

Geography Framework Overview

Overview

This progression map shows the concepts and small steps taught to pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. Geography is mapped across each term and concepts revisited incorporating a spiral approach through retrieval this is to ensure we broaden and deepen pupils' knowledge and they have the chance to use and apply new knowledge. In brackets, after the concept, is the small steps taught for remembering and mastering.

Term	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1	Our Wonderful World (what is geography, maps, location, directional language, continents and oceans, hot and cold places, four countries of the UK, different types of settlement, aerial photographs, woodlands, hedgerows and meadows)	Bright Lights, Big City (the United Kingdom, physical features of the UK, what is a city, human features in locality, weather in the UK, this is London, London landmarks, drawing from memory, a landmark's story, London's burning, giving directions, tourism, comparing capital cities)	
Year 2	Let's Explore the World (using an atlas, using compass directions, using a key with a map, collecting data, locating the equator, hot, temperate and cold places, sustainability, characteristics of the United Kingdom, comparing places)		Coastline (map readers, reading keys, physical processes, erosion, human features of a coastal town, coastal signs, remarkable RNLI, coastal rescue, Saltwick Nab, waves, comparing past and present, jobs in the past, Captain James Cook, tourism, sea shanties)

Year 3	Our Planet, Our World (locating countries on maps, human and physical features, four-figure grid references, analysing data, compass points, Earth, tectonic plates, latitude and longitude, climate zones, locating European countries and cities, UK human and physical features, UK countries, UK cities, carbon footprint, weather and local environment, land use in the UK)	Rocks, Relics and Rumbles (how are rocks used? Mary Anning, fossils, soil testing, plate tectonics, ring of fire, features of volcanoes, latitude and longitude, fact finding, databases, volcanologist's report, earthquakes, earthquake activity, the spread of the tsunami, rumbles)	
Year 4	Interconnected World (compass points, four and six figure grid references, tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, climates in North and South America, physical features of the United Kingdom, renewable energy, National Rail network, canals of Britain)		Misty Mountain, Winding River (journey of a river, river Trent, changing landscapes, rivers of the world, uses of rivers, mountains, mountain types, topography and contour lines, mountains of the United Kingdom, mountains of the world, mountaineering expedition)
Year 5	Investigating our World (ordnance survey maps, contour lines, map grid squares, time zones, climate zones, vegetation belt, biomes, human geography, world cities, sustainable manufacturing processes, relative locations and distances, transport networks, settlement hierarchy.)		Sow, Grow and Farm (allotment habitat, animal life cycles, plant life cycles, dissection, growing, seasonality, dig for victory, farming in the UK, mapping using grid references, a farmer's year, impact of modern farming, potato farming in Jersey, still life, climate zones, North and South America, citrus farming in California, coffee growing in Peru, how far food travels, importing food)
Year 6	Our Changing World (features of Earth, time zones, using lines of latitude and longitude, scale on maps, scale and distance, grid references, contours and symbols, climate change, extreme weather, trade around the world, natural resource management, road safety data, road safety fieldwork, human settlement patterns)	Frozen Kingdoms (polar climates, polar day and night, polar oceans, polar landscapes, climate change, natural resources, indigenous people, tourism in the Antarctic, classification, classification keys, adaptations, polar adaptations, polar discovery, significant decisions, Shackleton, the unsinkable Titanic, investigating icebergs)	