

Our Geography Adventure



Progression of Geography Skills

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical	Teacher led	Children encouraged	Begin to ask/initiate	Ask and respond to	Begin to suggest	Suggest questions
skills	enquiries, to ask and	to ask simple	geographical	auestions and offer	auestions for	for investigating
	respond to simple	geographical	auestions.	their own ideas.	investigating	
	closed questions and	auestions; Where is				Use primary and
	open/extended	it? What's it like?	Use NF books,	Extend to satellite	Begin to use primary	secondary sources
	auestions.		stories, atlases,	images, aerial	and secondary	of evidence in their
		Use NF books,	pictures/photos and	photographs	sources of evidence	investigations.
	Use information	stories, maps,	internet as sources		in their	
	books/pictures as	pictures/photos and	of information.	Investigate places	investigations.	Investigate places
	sources of	internet as sources		and themes at more		with more emphasis
	information.	of information.	Investigate places	than one scale	Investigate places	on the larger scale;
			and themes at more		with more emphasis	contrasting and
	Investigate their	Make appropriate	than one scale	Collect and record	on the larger scale;	comparing distant
	surroundings	observations about		evidence with some	contrasting and	places
		why things happen.	Begin to collect and	aid	distant places	
	Make observations		record evidence			Collect and record
	about where things	Make simple		Analyse evidence	Collect and record	evidence unaided
	are e.g. within	comparisons between	Analyse evidence	and draw	evidence unaided	
	school or local area.	features of different	and begin to draw	conclusions e.g.		Analyse evidence
		places.	conclusions e.g.	make comparisons	Analyse evidence	and draw
			make comparisons	between locations	and draw	conclusions e.g.
			between two	photos/pictures/	conclusions e.g.	from field work data
			locations using	maps	compare historical	on land use
			photos/ pictures,		maps of varying	comparing land

			temperatures in different locations.		scales e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life	use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it
Direction/location	Follow directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards)	Follow directions (as yr 1 and inc'. NSEW) Begin to use	Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions: Use letter/no. co-	Use 4 compass points well: Begin to use 8 compass points;	Use 8 compass points; Begin to use 4 figure co-ordinates	Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately; Use 4 figure co-
		letter/no. co- ordinates to locate features on a map	ordinates to locate features on a map.	Use letter/no. co- ordinates to locate features on a map confidently.	to locate features on a map.	ordinates confidently to locate features on a map.
						Begin to use 6 figure grid refs; use latitude and longitude on atlas maps.
Drawing maps	Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories.	Draw a map of a real or imaginary place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch	Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct	Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct	Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data.	Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data.
		map from aerial photograph)	order; Try to make a simple scale drawing.	order; Make a simple scale drawing.		Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity.

Representation	Use own symbols on imaginary map.	Begin to understand the need for a key.	Know why a key is needed.	Know why a key is needed.	Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key;	Use/recognise OS map symbols;
		Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key.	Use standard symbols.	Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map.	Use/recognise OS map symbols.	Use atlas symbols.
Using maps	Use and follow a simple picture map. Recognise that it is	Follow a route on a map. Use a plan view.	Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe.	Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe)	Compare maps with aerial photographs. Select a map for a	Follow a short route on an OS map. Describe features shown on OS map.
	about a place.	Use an infant atlas to locate places.	map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering)	Follow a route on a large-scale map.	specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find local village.)	Locate places on a world map. Use atlases to find
					Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. find wettest part of the world)	out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns)
Scale & distance	Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike)	Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and	Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a country on different	Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a county on different	Measure straight line distance on a plan.	Use a scale to measure distances. Draw/use maps and
	,	larger scale map)	scale maps.)	scale maps.)	Find/recognise places on maps of	plans at a range of scales.

					different scales.	
Perspective	Draw around objects to make a plan. Look down on objects to make a	Look down on objects to make a plan view map.	Begin to draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint.	Draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint.	(E.g. river Nile.) Draw a plan view map with some accuracy.	Draw a plan view map accurately.
Map knowledge	plan view map. Learn names of some places within/around the UK. E.g. Home, town, cities, countries e.g. Wales, France.	Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, home location, seas.	Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C	Begin to identify significant places and environments	Identify significant places and environments	Confidently identify significant places and environments
Style of map	Picture maps and globes	Find land/sea on globe. Begin to use map sites on internet (Google Earth).	Use large-scale OS maps. Begin to use map sites on internet. Begin to use junior	Use large and medium scale OS maps. Use junior atlases. Use map sites on	Use index and contents page within atlases.	Use medium scale land ranger OS maps. Confidently use an atlas.
		Use large-scale OS maps. Use an infant atlas	atlases. Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs.	internet. Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs.		Recognise world map as a flattened globe.