



Progression of skills in Geography

	Places	Concepts and patterns	Skills and enquiry
EYFS	JW currently reviewing EYFS curriculum. To be added.	JW currently reviewing EYFS curriculum. To be added.	JW currently reviewing EYFS curriculum. To be added.
Year 1	 Describe places using locational and directional vocabulary eg. left, right, near, far. Draw picture maps of imaginary places or observed areas eg. the school grounds Draw observed features on a map Use cubes to work out the relationship of places on a map Draw around objects to make a plan Use picture maps and globes Use a plan perspective to explore the school building 	To begin to make predictions about simple concepts To make suggestions for simple patterns using known facts eg. weather patterns in winter	 Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple geographical questions. Use information books/pictures and simple maps and plan perspectives as sources of information. Investigate their immediate surroundings and make observations
Year 2	 Follow directions NESW Draw a map of a real place (eg. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph) Begin to understand the need for a key Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key Follow a route on a map Use an infant atlas to locate places and begin to spatially match places Make a simple plan view map 	Make simple comparisons between features of different places To identify a wide range of physical and human features using basic geographical vocabulary	 Children encouraged to ask and respond to simple geographical questions; Where is it? What's it like? Use NF books, maps, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information. Investigate their wider surroundings and make appropriate observations about why things happen (eg. two sites in the local area)
Year 3	 Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order 	To begin to describe and understand key aspects of physical and human geography	 Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions. Use NF books, atlases, pictures/photos and the internet as sources of information.

	 Try to make a simple scale drawing Know why a key is needed. Begin to use standard Ordnance Survey symbols. Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of the world. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering) Begin to draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint. Begin to use large scale OS maps, sites on internet and junior atlases. Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs 	To begin to recognise simple geographical ideas, processes and patterns	Begin to collect and record evidence Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between multiple locations using photos/pictures and temperatures in different locations.
Year 4	 Use 4 compass points well Begin to use 8 compass points Begin to use 4 figure grid references to locate points on a map Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order; Make a simple scale drawing Know why a key is needed. Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map and use them on their own maps Locate places and features on large scale maps (eg. mountains using contour lines) Follow a route on a large scale map. Draw a sketch map from a high view point Use large and medium scale OS maps, sites on internet and junior atlases. Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs 	 To describe and understand aspects of physical and human geography in more detail To begin to identify different views of people including themselves and support with real data collection To recognise simple geographical ideas, processes and patterns 	 Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas. Extend to satellite images, aerial photographs Investigate places and themes at more than one scale Collect and record evidence Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations photos/pictures/ maps
Year 5	Use 8 compass points To confidently use 4 figure grid references to locate features on a map	To begin to analyse evidence and draw conclusions.	 Begin to suggest questions for investigating Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.

	 To begin to use 6 figure grid references to locate features on a map Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key Use/recognise OS map symbols Compare maps with aerial photographs Select a map for a specific purpose Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places. (eg. find wettest part of the world) Draw a plan view map with some accuracy Use index and contents page within atlases. 	 To identify and explain different views of people including themselves and support with real data collection To identify and describe simple geographical ideas, processes and patterns 	 Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence unaided Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life
Year 6	Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately Use 4 figure grid references confidently to locate features on a map To use 6 figure grid references to locate features on a map Use latitude and longitude on atlas maps Identify time zones on a world map Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity Use/recognise OS map symbols Use atlas symbols Follow a short route on an OS map Describe features shown on OS map Use atlases to find out about other features of places (eg. mountain regions, weather patterns) Draw a plan view map accurately Use OS maps Confidently use an atlas	 To analyse evidence and draw conclusions. To identify and explain different views of people including themselves in detail and support with real data collection To identify and describe in more detail geographical concepts, processes and patterns 	 Suggest questions for investigating Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence unaided Analyse evidence and draw conclusions eg. from field work data on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it