PROGRESSION OF DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE - Geography

Geographical Enquiry Developing an understanding of how geographers investigate the world around us							
FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Respond to simple closed questions – teacher led Explore the natural world around them Use a simple map – teacher led	Ask and respond to simple closed questions – teacher led	Independently ask simple geographical questions. Eg.Where is? With support, respond to simple geographical questions.	Begin to ask geographical questions, appropriate to topic Begin to respond to geographical questions.	Ask and, with some support, respond to own geographical questions appropriate to topic	Suggest and respond to geographical questions, appropriate to topic	Suggest and respond to geographical questions appropriate to topic for investigation.	
- teacher lea	Use pictures and a simple map to gain information – teacher directed	Use non-fiction books, pictures and maps to gain information	Use non-fiction books, pictures and atlases to gain information	Select appropriate non-fiction books, pictures, photographs, atlases to gain information from	Select appropriate non-fiction books, pictures, photographs, atlases, internet sources to gain information from	Use a range of resources to gain information relating to topic and investigation.	
Describe their immediate environment	Record findings as part of a group	Begin to record findings independently, using teacher-led methodology	Collect and record findings independently, using teacher-led methodology	Collect findings independently and record using teacher-led methodology	Begin to collect and record evidence independently, using a chosen methodology.	Collect and record findings, using an appropriate methodology.	

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Organisation and Communication								
Methods of presentation that we access or create in order to investigate or record geographical information								
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Talk about their ideas and observations with adult support.	With adult support, present findings using sentences or pictures	Present findings using sentences, maps or pictures	Begin to use different methods to present findings. Eg. Written, maps, diagrams	With adult support, present findings. Eg. Graphs, tables, maps, written, diagrams	Present findings using a range of different methods, suggested by an adult. Eg. Graphs, tables, maps, written, diagrams	Independently present findings using a range of different methods. Eg. Graphs, tables, written, maps, diagrams		
			With adult support, analyse evidence	With adult support, analyse evidence and draw conclusions.	Analyse evidence and draw conclusions. With adult support, use resources to support conclusions	Analyse evidence and draw conclusions, thinking about reasons behind it.		
Adult led talk about differences and similarities they have experienced or seen in photos/pictures	Use photographs or pictures to observe how places are similar or different.	Draw pictures to show how places are similar or different	With adult support, describe the similarities and differences between locations.	Describe similarities and differences between locations, using different sources. Eg. Comparing old/new photographs, comparing features of locations	Make comparisons over a period of time. Eg. Comparing using old/ new maps or old/new photographs.	Use a range of resources to support conclusions Make comparisons over a period of time, considering reasons for the differences.		

Mapping Investigating features of maps and understanding how to present our world as a map							
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Describe position, directions using prepositional phrases	Follow directions (up/down, left/right, near/far, forwards/backwards) (Y1 Maths link) Use age appropriate directional language to find and familiarise themselves with simple features on a map. Use own symbols to draw an imaginary map	Follow directions (as year 1), plus, use compass points: NSEW Use above vocabulary to describe locations and routes on a map Create a simple map of a room, using blocks/ simple drawings Use own symbols to draw an imaginary map/ map of a familiar place an also come through	Use 4 compass points to follow/ give directions. With support, make a map of an area studied. Begin to understand the need for a key. orienteering lessons in P	With support, use the 8 points of a compass to follow and describe directions Begin to use and recognise OS map symbols With support, draw a map of an area studied, including OS map symbols and key Understand the need for a scale on a map	Use the 8 points of a compass to follow and describe directions Use and recognise OS map symbols Draw a map of an area studied, including OS map symbols and key Begin to draw a range of thematic maps with a key With support, read and interpret a scale on a map	Confidently use the 8 points of a compass to follow and describe directions Confidently use and recognise OS map symbols. Draw a map of an area studied using OS symbols, contour lines and a key Draw a range of thematic maps with a key Read and interpret a scale on a map	

Using maps Examining a range of maps to investigate the world around us							
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With support, draw information from a simple map (e.g following Supertato's journey around the supermarket).	With support, use simple maps, infant atlas and globe to identify places/landmarks studied With support, use online images to show	With support, use simple maps and independently use an infant atlas and globe to identify places/landmarks Use online images to show locations of areas	Use simple maps, junior atlas and globe to identify places/ landmarks With support identify features and landmarks studied using Google	Use letter/ number co- ordinates to locate key features and places on a map (Y4 Maths link) Begin to identify features using aerial pictures, including	Begin to use the four figure grid references to locate features on a map. Independently identify features using aerial pictures, including	Use the four and six figure grid references to locate features on a map. Independently use Google Earth/ maps to locate places.	
With support use a first atlas and basic globe	locations of areas studied. Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, longer/shorter)	studied. Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and larger scale map	Earth. Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.) Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe.	Google Earth/ maps. Independently, use maps and atlases to identify and locate places/ landmarks Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a county on different scale maps.)	Google Earth/ maps, select a map for a specific purpose. Find/recognise places on maps of different scales. (E.g. river Nile.)	Independently identify locations from local to global scale, selecting the most appropriate map for the purpose Compare places on aerial photographs and Google Earth Use a scale to measure distances	
Move an object/toy around a table top/floor map	With support, use simple maps to move around school	Follow a route on a simple map. (walking to library).	Follow a route on a map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering	Follow a route on a large scale map	Follow a short route on an OS map.	Follow a route on a variety of maps	