, tropical, permafrost, Strike-slip fault line, plate boundary, epicentre, severe, climate, conditions, risk, Research, climate zone,

Summer	Let it grow City, skyscrapers, landmarks, beach, coast, ocean, sea, farm, river, countryside	The World World, continent, country, North pole, South Pole, Equator, climate, ocean Atlas, globe, Arctic Ocean, Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Southern Ocean, Antarctic, iceberg, geographer, rainfall, vegetation, desert, diversity, dry, humid, rainforest, diversity, vegetation	The World continent, country, ocean, sea, equator, North Pole, South Pole, climate Atlas, landscape, cold climate, cool climate, hot climate, mild climate, warm climate, drought, extreme, flood, hurricane, tornado, Florida, rainfall, scale, storm, wind speed, equator, weather	Italy Italy, Rome, the Alps, Mediterranean, climate, olive groves, Mount Vesuvius, Venice Europe, average, climate graph, region, seasons, agriculture, crops, economy, livestock, olive groves, eruption, lava, Pompeii, volcano, canal, gondola, protection, trade port, Mediterranean region,	Europe Europe, capital city, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, wildlife, geographical features, Mediterranean Sea, continent Atlantic Ocean, country, business, city, government, landmarks, differences, similarities, southern, bison, castle, mountain, wildlife, canals, culture, medieval, Rhine River, climate, plains	Our Blue Planet sea, ocean, water cycle, river, climate, global, conveyor belt, irrigation, pollution current, life, Condensation, evaporation, precipitation, surface water, source, meander, tributary, erosion, dam, hydro-electricity, recreation, challenge, climate change, conservation, water, human feature, physical feature	My Place Grid reference, human feature, physical feature, landmark, settlement Global, location, region, Biome, climate, climate zone: temperate, climate zone: tundra, Custom, early settlers, hamlet, tradition, extreme, glacier, precautions, valley, coastal, compare, economy, inland, urban, diagram, geographer, persuade, presentation, research
	Where in the world? Earth, globe, world, island, land, mountain, place, country						