

Geography Medium Term Planning 2025/26

Year	Nursery	Subject	Geography		Academic Year 202	25/26	
Prior Knowledge		End Point	End Point			Key Vocabulary	
snails, cats, dogs, etc photographs of them Is curious and intere	people and nature (birds, bee c) and is interested in nselves with these. ested to explore new and famil e: grass, mud, puddles, plants,	as plants, animals, no • Mapping - Begins to ar Responds to some sp • Fieldwork -Explore things that are near	a talk about some of the the atural and found objects. To remember their way arou patial and positional languay Is how things look from dif For far away. Detailed features of object	house, school, farm shops Assessment Listen to what child see. Using new vocabula of the world, both people. Listen to how child understanding of the contrasting environ conversation and in incorporating their	Leicester, Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer, house, school, farm, city, beach, park, field, shops Assessment Listen to what children say about what they see. Using new vocabulary: name specific features of the world, both natural and made by		
	I wonder what is so special about me?	I wonder why we celebrate?	I wonder what changes in winter?	I wonder how plants grow?	I wonder who lives there?	I wonder why trees are green?	
	Sequence of Learning	Sequence of Learning	Sequence of Learning	Sequence of Learning	Sequence of Learning	Sequence of Learning	
1	Talk about where we live	Explore natural items found on an autumn walk	Explore natural items found on a winter walk	Look for signs of new life on a spring walk	Farm animals		
2	Explore the school grounds and discuss what we see	Sing songs related to autumn	Sing songs related to the winter weather		Zoo animals		
3		Begin to notice changes in the environment			Animals in hot countries		
4		Explore festivals from other countries					

General learning throughout the year

Creating different environments in small world play e.g. mountains, rivers, beaches, icebergs, cliffs, woodlands

Daily weather conversations linked to our weather chart

Looking at how the weather changes our environment - muddy slopes when it rains etc

Exploring different geographical stories from around the world e.g. we're going on a lion hunt



Year	Reception		Subject	Geography			Academic Yea	r 2025/26
Prior Knowledge			End Point				Key Vocabular	'y
Communication - Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. • Mapping - Begins to remember their way around familiar environments. Responds to some spatial and positional language. • Fieldwork -Explores how things look from different viewpoints including things that are near or far away. • Enquiry - Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. Communicat places), talk are familiar. • Mapping: k about the features of objects in their environment.			places), talk ab are familiar. · Mapping: known about the feat · Fieldwork: local places (familian · Enquiry: command about familian · Use of Technowideo/video/cli	on: talk about the features of different places (familiar/other about patterns and change in relation to places with which they ow about features of different places, recognise and talk atures in familiar/other places. ook closely at similarities and differences between different iar/other places), make simple comparisons. Inment and ask questions about familiar places/other places, miliar/other people. Innology: use technology and IT equipment (e.g. camera, iPad, clips, apps, visualisers or the internet) to make observations or tion about different locations and places.			Key Vocabulary Leicester, United Kingdom, Great Britain, World, country, town, city. London, capital, near, far Harvest, seasons, Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer, weather Farm, beach, countryside, moors Assessment Listen to what children say about what they see. Using new vocabulary: name specific features of the world, both natural and made by people. Listen to how children communicate their understanding of their own environment and contrasting environments through conversation and in play. Look for children incorporating their understanding of the seasons and weather in their play.	
	Sequence of Learning	Sequenc	e of Learning	Sequence of Learning	Sequence of Learning	Sequence	e of Learning	Sequence of Learning
1	Look at where we live, describe features we see on the way to school.	grounds	g school's and observing changes in the	Exploring schools' grounds and observing seasonal changes in the winter	Exploring schools' grounds and observing seasonal changes in the spring		-	
2	Discussing where we were born and where our extended family live using world maps/globes for support.	autumna	drawing	Explore compare/contrast our environment with polar regions.	Observe, question and draw spring plants/spring growth.			
3			hibernation ation, looking	Observe seasonal weather changes in the	Explore natural spring resources in Tuff Tray,			



	at contrasting	winter/spring (ice	asking questions and
	environments/animals	exploration)	making/drawing
	around the world in the		observations.
	autumn.		
4	Explore harvest time in		Look for signs of New
	the UK and farming at		Life in the school
	harvest time.		grounds
5	Explore festival		Discover, compare and
	origins/celebrations		contrast food
	across the world, using		produce/grown in
	a world map/globe.		different climates
			around the world.

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Year 1	Subject	Geography	Academic Year 2025/26
Prior Knowledge	End Point		Key Vocabulary
Communication: talk about the feature different places (familiar/other places about patterns and change in relation with which they are familiar. • Mappin about features of different places, retalk about the features in familiar/ot Fieldwork: look closely at similarities differences between different places (familiar/other places), make simple a Enquiry: comment and ask questions a places/other places, and about familia people. • Use of Technology: use techn equipment (e.g. camera, iPad, video/viapps, visualisers or the internet) to mobservations or find information about locations and places.	es), talk to places g: know ecognise and her places. and s: comparisons. bout familiar ar/other nology and IT deo clips, ake locality, 2. Describe basic get and s. 4. Ask and question 5. Describe when stu and cold 6. Observe	e some similarities and differences adying places and features e.g. hot places of the world. and describe daily weather	Leicester, England. Scotland. Wales. N. Ireland, United Kingdom, country, continent ocean, globe, atlas, season, weather, Autumn, Summer, Winter, Spring, hot, cold, North, South, East, West, human, physical, key, buildings, roads, fields Assessment Questions Refer to knowledge organiser on class page.



7.	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills
	when studying the geography of their school
	and its grounds.

- 8. Use a range of sources such as simple maps, globes, atlases and images.
- 9. Know that symbols mean something on maps.
- 10. Use maps and other images to talk about everyday life e.g. where they live, journeys to school etc.
- 11. Draw, speak or write about simple geographical concepts such as what they can see where.

	Sequence of Learning: Family Album	Sequence of Learning: Fire Fire	Sequence of Learning: Penguins, pigs and possums	Sequence of Learning: Growth and Green Fingers	Sequence of Learning: The Great Outdoors
1	To be able to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom. (ongoing)	To be able to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom. (ongoing)	To be able to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom. (ongoing)	To be able to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom. (ongoing)	To be able to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom. (ongoing)
2	To name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.	N/A	To name and locate the seven continents on a world map.	N/A	To recognise physical and human features of the school environment.
3	To identify and name a range of physical and human features using geographical vocabulary.	N/A	To name and locate the five oceans on a world map.	N/A	To recognise simple keys on a map eg buildings, roads, fields.
4	To recognise and talk about the characteristics of England and its surrounding seas.	N/A	To identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles on maps and globes.	N/A	To be able to draw a simple map of the school playground.
5	To recognise and talk about the characteristics of Wales and its surrounding seas.	N/A	To identify physical and human features of hot and cold places using geographical vocabulary.	N/A	To be able to use simple compass directions.



6	To recognise and talk about the	N/A	To recognise and talk about	N/A	
	characteristics of Scotland and its		how animals adapt to living in		
	surrounding seas.		hot and cold places.		
	To recognise and talk about the				
	characteristics of Northern Ireland				
	and its surrounding seas.				

Year 2	Subject	Geography	Academic Year 2025/26
Prior Knowledge in Year 1	End Point		Key Vocabulary
Name and locate some places in their locality, the UK and wider world.	and wider world.	gnificant places in their locality, the UK d features using simple geographical	Leicester, city, continent, oceans, human features, physical features, England, Scotland, Wales, N. Ireland, United Kingdom, Asia, Europe, Australasia, South America, North
Describe some places and features using basic geographical vocabulary.	vocabulary. • Make observations character.	about features that give places their	America, Antarctica, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Southern Ocean, North Pole, South Pole, capital city, country, globe, atlas, map, key,
Express their views on some features of their environment e.g. what they do or do not like.		nple geographical questions when rent places and environments.	hemisphere, equator, season, weather, symbols
-	 Describe similaritie 	es, differences and patterns e.g.	Assessment Questions
Ask and answer simple geographical questions. Describe some similarities and differences when studying places and features e.g. hot and cold places of the world. Observe and describe daily weather patterns. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills when studying the geography of their school and its grounds. Use a range of sources such as simple maps, globes, atlases and images.	comparing their live and environments. Identify seasonal at the Develop simple field studying the geographic environment. Use a range of sour aerial photos to identify follow routes. Use simple compassed directional language	es with those of children in other places and daily weather patterns. dwork and observational skills when aphy of their school and local rces such as maps, globes, atlases and entify features and places as well as to a directions as well as locational and when describing features and routes. It the environment and can recognise	Refer to knowledge organiser on class page.
Know that symbols mean something on maps. Use maps and other images to talk about everyday life e.g. where they live, journeys to school etc. Draw, speak or write about simple geographical concepts such as what they can see where.	how people sometin	nes affect the environment. Imple maps and symbols.	



	Sequence of Learning: The Place Where I Live	Sequence of Learning: Fighting Fit	Sequence of Learning: Explorers	Sequence of Learning: Farm Shop	Sequence of Learning: The Wind in the Willows
1	To study the geography of the school and its grounds.	N/A	To name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.	NA	To name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
2	To create a simple map.	N/A	To identify the human and physical features of Cuba.	N/A	To identify daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.
3	To use large scale maps and aerial photos of the school and local area.	N/A	To compare the human and physical features of Havana to Leicester.	N/A	To create a weather map.
4	To recognise landmarks and basic human features on aerial photos.	N/A	To observe whether Cuba is in the Northern or Southern hemisphere and discuss the area's weather and any seasonal patterns and differences.	N/A	To identify seasonal weather patterns in the United Kingdom.
5	To observe and describe simple geographical concepts such as what you can see where.	N/A	To explore the similarities and differences between (Havana) Cuba and UK.	N/A	To investigate how the weather affects human activity.
6		N/A	To find out about the lives of children in the contrasting area. Compare schools and play areas.	N/A	To measure temperature and spot patterns.
7		N/A	. ,	N/A	To measure wind direction (using simple compass directions).

Year	Year 3	Subject	Geography	Academic Year 2025/26	
Prior Knowledge in Year 2		End Point		Key Vocabulary	
Name and locate si	Name and locate significant places in their locality,		ge of places in	map, atlas, globe, OS map, sign, symbol, key, aerial view, country, city, UK	
the UK and wider world.		their locality, the UK and wider world.		Leicester, local area, rural, urban, England, Scotland, Wales, N. Ireland,	
				Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh, London, North/Irish/Celtic Seas, English	



Describe places and features using simple geographical vocabulary.

Make observations about features that give places their character.

Ask and answer simple geographical questions when investigating different places and environments.

Describe similarities, differences and patterns e.g. comparing their lives with those of children in other places and environments.

Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns.

Develop simple fieldwork and observational skills when studying the geography of their school and local environment.

Use a range of sources such as maps, globes, atlases and aerial photos to identify features and places as well as to follow routes.

Use simple compass directions as well as locational and directional language when describing features and routes.

Express views about the environment and can recognise how people sometimes affect the environment.

Create their own simple maps and symbols.

Use geographical language to describe some aspects of human and physical features and patterns.

Make observations about places and features that change over time.

Ask and answer more searching geographical questions when investigating different places and environments.

Identify similarities, differences and patterns when comparing places and features.

Observe, record, and name geographical features in their local environments.

Use a range of sources including digital maps, atlases, globes and satellite images to research and present geographical information.

Use the eight compass points and recognise some Ordnance Survey symbols on maps.

Express their opinions on environmental issues and recognise how people can affect the environment both positively and negatively.

Communicate geographical information through a range of methods including the use of ICT.

Channel, United Kingdom, human features, physical features, landmarks, continents, oceans, northern hemisphere, southern hemisphere, weather, temperature

Assessment Questions

Refer to knowledge organiser on class page.

Sequence of Learning : There's No place Like Home Sequence of Learning: Healthy Humans

Sequence of Learning: Rock and Roll

Sequence of Learning : The Tron Man

Sequence of Learning: What the Romans did for Us



1	To use a wider range of maps (including digital), atlases and globes to locate Leicester.	N/A	To describe what you find underground.	N/A	What can we learn about bees?
2	To name and locate cities of the United Kingdom including Leicester.	N/A	To explain how volcanoes are formed.	N/A	What are the key issues affecting bees?
3	To name and locate counties of the United Kingdom including Leicester.				How can our school environment help bees?
4	To recognise settlement patterns on maps of Leicester and begin to explain what they show.	N/A	To explain what causes earthquakes and how they are measured.	N/A	How can we plan and carry out effective ways to help conserve bees?
5	To describe and understand key aspects of physical geography and human geography, including: types of settlement and land use in our local area.	N/A	To locate and explore the Pacific Ring of Fire.	N/A	How can I record and evaluate the effectiveness of bee conservation in my school?
6	To recognise some standard OS symbols on a map of our local area.	N/A	To consider living on the Pacific Ring of Fire (the region surrounding Mt St Helens).	N/A	
7	To link features on maps to an aerial view of our school and surrounding area.	N/A	,	N/A	

Year	Year 4	Subject	Geography	Academic Year 2025/26
Prior Knowledge in Year 3		End Point		Key Vocabulary
	a wider range of places he UK and wider world.		ge of places in their locality, the UK me globally significant features.	Rubbish, waste, recycle, reused, deforestation, region, Europe, country, county, city, capital city, Paris Basin, environment, compass points, ordnance survey map, scales, 4 figure grid
Use geographical language to describe some aspects of human and physical features and patterns.		Use geographical language to identify and explain some aspects of human and physical features and patterns.		reference, differences/similarities, change/effect, change over time, compare/ contrast, atlas, map, globe, United Kingdom, Great Britain. physical features, human features, river, water cycle,



Make observations about places and features that change over time.

Ask and answer more searching geographical questions when investigating different places and environments.

Identify similarities, differences and patterns when comparing places and features.

Observe, record, and name geographical features in their local environments.

Use a range of sources including digital maps, atlases, globes and satellite images to research and present geographical information.

Use the eight compass points and recognise some Ordnance Survey symbols on maps.

Express their opinions on environmental issues and recognise how people can affect the environment both positively and negatively.

Communicate geographical information through a range of methods including the use of ICT.

Describe how features and places change and the links between people and environments.

Ask and respond to more searching geographical questions including 'how?' and 'why?'

Identify and describe similarities, differences and patterns when investigating different places, environments and people.

Observe, record, and explain physical and human features of the environment.

Use a range of sources including digital and Ordnance Survey maps, atlases, globes and satellite images to research geographical information.

Recognise Ordnance Survey symbols on maps and locate features using four-figure grid references.

Express their opinions on environmental issues and recognise that other people may think differently. Communicate geographical information through a range of methods including digital maps, plans, graphs and presentations.

Assessment Questions

Refer to knowledge organiser on class page.

	Sequence of Learning: Sparks Might Fly	Sequence of Learning: The Great Plague	Sequence of Learning: Hunted	Sequence of Learning: Water Water Everywhere	Sequence of Learning: Passport to Europe
1	N/A	Unit based on OS Mapping	N/A	To understand what a river is	To recap where in the world
				and how it is different from	Europe is and name some of
				other bodies of water.	its countries.



		To understand four figure gird references using OS Maps.			
2	N/A	To apply the use of digital mapping tools.	N/A	To name some key world rivers and know about their features.	To locate France, it's capital city – look at the landmarks and find out about the Paris Basin.
3	N/A	To plan a route using a physical map.	N/A	To understand how rivers are formed and change over time.	To find out about the key physical geographical features of the Paris Basin.
4	N/A	To incorporate digital tools in planning a route.	N/A	To understand how rivers affect humans and how humans affect rivers.	To find out about the key human geographical features of the Paris Basin.
5	N/A	To apply geographical skills in a practical task (litter pick).	N/A	To understand the water cycle.	To understand more about the River Seine.
6	N/A		N/A	To demonstrate my knowledge of the water cycle.	To understand about the climate of the Paris Basin.

Year	Year 5	Subject	Geography	Academic Year 2025/26	
Prior Knowledge in Year 4		End Point		Key Vocabulary	
Name and locate a wider range of		Name and locate an increasing range of places in the world including		region, Europe, country, county, city, capital city, Russia,	
	locality, the UK and	globally and topically significant features and events.		environment, compass points, ordnance survey map, scales, 6	
wider world in	cluding some globally			figure grid reference, differences/similarities, change/effect,	
significant fed	itures.	Use geographical language to identify and explain key aspects of human		change over time, compare/ contrast, atlas, map, globe,	
		and physical features and patterns as well as links and interactions		compass, United Kingdom, Great Britain. physical features,	
Use geographi	cal language to identify	between people, places and environments.		human features, latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern	
and explain so	me aspects of human			Hemisphere. Southern Hemisphere, aerial view,	
and physical fo	eatures and patterns.	Demonstrate understanding of how and why some features or places are		Assessment Question	
		similar or different and how and why they change.		Refer to knowledge organiser on class page.	
Describe how features and places					
change and the links between people		Ask and respond to questions that are more causal e.g. Why is that			
and environments.		happening in that place? Could it happen here?			



Ask and respond to more searching geographical questions including 'how?' and 'why?'

Identify and describe similarities, differences and patterns when investigating different places, environments and people.

Observe, record, and explain physical and human features of the environment.

Use a range of sources including digital and Ordnance Survey maps, atlases, globes and satellite images to research geographical information.

Recognise Ordnance Survey symbols on maps and locate features using four-figure grid references.

Express their opinions on environmental issues and recognise that other people may think differently. Communicate geographical information through a range of methods including digital maps, plans, graphs and presentations.

Recognise geographical issues affecting people in different places and environments.

Observe, measure, and record human and physical features using a range of methods e.g. sketch maps, plans, graphs, and digital technologies.

Use a range of maps and other sources of geographical information and select the most appropriate for a task.

Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between Ordnance Survey and other maps and when it is most appropriate to use each.

Express and explain their opinions on geographical and environmental issues and recognise why other people may think differently.

Choose from a range of methods e.g. digital maps, plans, graphs and presentations when communicating geographical information.

Sequence of Learning: Faster Higher, Stronger Sequence of Learning: Food, Glorious Food Sequence of Learning: Earthlings

Sequence of Learning: Inventors and Inventions Sequence of Learning: A
Kingdom United



1	N/A	To understand that the food we eat comes from many different places around the world.	What biomes and ecosystems are found in the UK?	N/A	To Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom. Children know, exactly, what is meant by the UK and GB.
2	N/A	To know how land in temperate climate zones is used to produce food.	What can I learn about ecosystems by studying the New Forest?	N/A	To understand six figure grid references using OS Maps and identify some human and physical features.
3	N/A	To know how land in tropical climate zones is used to produce food.	How can I study a local ecosystem?	N/A	To research one of the four countries and produce a fact file.
4	N/A	To describe the way in which land in tropical biomes is being changed to enable more food to be produced.	What data can I collect from my local woodland ecosystem?	N/A	To use (aerial photos or Google Earth) to visit each of the capital cities and identify key human features in each city.
5	N/A	To explore how food is produced in mediterranean climate zones.	How can I present the data collected from my local ecosystem?	N/A	To investigate the weather patterns across the UK including use of live data.
6	N/A	To explain how land is used to produce food in the United Kingdom.		N/A	To study the main rivers and mountains or islands of the four countries.
7		To understand and describe the trade links that enable food from			



	around the world to be sold		
	in the United Kingdom.		

Year 6	Subject Geography	Academic Year 2025/26
Prior Knowledge in Year 5	End Point	Key Vocabulary
Name and locate an increasing range of places	Name and locate an extensive range of places in	Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer, Terrestrial, Latitude, Longitude, Urban, region,
in the world including globally and topically	the world including globally and topically	Europe, Country, County, city, continent deforestation, North/ South hemisphere,
significant features and events.	significant features and events.	Time differences, biomes, climate zones, observe, measure /record, environmental,
Use geographical language to identify and	Recognise patterns in human and physical	region, Compass points: NW NE SE SW, Ordnance Survey map, scale, 4-8 figure grid
explain key aspects of human and physical	features and understand some of the	reference, differences/similarities, compare/ contrast, atlas, map, globe, United
features and patterns as well as links and	conditions, processes or changes which	Kingdom, Great Britain, physical and human features, change, effect, change over
interactions between people, places and	influence these patterns.	time.
environments.	Explain some links and interactions between	Assessment Questions
Demonstrate understanding of how and why	people, places and environments.	Refer to knowledge organiser on class page.
some features or places are similar or	Ask and respond to questions that are more	
different and how and why they change.	causal e.g. What happened in the past to cause	
Ask and respond to questions that are more	that? How is it likely to change in the future?	
causal e.g. Why is that happening in that	Make predictions and test simple hypotheses	
place? Could it happen here?	about people, places and geographical issues.	
Recognise geographical issues affecting	Use a range of numerical and quantitative skills	
people in different places and environments.	to analyse, interpret and present data collected	
Observe, measure, and record human and	from fieldwork observations, measurements and	
physical features using a range of methods	recordings.	
e.g. sketch maps, plans, graphs, and digital	Interpret a wider range of geographical	
technologies.	information and maps including scale,	
Use a range of maps and other sources of	projections, thematic, and digital maps.	
geographical information and select the most	Recognise an increasing range of Ordnance	
appropriate for a task.	Survey symbols on maps and locate features	
Demonstrate an understanding of the	using six-figure grid references.	
difference between Ordnance Survey and	Develop their views and attitudes to critically	
other maps and when it is most appropriate to	evaluate responses to local geographical issues	
use each.	or global issues and events.	
Express and explain their opinions on	Communicate geographical information using a	
geographical and environmental issues and	wide range of methods including writing at	
	increasing length.	



dif Cho maj	ognise why other people may think ferently. ose from a range of methods e.g. digital os, plans, graphs and presentations when nmunicating geographical information.				
	Sequence of Learning: Survival	Sequence of Learning: Britten's got talent	Sequence of Learning: Heroes and Villains	Sequence of Learning: Super Sleuth	Sequence of Learning: Oh I do like to be beside the seaside
1	To locate the continents, countries and oceans of the world.	N/A	N/A	N/A	What is plastic waste?
2	To explore weather patterns and extreme weather.	N/A	N/A	N/A	What can our school do to reduce plastic waste?
3	To locate Australia on a world map and identify its typical weather patterns.	N/A	N/A	N/A	How can we plan and carry out effective ways to reduce plastic waste in school?
4	To research the physical and human features of Australia.	N/A	N/A	N/A	How can we record and evaluate effective ways to reduce plastic waste in school?
5	To research the 2019-2020 wildfire season.	N/A	N/A	N/A	To use six figure gird references to locate features on a map.
6	To write a report detailing the events of the 2019-2020 wildfire season.	N/A	N/A	N/A	