



Skills Progression Grid: Geography 2024-2025

Locational knowledge

Giving pupil's information on where places are.

Also providing them with the skills to work out a location that can be anywhere in the world

Place knowledge

Place knowledge in geography requires pupils to develop an understanding of the geographical similarities and differences in:

A region of the United Kingdom.

A region in a European country.

A region within North or South America.

Human and Physical

Physical geography seeks to understand how physical processes drive change in the environment, as well as how humans are interacting with these processes.

Human geography explores how people interact with their environment and how these interactions shape our world

Geographical Skills and fieldwork

Learning to use and understand geographical information. Pupils explore as they begin to think about their roles within their home, the community, and as a global citizen.

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Locational knowledge	Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. Talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.	To name the countries of the UK. To understand what an aerial view shows. To name the countries and the key features of the UK. To name capital cities of the UK. Start to locate some countries on a world map: UK, India, China, Russia Compare 2 different regions in the UK rural/urban.	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. Locate and name the countries making up the British Isles. To name the countries of the UK and some of their features. Locate some countries around the world (India, Nigeria, UK) Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world.	Locate and name the world continents and oceans on a map. Identify longest rivers in the world, largest deserts, and highest mountains. To name and locate some of the boroughs in London/counties in the UK. Locate local rivers (Thames, Lea, Roding.)	Locate some European countries Locate the main areas of earthquake and volcanic activity around the world (e.g. Ring of Fire) Local specific areas of previous volcanic activity (case studies)	Locate the main countries in North or South America/Antarctica On a world map locate different environmental regions. (Biomes) Identify the position and significance of latitude/longitude and Greenwich meridian/tropics Identify and locate areas that are susceptible to sea level rise (Maldives, Island nations of the Pacific etc.)	On a world map locate the main countries in Africa, Asia and Australasia/Oceania. Identify their key human and physical characteristics and major cities. Map how land use has changed in the local area over time. Name and locate the key topographical features including coasts, features of erosion Understand how these features change over time. Compare land use maps of the UK from the past with the present focusing on land use.

Diago	They know about	To understand the	Understand geographical	Understand why there are	Understand about the wider	Compare the physical and	Understand the geographical
Place	similarities and differences	differences between a	similarities and	similarities and differences	context of places	human features of a region if	similarities and differences
knowledge	between themselves and	town and countryside.	differences through	between places.	context of places	the UK and a region of North	through the study of human
	others, and among	town and countryside.	studying the human and	between places.	To understand that tectonic	America, identify similarities	and physical geography - a
	families, communities and	To compare the UK	physical geography of a	Develop an awareness of	activity is both harmful and	and differences.	region of the UK (Coastal
	traditions	capital cities.	small area of the UK and	how places relate to one	beneficial to the human	and differences.	areas)
	traditions	capital cities.	a small area of a	another.	population.	Understand the geographical	areasy
		Compare what life is like	contrasting	another.	роривноп.	similarities and differences	Understand, explain and
		in a city to life in the	non-European country	To identify how London has	To begin to compare differing	through the study of human	evaluate how humans affect
		countryside (rural v	(India/Nigeria).	changed over time.	levels of economic	and physical geography of a	the environment over time.
		urban environments)	(mala/Nigeria).	changed over time.	development in different	region in the UK and a region	the environment over time.
		urban environments)	Understand geographical		places around the world	within North or South	Discuss and evaluate the
			features of their own city	Develop further	places around the world	America/Pacific	impacts of population rise on
		Begin to develop an	(both human and	understanding of the local		America/Facine	the planet.
		understanding of the	physical)	environment (Newham)		To confidently compare	the planet.
		local environment	priysically	Cirvi dilinene (Newnam)		differing levels of economic	
		(school based)	Develop an			development in different	
		(seriour basea)	understanding of the			places around the world	
			local environment			places around the world	
			(Beckton)			Understand and explain how	
			(Seemen)			human activity affects the	
						environment over time both	
						positively and negatively	
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Human and	Make observations of	Observe and record the	Begin to understand that	Identify physical and	Describe human and physical	Know about changes to the	Describe and explain key
	animals and plants and	weather.	proximity to the Equator	human features of the	features across the UK	world and environment over	aspects of physical
Physical	explain why some things		dictates the type of	immediate locality		time.	geography (coastal erosion)
	occur, and talk about	Describe seasonal	environmental zones	(Rivers/place names in	Understand the effect of		and make links to human
	changes	weather changes.	seen	Newham)	landscape features on the	To describe the features of a	interactions
			Understand what a hot		development of locality	rainforest	
	Know about similarities	To understand the	and cold area of the	Explain about weather			Describe and understand key
	and differences between	dangers of the weather.	world is like.	conditions/patterns around	Describe how people have	Explain the effects humans	aspects of human geography
	themselves and others,			the UK and parts of Europe	been affected by changes in	have on the rainforest.	(regeneration of the
	and among families,		Use basic geographical	link to flooding in London.	the environment	Understand why people seek	docklands)
	communities and		vocabulary to refer to			to manage and sustain the	
	traditions.		human/ physical	Name and locate	Explain about natural	environment	Know the physical features of
			features.	topographical features of	resources		coasts and begin to
				erosion (rivers)		Explain where our	understand erosion and
			Use basic geographical		Describe and understand key	food/medicine comes from.	deposition.
			vocabulary to refer to	Understand how these	aspects of physical geography		
			human features.	features change over	including volcanoes and	To explain the concept of	Consider global citizenship
				distance	earthquakes.	sustainability	and impacts of individual
							actions on the sustainability
				Begin to link human activity			of the planet into the future.
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				to physical environmental impacts			

	Talk about the features of	Ask simple geographical	Study maps and aerial	Use 4 figure grid references	Confidently use the 8 points	Use the 8 points of a compass	Use maps, atlases, globes
Geographical	their own immediate	questions.	photographs.		of a compass to describe a	to describe a route on a map.	and digital computer
	environment and how			Use 8 points of a compass	route on a map.		mapping to locate countries
Skills and	environments might vary	Use simple observational	Use the 4 points of a			Use six figure grid references,	and describe the features
fieldwork	from one another.	skills to study the	compass.	Ask and respond to	Confidently use four figure	symbols and key to build their	studied.
		geography of the school		geographical questions.	grid references to locate	knowledge of the UK from	
	They make observations of	and its grounds and to	Use simple compass		places on a map.	past to present.	Use the 8 points of the
	animals and plants and	describe its features.	directions and locational	Analyse evidence to draw			compass, four and six figure
	explain why some things		and directional language	conclusions.	Plan the steps and strategies	Use fieldwork to observe	grid references, symbols and
	occur, and talk about	Use simple maps of the	to describe the location		for an inquiry.	measure and record the	key to build knowledge of
	changes	local area.	of features on a map.	Recognise that people hold		human and physical features	the wider world.
				different views about and	Draw accurate maps with	of the local area	
		To begin to understand	Draw maps of the local	issue and begin to	more complex keys.		Use fieldwork to observe,
		keys on maps	area with a simple key.	understand why.		Understand and use a	measure and record the
					Explore features of an OS	widening range of	human and physical features
		To draw a simple map.	Observe and record	Communicate findings in	map	geographical terms.	of the local area using a
			features around the	ways appropriate to the			range of methods.
		Use simple directional	school.	task.	Measure straight line	To find information in an atlas	
		language.			distance using an appropriate	using an index.	Use maps, charts etc to
			To understand keys on	Use basic geographical	scale		support their decisions.
			maps	vocabulary			
					Understand and use a range		Understand a wide range of
			Communicate findings in	Begin to make more	of vocabulary.		geographical terms.
			different ways.	detailed fieldwork			
				sketches/diagram			
			Make sketches or notes				
			of their school trip and	Use fieldwork instruments			
			create a map to direct				
			others.	Make plans and maps using			
				symbols and key.			