

Progression of Knowledge and Understanding in Geography.

	Reception	Year 1 (KS1)	Year 2 (KS1)	Year 3 (LKS2)	Year 4 (LKS2)	Year 5 (UKS2)	Year 6 (UKS2)
Locational	To understand	To name, locate	To name and	To name and	To locate the	To locate the	To name and
Knowledge	where they	and identify	locate the	locate counties	world's	world's	locate counties
	live.	characteristics	world's seven	and cities of the	countries, using	countries, using	and cities of the
		of the four	continents and	United Kingdom,	maps to focus on	maps to focus on	United Kingdom,
		countries and	five oceans.	geographical	Europe and	Europe (including	geographical
		capital cities of		regions and	North and	the location of	regions and their
		the United		their identifying	South America,	Russia)	identifying
		Kingdom and its		human and	concentrating on	concentrating on	human and
		surrounding		physical	their	their	physical
		seas.		characteristics.	environmental	environmental	characteristics,
					regions, key	regions, key	key
					physical and	physical and	topographical
					human	human	features
					characteristics,	characteristics,	(including hills,
					countries, and	countries, and	mountains,
					major cities.	major cities.	coasts and
							rivers), and land-
						To begin to	use patterns;
						identify the	and understand
						position and	how some of
						significance of	these aspects
						latitude,	have changed
						longitude,	over time.
						Equator,	
						Northern	To locate the
						Hemisphere,	world's
						Southern	countries, using



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			Hemisphere, the	maps to focus on
			Tropics of	Europe (including
			Cancer and	the location of
			Capricorn,	Russia)
			Arctic and	concentrating on
			Antarctic Circle,	their
			the	environmental
			Prime/Greenwich	regions, key
			Meridian and	physical and
			time zones	human
			(including day	characteristics,
			and night)	countries, and
			,	major cities.
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				To identify the
				position and
				significance of
				latitude,
				longitude,
				Equator,
				Northern
				Hemisphere,
				Southern
				Hemisphere, the
				Tropics of
				Cancer and
				Capricorn,
				Arctic and
				Antarctic Circle,
				the



							Prime/Greenwich
							Meridian and
							time zones
							(including day
							and night)
Place	To investigate	To increase	To understand	To understand	To understand	To understand	To understand
Knowledge	the local area.	their knowledge	geographical	geographical	geographical	geographical	and explain
		of a small area	similarities and	similarities and	similarities and	similarities and	geographical
		of the United	differences	differences	differences	differences	similarities and
		Kingdom.	through	through the	through the	through the	differences
			studying the	study of human	study of human	study of human	through the
			human and	and physical	and physical	and physical	study of human
			physical	geography of a	geography of a	geography of a	and physical
			geography of a	region of the	region of the	region of the	geography of a
			small area of	United Kingdom.	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	region of the
			the United		and a region	and a region in a	United Kingdom
			Kingdom, and of		within North or	European	and a region
			a small area in a		South America.	country.	within the world.
			contrasting non-			·	
			European				
			country.				
Knowledge of	To identify	To identify	To use basic	To begin to	To describe and	To describe and	To describe,
human and	seasonal and	seasonal and	geographical	describe and	understand key	understand key	understand and
physical	daily weather	daily weather	vocabulary to	understand key	aspects of:	aspects of:	explain key
geography.	patterns	patterns in the	refer to: key	aspects of:	- physical	- physical	aspects of:
	within the	United Kingdom	physical	- physical	geography	geography	- physical
	local area.	and the location	features,	geography	including;	including;	geography,
		of hot and cold	including: beach,	including;	Volcanoes,	climate zones,	including:
	To use simple	areas of the	cliff, coast,	climate zones,	earthquakes.	biomes and	climate zones,
	language to	world in relation	forest, hill,	biomes and		vegetation belts,	biomes and



describe the physical and human features of the local environment.	to the Equator and the North and South Poles. To use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to the	mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, To use basic geographical	vegetation belts. To begin to describe and understand aspects of	To describe and understand aspects of human geography including; : types of	volcanoes and earthquakes. To describe and understand aspects of human	vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, and the water cycle To describe, understand and
	seasons and weather. To use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features of the local environment including city, town, village, house, shop.	town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port and harbour.	activity including distribution of natural resources, settlement and land use.	including trade links.	land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.	including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water