Geography Skills Progression



Key Stage Cycle A	Place knowledge	Locational	Locational knowledge		man geography	Geographical skills and
		Space	Scale	Physical and human processes	Cultural awareness and diversity	fieldwork
Our Local Park What is at our local park? How do people get there?	I can understand that places can have meaning to people.	I can identify some key human and physical features of my local area.	I can understand how my local park fits within my local area.	I can understand human processes in my local area, including settlements and varied land use. I can identify human and physical geographical features in my local area.	I can understand that places can have meaning to people.	I can use simple fieldwork and observational skills to answer geographical questions. I can use directional language to describe a route. I can name and use cardinal directions. I can devise a simple, messy map. I can collect and record simple data. I can present simple data in a chart.

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My Local Area and	I can understand	I can understand	I understand that	I can understand	I can understand	I can use atlases
Tulum, Mexico	that places can	that the world has	England, Scotland,	that the poles and	the similarities and	and globes to
What are the similarities and	have meaning	seven continents	Wales and	equator impact the		discover the
differences between my town and	to people.	and five oceans.	Northern Ireland	climate on Earth.	between my	continents and
Tulum, Mexico?			are countries		country and other	oceans of the
		I can understand	within the UK,	I can identify and	countries.	world.
		that the UK is split	each with a capital	compare some key		
		into countries and	city.	human and physical		I can use compass
		surrounding seas.		features of my		directions and
			I understand that	local area to a		locational and
			Mexico is a	contrasting locality		directional
			North American	using key		language
			country.	vocabulary.		to describe the
						location of
						features on a map.
						I can use aerial
						photographs and
						plan perspectives
						to recognise
						landmarks and
						devise simple
						maps.
						I can use a key.
						I can use simple
						fieldwork and
						observational skills
						to study the
						school's
						geography.

Key Stage I Cycle B	Place knowledge	Locational	knowledge	Physical and hu	man geography	Geographical skills and
		Space	Scale	Physical and	Cultural	fieldwork
				human	awareness and	
				processes	diversity	
The world and my school Where in the world do I live?	I can understand that places can have meaning to people.	I can understand that the world has seven continents. I can understand that the UK is split into countries and surrounding seas.	I can understand how my local area fits within the United Kingdom. I can understand how my classroom fits within the school. I can understand how my school fits on the street.	I can identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. I can identify how the weather varies around the world. I can identify human and physical features.	I can understand that places can have meaning to people.	
Our School Grounds Do our school grounds support plant life?	I can understand that places can have meaning to people.	I can identify some key human and physical features of my local area.	I can understand how my local park fits within my local area.	I can understand human processes in my local area, including settlements and varied land use. I can identify human and physical geographical features in my local area.	I can understand that places can have meaning to people.	I can use simple fieldwork and observational skills to answer geographical questions. I can use directional language to describe a route. I can name and use cardinal directions.

			I can devise a simple, messy map. I can collect and record simple data. I can present simple data in a chart.
Investigating weather and climate How can we record and measure weather phenomena?		I can understand the differences between weather and climate. I can understand that the poles and equator impact the climate on the Earth.	I can carry out a geographical enquiry using simple fieldwork and observational skills. I can collect weather data using the equipment.
		I can identify hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the poles and the equator.	I can record weather data. I can present my data. I can analyse data.

LKS2 Cycle A	Place knowledge	Locational	knowledge	Physical and h	uman geography	Geographical skills and
		Space	Scale	Physical and human processes	Cultural awareness and diversity	fieldwork
Land use, economic activity and travel What facilities are in my local area, and how do people travel there?	I can understand that people can choose to use land in different ways depending on the physical geography of the landscape, and I can give some examples.	I can understand that the UK is split into countries and regions. I can understand that regions are split into counties. I understand that settlements are split into smaller areas of land use, e.g. agricultural, residential, industrial, recreational and commercial.	I understand that hamlets, villages, towns and cities are settlements of different sizes.	I understand human processes in the UK, including settlements and land use.	I understand that UK settlements rely on different areas of land use to thrive.	I can plan a geographical enquiry using fieldwork and observational skills. I can use digital mapping to collect data. I can record data using tables and questionnaires. I can present collected data using bars and charts. I can analyse data and explain what I have learnt.
The United Kingdom What are the key geographical features of the UK, and my region?	I can understand that places can have meaning to people. I can understand that people can choose to use land differently, and I can give some examples.	I can understand that the UK is split into countries and regions. I can understand that regions are split into counties.	I understand that England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are countries in the UK. I can understand how my region is an area within	I can understand that land has height. I can identify mountains, hills and rivers on maps. I understand human processes	I can understand that England is made up of different regions and counties. People living in these regions and counties may have	I can use compass points, four-figure grid references, symbols, and keys. I can devise a sketch map of my local area.

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	I understand that		in the UK,	different senses of	I can identify
	counties contain	I can differentiate	including	identity based on	physical features
	settlements.	between	settlements and	where they live.	on a map.
		settlements of	land use.	,	
		various sizes,	I understand that		I can locate
		including cities,	land use patterns		settlements on a
		towns, villages, and	change over time.		map.
		hamlets.			
					I can use maps and
					atlases to discover
					the United
					Kingdom.

LKS2 Cycle B	Place knowledge	Locational	knowledge	Physical and hu	ıman geography	Geographical skills and
		Space	Scale	Physical and human processes	Cultural awareness and diversity	fieldwork
Locality Unit How can I use map skills to learn about Whitby?	I understand that places can have meaning to people and make some suggestions or examples. I understand that people can choose to use land in different ways, depending on the land's physical geography.	I can identify the location of my settlement and region in England and the key human and physical features. I can understand and describe human geography, including types of settlement and land use.	I can understand how my region is an area within England with different-sized settlements. I can understand that my local settlement is within a region of England, which is a country within the continent of Europe.	I can understand and describe human geography. I understand human processes in my local settlement, including land use, types of settlements and economic activity.		I can use atlases, maps and globes to locate places and describe geographical features studied. I can use digital maps (Digimap for Schools) to observe, record and present the human and physical features in my local settlement using a sketch map. I can use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and key, to build my knowledge of my local settlement.

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I understand that places can have meaning to people and make some suggestions or examples.

I understand that people can choose to use land in different ways, depending on the land's physical geography.

I can understand the similarities and differences between my region and Campania and give some examples. I can identify the continents of the world.

I can use maps to identify some of the countries of Europe and their capital cities.

I can identify some key physical features and settlements in Campania.

I can identify the location of my region in England and the key human and physical features.

I can identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, the northern and southern hemispheres, the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the Arctic and Antarctic circles and the Prime/Greenwich Meridian.

I can understand how my region is an area within England with different-sized settlements.

I can understand that Campania is a region within Italy, with settlements of different sizes.

I can understand that England and Italy are countries within the continent of Europe. I can understand that physical processes are the natural forces that change Earth's physical features. I understand how tectonic movement has shaped the Earth's surface.

I understand how earthquakes and volcanoes happen and can identify some key events in Campania, Italy.

I understand human processes in my region and Campania, including settlements and economic activity. I can understand the diversity of human heritage by identifying and locating cultural features such as landmarks, historical sites and cultural centres. I can use atlases, maps and globes to locate places and describe features studied.

Year 5	Place knowledge	Locational	knowledge	Physical and hu	ıman geography	Geographical skills and	
		Space	Scale	Physical and human processes	Cultural awareness and diversity	fieldwork	
The United States What are the similarities and differences between my region and the Western United States?	I understand that people can choose to use land in different ways and that this can depend on the land's physical geography and climate, and I can give some examples.	I can identify the location of my region in England and the key human and physical features. I can identify some of the countries of North America and their capital cities. I can identify some key settlements in the Western USA.	I can understand how my region is an area within England, and there are counties, towns and cities within my region. I can understand that England is a country within the continent of Europe. I can understand that the USA is a country within the North American continent. I can understand that Western USA is a region within the USA. I understand that there are states, cities, and towns within the West Region of the USA.	I can understand that physical processes are the natural forces that change Earth's physical features, e.g. the water cycle. I can understand and explain rivers and mountains and how they are formed and identify some key examples in the Western USA.	I can understand the diversity of human heritage by identifying and locating cultural features such as landmarks, historical sites and cultural centres.	I can use atlases, maps and globes to locate places and describe features studied.	

			I can make comparisons between my country and the USA in terms of the size of the land and the population.		
Rivers What are the features of my local river?	I can understand that physical features are significant within the local area in which they are located.	I can identify the names and locations of the five longest rivers in England. I can identify the location of a river in my region. I can identify the location of the River Trent.		I can identify key features of the River Trent basin, including the source and the mouth. I can understand what rivers are and how they are formed. I can name and explain the different features of rivers.	I can plan a geographical enquiry using fieldwork and observational skills. I can record data in a variety of ways. I can present my data using charts and graphs. I can analyse data and explain what I have learnt.
Biomes and ecosystem What trees, plants and animals are in our local ecosystem?	I can understand that physical features are significant within the local area in which they are located.	I can name biomes and vegetation belts that are found across the world. I can name the biomes and	I can understand that you can find different ecosystems, vegetation belts and biomes within countries.	I can understand how the climate impacts the landscape through biomes and vegetation belts. I can understand what animals,	I can plan a geographical enquiry using fieldwork and observational skills. I can collect data using a range of equipment.

ecosystems found in the UK. I can identify the location of the New Forest.	plants and habitats can be found in a woodland ecosystem in the UK.	I can record data in a variety of ways. I can present my data using charts and graphs. I can analyse data and explain what I have learnt.
		I can use compass points and six-figures and references to build my knowledge of the world.

Year 6	Place knowledge	Locational k	nowledge		Physical and hu	ıman geography	
		Space	Scale	Physical and human processes	Interdependence	Environmental impact	Sustainable development
UK Depth Study What is the economic activity of the UK and how sustainable is it?	I understand that people in a particular region can have a strong identity linked to the landscape and heritage of their region.	I can identify the location of my region within England. I can use clues to identify my region's key human and physical geographical features and landmarks.	I can understand how my region is an area within England, and there are counties, towns and cities within my region. I can understand how England is one country within the continent of Europe and the links it has with other countries in Europe.	I can understand human processes in the United Kingdom, including agriculture, waste management, automation, energy generation, water use and the global market. I can explain how economic activity in the United Kingdom has changed over time.	I can understand how the United Kingdom and other countries depend on each other via the trade of resources and products. I can understand that events in other places can impact the UK.	I can outline the environmental impact caused by different economic activities in the UK.	I can use facts and evidence to judge the sustainability of economic activity in the UK.

	Place knowledge	Physical and human geography				Geographical skills and fieldwork
		Physical and human processes	Interdependence	Environmental impact	Sustainable development	
Sustainability How can our school reduce its plastic waste?	I can understand that the impact on the environment in an area has an impact on the people who live there and their feelings about their local area.	I can understand that human actions can disrupt the natural physical processes on Earth.	I can understand that what happens in the United Kingdom can impact other places. I can understand that events in other places can impact the UK. I can understand that the actions of individuals can have a large-scale impact.	I can explain the impact that plastic waste has on the environment.	I can make suggestions on how the school can reduce the impact it is having on the environment.	I can plan a geographical enquiry using fieldwork and observational skills. I can collect data using a range of equipment. I can record data in a variety of ways. I can present my data using charts and graphs. I can analyse data and explain what I have learnt.