Geography Curriculum



Aspect	Year 1	Year 2
Areas taught	A Town Area of the UK (Town) – Basildon A Village of the UK (Village) – (e.g. Fobbing, Horndon on the Hill) Weather Comparing Basildon (UK) to a small area in a contrasting non-European community (e.g. Ghanaian Communities) Geography of the UK – Countries, Capital Cities and Surrounding Seas	Hot (Rainforests) and Cold (Polar Regions) Places A City of the UK - London Seasons A Seaside Town of the UK – Southend Continents and Oceans of the World
Human knowledge and concepts	 Know what a town is Know the main features of a town Know what factories and offices are Know what a village is Know the main features of a village Know different types of housing to be found in towns and villages Know different types of shop and where these are to be found in towns and villages Know how farms work and what they are for Know the differences between how land is used in the town and the countryside 	 Know what a city is Know the main features of a city and how it is different from a town Know how a seaside town is different to an inland town Know what ports and harbours are and what these are used for Compare land use in different settlements
Physical knowledge and concepts	 C. Make comparisons about day to day weather (daily weather patterns) Know the physical features in towns and how these might be difficult to find Know the physical features common in the countryside (woods, fields, forests, hills, valleys, rivers) Know weather vocabulary (snow, rain, hail, sleet, sunshine, cloud, fog, mist) and use this to describe the weather Make observations about the weather in my own locality (using equipment) Use technology to find out the weather in a different location (UK and non-European country) Compare and contrast weather in two locations 	 Identify the seasons and order them Know how seasons link to months Know the main features of each season and use this to make predictions Know the physical features that might be hidden in cities Know what a coast is and that there are different ways that the land joins to the sea (cliff, beach, mudflats)

	Name the key features in a location	Identify the key physical and human features of a location
	2. Know some features are physical and some are human	2. Give reasons why people live in certain places
	3. Know reasons to live in my local area	3. Say what a place is like and give reasons why
	4. Say what a place is like (busy, noisy etc.)	4. Know why some places are cold and some places are hot
	5. Compare two locations	5. Compare the features of hot and cold places
Place knowledge	6. Ask questions like: What is this place like? What is in this place? Where is	6. Know how the climate affects the physical and human geography of hot and
	? Is there a? What do people do here?	cold places
	7. Identify the main physical and human features of an area in a non-	7. Ask questions like: What is this place like? What and who will I see in this
	European country	place? Why are these people/features here?
	8. Compare and contrast where I live with an area in a non-European country	
	C. Name and locate the four countries and the capital cities of the UK and	C. Name and locate the seven continents and five oceans
	surrounding seas.	C. Know the continent where I live
Location knowledge	C. Locate the region, city and area where I live and go to school (I know my	C. Identify where the equator is and where the North and South Poles are
	address)	
	C. Say where somewhere is (near to, far away)	
	C. Follow directions (up, down, left, right etc.)	A. Use basic atlases
	C. Use world maps and globes	1. Use aerial images and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic
Skill - Mapwork and	1. Use relative vocabulary (bigger, smaller, like, unlike etc.)	physical features
direction	2. Label places on a plan or map	2. Follow a route on a plan or map
unection	3. Draw a simple map	3. Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West)
		4. Use basic coordinates to locate features
		5. Devise a simple map including basic symbols in a key
	1. Answer geographical questions by making observations	1. Create and use simple surveys and questionnaires
Skill - Fieldwork	2. Collect simple geographical information e.g. by tallying	2. Use maps to collect and record information
		3. Answer geographical questions by collecting information and simple analysis
		of results

Aspect	Year 3	Year 4
Areas taught	A region within North America (e.g. Mexico, a US State, a Province of Canada, the Caribbean) Climate Settlements and Land Use	Water cycle Lake district (A region of the UK) Rivers
Human knowledge and concepts	 Understand what a settlement is and identify urban and rural examples in the UK Understand the differences between a hamlet, village, town and city Know the services and features of the different types of settlements Know the difference between rural, urban and suburban Know the different ways land can be used Identify how land is used in a town (Basildon) Identify how land is used in a county (Essex) Know that land use is linked to human needs Give reasons for changes in land use Give geographical reasons for and against living in a location 	1. Understand that water is a resource 2. Know how we manage, clean and distribute water 3. Understand why people sometimes don't have enough water 4. Know ways to save water and communicate these to others
Physical knowledge and concepts	 Know the difference between weather and climate Know how climate creates a biome Know the main biomes and where they are located Collect climate data across continents Use this data to understand climate zones Know the range of extreme weather phenomena and know its effects Identify reasons for and consequences of climate change Identify possible solutions for climate change Summarise ways that people are trying to manage an environment 	 Know that water flows downhill Identify the parts of a river and understand how land use is different along the river's course (source, meander, mouth) and areas around (flood plains) Understand inputs and outputs in a river system Explain the process of erosion and deposition Know how erosion, deposition and flooding can affect people Understand the water cycle and plot the journey of a drop of water
Place knowledge	 Name and locate key physical and human features in a place overseas Identify where a place is in relation to the equator Explain how a place is affected by landscape and climate Explain the key similarities and differences between the ways of life in a place overseas and the UK 	 Describe a contrasting UK area in terms of physical and human features Understand how physical features influence human geography Understand the importance of tourism to some areas of the UK Understand how both physical geography (e.g. The Lake District) and human geography (e.g. London) can attract tourism Understand the issues caused by tourism in these area Compare and contrast Essex and another UK area and give reasons for the similarities/differences
Location knowledge	 C. Name and locate the countries of North America and its surrounding oceans. C. Name and locate the major cities of North America (Mexico City, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Toronto, Washington, Philadelphia, Miami) 1. Identify the position and significance of the Arctic and Antarctic circles and northern and southern hemispheres 	 C. Name and locate counties, cities and geographic regions of the UK 1. Name and locate physical features in the UK (e.g. key rivers and mountains) 2. Name and locate key human features in the UK 3. Know how time zones work (e.g. GMT) 4. Know what am and pm is 5. Describe the UK in terms of hemisphere, its relation to the equator and Arctic and Antarctic Circles and time zones

	1.	Use and interpret maps	1.	Read and understand the basic information on an OS map
Skill - Mapwork and	2.	Make a sketch map	2.	Use four-figure grid references
direction	3.	Draw a route	3.	Choose when to use globes, maps, atlases or digital mapping
	4.	Be able to use digital mapping	4.	Use more complex atlases and understand thematic maps
	1.	Create charts and graphs to show data collected	1.	Ask questions, hypothesise and help to design an enquiry
Skill - Fieldwork	2.	Follow a teacher led line of enquiry	2.	Make measurements using field equipment
	3.	Use photographs to collect evidence	3.	Use data to answer questions and interpret results

Aspect	Year 5	Year 6
	Mountains	Volcanoes and Earthquakes
Areas taught	The Alps (a region in the European country)	South America
	Trade	Natural Resources – Food, Minerals, Water and Energy (Spring and Summer)
	1. Know that changes in land use have an impact on physical and human	1. Know what the core natural resources (food, minerals, water and energy) are
	features	in a place (South America)
	2. Understand the reasons places are linked (trade, natural resources,	2. Identify reasons for change in land use in a place in relation to its natural
	employment)	resources (South America)
	3. Understand where some common everyday items come from	3. Compare and contrast the core natural resources of a place overseas and the
Human knowledge	4. Understand how raw materials turn into finished items	UK
and concepts	5. Understand what supply chains are	4. Find out how a country uses and distributes its natural resources (food,
and concepts	6. Understand how trade has changed over time	minerals, water and energy)
	7. Explore how trade may change in the future	5. Understand how natural resources from South America are transported to the
		UK and the impact that this has on the environment
		6. Explore the impact of changes in land use on physical and human features
		from a country exploiting its natural resources
		7. Understand what the Fair Trade movement is and why it is important
	1. Know the features of a mountain	1. Map out the tectonic plates of the Earth
	2. Explain how a mountain is formed	2. Map out volcanic activity across the world
	3. Locate and describe mountains across the world	3. Look for patterns in volcanic activity
Physical knowledge	4. Understand the impact of human activity on the mountain environment	4. Give causes for volcanoes
and concepts	5. Understand the effect of mountains on climate and the effect of climate on	5. Describe the human and physical consequences of volcanoes
u 0000p.00	mountains	6. Understand how an earthquake is caused
		7. Describe the human physical consequences of earthquakes
		8. Relate the climate zone to economic activity of a region
		9. Understand how climate change is affecting the world
	1. Compare and contrast a European tourist region with a UK tourist region	1. Collect and analyse statistics and other information in order to draw clear
	in terms of features, climate, economy, land use and types of settlement	conclusions about locations (using data from population, employment,
	2. Understand how the economies of regions vary	ethnicity, weather, trade imports/exports)
Place knowledge	3. Describe somewhere in relation to population, employment, climate, trade	2. Draw comparisons between places I have studied (in the UK, in Europe) and
	4. Understand the challenges of living in some regions	South America (e.g. features, climate, economy, land use and types of
		settlement)
		3. Ask: What may this place be like in the future? and give reasons for my
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	C. Name and locate countries and cities in Europe (including Russia)	C. Name and locate the countries of South America
	C. Name and locate the major cities of Europe (Berlin, Paris, London, Rome,	C. Name and locate the major cities of South America (Sao Paulo, Lima, Bogota,
La catta a las codo 1	Dublin, Brussels, Madrid, Amsterdam, Istanbul, Moscow, St. Petersburg)	Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Salvador)
Location knowledge	C. Name and locate key physical features in Europe (e.g. rivers and	C. Name surrounding oceans of South America
	mountains)	C. Locate countries in South America, making reference to the: equator, N/S
	C. Locate the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn	hemisphere, climate zones, Tropics of Cancer/Capricorn, Prime/Greenwich
		Meridian time zones, latitude and longitude.

	1. Use the eight points of a compass	Use six figure grid references
Chill Manusault and	2. Show an understanding of distance	2. Show a basic understanding of scale and projection
Skill - Mapwork and direction	3. Show a basic understanding of contour lines	3. Use longitude and latitude as locational guides
unection	4. Plot journeys on globes, maps, atlases or digital maps	4. Analyse and give views on the effectiveness of different geographical
	5. Create thematic maps	representations of a location
	1. Choose appropriate fieldwork techniques and decide how to present findings	1. Independently plan and carry out a geographical enquiry and present results and
Skill - Fieldwork	2. Create annotated field sketches	conclusions
	3. Evaluate the effectiveness of fieldwork	2. Use digital technology to collect and record data
		3. Collect and compare the same data at different sites