

Subject: Geography

Year group	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Enquiry question	Nursery: Celebrations In the Garden Reception: Where in the world? (England and Spain).	What is the geography of Ottershaw like?	How does Simon's Town (Cape Town, South Africa) compare to where I live?	What are national parks and why are they special?	Why are rivers important?	From Rio to the rainforest: What do we know about life in Brazil?	How do earthquakes and volcanoes affect the lives of people?
	What makes our world wonderful?						
	There are also geography themes throughout other topics during the year.						



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Contextual world	Locate areas of	Observe the location of human and		Be able to identify and locate all the		Be able to identify and locate a range of	
knowledge of sea and land. physical geographical features at a local			home countries, capital cities and		countries and significant geographical		
locations, places	Begin to develop	scale.		surrounding seas and identify and		features in the UK, Europe and North	
and geographical	simple locational	Have simple locatio	nal knowledge	locate at least one non-EU country.		and South America.	
features	knowledge about	about individual pla	ces and	Know and locate some of the environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities of Europe.		Know the position and significance of some global features, e.g. latitude, longitude, Equator, etc.	
	individual places	environments, espe	cially in the local				
	in the local area	area, but also in the	UK (the home				
	(school,	countries, capital ci	ties and surrounding				
	Ottershaw).	seas) and wider wo	rld (continents and				
	Begin to locate	oceans).					
	home countries	Be able to locate at	least one non-EU				
	and capital cities	country on a map.					
	of the UK and one	Identify the basic ch	naracteristics of the				
	EU country	UK and a non-EU co	untry, e.g. highland,				
	(Spain).	lowland, rivers, coa					
Geographical	Begin to use basic	Use basic geograph	ical vocabulary to	Describe the geogra	aphical patterns of	Suggest simple reas	sons to explain why
understanding of	geographical	describe places or h		places & features in	, ,	places/features/pat	•
the conditions,	vocabulary for	geographical featur	es, e.g. hill, river,	maps using subject-	-specific vocabulary	are, using subject-s	pecific vocabulary
processes and	human and	street, shop, town.		backed up by non-t	echnical general	and appropriate dia	•
interactions that	physical features	Identify simple and broad geographical		language.		Explain some detail	
explain	that children have	patterns, e.g. seasonal and daily		Compare places and	d / or geographical	similarities and diffe	erences between
geographical	observed.	weather patterns, and hot and cold		features.		places.	
features,	Explain some	areas from pole to		Describe how place	_	Identify some reaso	•
distribution	similarities and	Identify whether pla	aces / features are	Identify some links	between people and	places/features/pat	
patterns and	differences	changing.		environments.		Explain how change	
changes over time	between life in	Express views abou	t places and	Suggest simple solu	tions to solve	and activities of peo	=
and space	England and life in	recognise the impac	ct of people's	geographical issues		Be able to explain s	ome of the links
	other countries.	actions on these.		Offer reasons for ov	wn views and	between people, pl	aces and
	Identify and			judgements about p	olaces and	environments.	
	record the			environments.		Suggest valid reason	ned solutions to
	weather and					geographical issues	
	seasonal features					Offer reasons for ov	wn views and
	of the local area.					recognise that peop	ole may hold
	Express likes and					different views.	
	dislikes about						
	places.						



			Mappi	ng Skills	
Mapping Skills- making and interpreting maps	Make models of places using toys and talk about what is in the model. Draw information from a simple map. Draw/create simple maps of familiar places. Begin to recognise landmarks of the school setting and local environment on aerial photos.	Devise simple picture maps (and, if appropriate, draw lines and shapes, using basic symbols in a key). Use aerial photographs and maps at the same scale to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features on a photograph and a map.		Draw sketch maps of places and routes that show some understanding of relative scale and direction. Begin to use some conventional symbols when drawing and using maps. Use maps at more than one scale. Locate photos of features on maps. Use oblique and aerial views. Recognise some patterns on maps and begin to explain what they show.	Use symbols and keys on maps including digital/computer and Ordnance Survey maps to identify features and describe places. Draw sketch maps of places and routes that are acceptably accurate in terms of scale and direction and that use appropriate symbols. Understand the significance of the lines of latitude, longitude and the Northern and Southern Hemispheres including time zones and day and night. Use thematic maps for specific purposes. Follow a route on a 1:50,000 Ordnance Survey map and describe and interpret relief features.
Mapping Skills- symbols	Begin to use simple symbols to mean something on a map.	Use symbols on maps (own and class agreed symbols). Know that symbols mean something on maps.	Find a given Ordnance Survey symbol on a map with support. Begin to realise why maps need a key	Give maps a key with standard symbols. Use some Ordnance Survey style symbols.	Use agreed and Ordnance Survey symbols. Use standard symbols. Know 1:50,000 symbols and atlas symbols.
Mapping Skills-direction	Begin to use simple language to describe position and direction (on, under, forwards, in front, backwards, behind, up, down, next to).	Use simple language to describe position, direction and motion, including left, right, top, middle, bottom, on top of, in front of, above, between, around, near, close and far, up and down, forwards and	Use simple compass directions (N,E,S,W) and locational and directional language (e.g. near and far, left and right) to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Know which	Use simple compass directions (N,E,S,W), up to 8 cardinal points, and locational and directional language (e.g. near and far, left and right) to give and follow directions on a map and outside.	Use the eight points of a compass (N,S,E,W,NW,SW,NE.NW) to give and follow directions on a map and during fieldwork. Align a map with a route.



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Mapping Skills- location	Begin to identify land and sea on	backwards, inside and outside. Follow simple directional instructions e.g. left, right, backwards, forwards. Name and locate	direction N is on an Ordnance Survey map. Use number/letter	Use four figure grid references to	Use six-figure grid references to specify
location	iand and sea on maps, globes and in atlases.	some countries, capital cities and seas e.g. of the UK (i.e. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) on maps and globes.	grid references to specify position on maps of different scales. Name and locate large scale features (continents and oceans) on world maps and simple atlases and globes.	specify position on maps of different scales including Ordnance Survey maps. Use the contents and index pages of atlases to find places.	position on maps of different scales including Ordnance Survey maps. Identify lines of latitude, longitude and the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate named countries, cities, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features and land use patterns.
Mapping Skills- perspective and scale	Begin to talk about distance using words such as 'near' and 'far' and size using 'bigger' and 'smaller'. Begin to understand that when you 'zoom in', you see a smaller area in more detail.	Talk about distance using words such as 'near' and 'far'. Know that when you 'zoom in', you see a smaller area in more detail. Use large scale, vertical aerial photographs. Look down on objects and make a plan. Draw objects to scale (using squared paper 1:1)	Estimate relative distances using terms such as 'nearer than' and 'further than'. Draw objects to scale (using squared paper 1:2 and so on).	Use a scale bar to draw and measure straight line distances on a map. Measure and calculate regularly shaped perimeters and areas on maps and outside in centimetres and metres. Make a simple scale plan of room with whole numbers (e.g. 1 sq. cm = 1 square tile on the floor).	Use the scale bar on a map to measure winding distances. Draw accurate maps using appropriate scale from measurements made during fieldwork. Use models and maps to talk about contours and slopes and describe these using maps and photographs.



Mapping Skills- digital map making	Begin to understand that a simple name	Find places using a postcode or simple name	Add simple information to maps e.g. labels	Use the zoom function to locate places and explore them at different scales. Add a range of annotation labels and	Find 6-figure grid references and check using the grid reference tool. Combine area and point markers to
	search can be used in Google Earth to find locations.	search. Draw around simple shapes and explain what they are on the map e.g. houses. Draw a simple route.	and markers. Use the measuring tool with support to show distance e.g. my house to school, to the shops. Highlight areas on a map. Add an image to a map.	text to help explain features and places. Highlight an area on a map and measure it using the area measurement tool. Use grid references in the search function. Use the grid reference tool to record a location. Highlight areas within a given radius.	illustrate a theme. Use maps at different scales to illustrate a story or issue. Use maps to research factual information about locations and features. Use linear and area measuring tools accurately.
				cal Enquiry	
Geographical enquiry- enquiry planning & gathering data and information	Begin to undertake directed fieldwork activities to answer simple questions. Begin to record data, using observational skills to count objects.	Make observations about what can be seen to collect primary data and information. Collect data by counting to 100. Use given secondary resources to respond to simple questions about places and environments.	Undertake directed activities in a fieldwork enquiry. Record data and information using simple fieldwork and observational skills to count objects (e.g. cars, houses etc.) and choose and use appropriate units to estimate and measure (e.g. length in m/cm, temperature in degrees C) to the nearest appropriate unit, using equipment (e.g. rulers, thermometers). Select appropriate information from	Identify some elements of a geographical fieldwork enquiry and suggest how some data and information might be collected from primary and secondary sources. Gather identified information and data accurately using measurements including a metre ruler, long tape measure or trundle wheel to measure straight line distances accurately.	Pose questions to focus a geographical fieldwork enquiry. Identify data and information to be collected for a geographical enquiry and design an appropriate method of recording. Use a variety of forms of data collection accurately including sketch maps and digital technologies.



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Geographical enquiry- analysis, including numerical and quantitative skills	Begin to organise geographical information using tens frames and tally charts. Begin to compare findings using simple vocabulary e.g. more, less, equal.	Analyse geographical data by using simple terms such as total, highest, lowest, wettest, driest, more than and less than.	secondary sources to answer questions about places and environments. Collate and organise geographical information and data to construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. Interpret and compare geographical information and data in simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables.	Present geographical information and data using bar charts and time graphs, pictograms and tables, choosing the most appropriate way to do so. Interpret and compare the geographical information and data using scaled bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs.	Draw graphs of geographical information using a ruler which are accurate to the nearest mm (Y5 maths). Complete, read and interpret geographical information presented in tables (Y5 maths). Convert raw geographical data to percentages and use this for comparative purposes (Y6 maths). Interpret and construct pie charts and line graphs and use these to solve problems (Y6 maths). Know when it is appropriate to find the mean as an average of geographical data, calculate it and interpret it (Y6 maths).
Geographical enquiry- organisation and communication (with appropriate maps, charts, tables and diagrams).	Begin to talk about places, and write simple sentences, using simple geographical vocabulary.	Talk about places such as the schools and its grounds and the human and physical features of its surrounding environment	Use geographical vocabulary (e.g. beach, forest, hill, village, factory, farm, port) to write simple sentences about selected appropriate knowledge and understanding of geography.	Communicate knowledge clearly, using paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme and use and spell geographical terms accurately.	Produce structured, informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant geographical information, making appropriate use of geographical terms which are spelt correctly, with ideas linked across paragraphs.