

Geography Non-Negotiable Key Skills, Knowledge and Vocabulary

National Curriculum

Locational knowledge:

- locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities
- name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time
- identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)

Place knowledge:

- understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America

Human and physical geography:

Describe and understand key aspects of:

- physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
- human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical skills and fieldwork:

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world
- use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies

Key Concepts

Geographical skills and fieldwork: The use of observations, practical resources, data collection and other methods such as drawings, maps and plans to gain information about a specific location.

Human and physical geography: The understanding of the physical features of the planet. An understanding of how humans use the planet and its geographical resources to meet their needs.



Locational knowledge: The study of the structure of the earth (continents, countries, regions, climate zones) and how we find our way around the world and the study of physical features of different locations and how this gives places specific human and physical characteristics

Place knowledge: The study of similarities and differences of places due to their global position

Key	Key Skills	Subject Knowledge	Key Vocabulary
Vocabulary			
Year 3	Urban Pioneers Local Geography - Describe a place and what happens there using geographical vocabulary - Identify Ordnance Survey map symbols - To be able to use an atlas (contents and indexes) to locate capital cities	Urban Pioneers Local Geography	Urban Pioneers Local Geography Industry, landscape, amenities, agriculture, commercial centre, continent, contour, city, symbol, road, height, City, Europe, continent, map, atlas, OS Symbols (footpath, roadway, dual carriageway, pub, post office, bridal way, contour lines, rivers, single
	- W. J J.	names of European capital cities	track, multiple track, station)
	Tribal Tales Danebury Hill Fort	Tribal Tales Danebury Hill Fort	Tribal Tales Danebury Hill Fort
	 Describe parts of a river using the correct geographical vocabulary Explain how the physical processes of erosion, transportation and deposition affect the environment Describe the physical features of a locality 	 To know the different names of parts of a river Know how physical features have formed To know the terminology of erosion and deposition processes 	Bank, bed, river, flow, current, sediment, upper course, lower course, mouth, source, waterfall, rapids, plunge pool, erosion, oxbow lake, erosion, deposition and transportation
	Tremors	Tremors	Tremors
	Volcanoes and Earthquakes - Explain how volcanoes and earthquakes are created using geographical vocabulary - To sequence the stages of a volcanic eruption/earthquake - Identify changes that occur to a locality after a volcanic eruption or earthquake - Use an atlas/other sources (internet, globe) to locate world famous volcanoes - Be able to use an atlas/other sources (internet, maps) to locate European countries	Volcanoes and Earthquakes - Cause (tectonic plate movement), effects and impacts of earthquakes and volcanoes (ground movement, cracks, physical destruction, lava flows, tsunamis) - Know that earthquakes and volcanoes are located on or near plate boundaries - Understand how to use contents and index of an atlas to locate specific information	Volcanoes and Earthquakes Volcano, eruption, lava, epicentre, focus, richter scale, magma, friction, tectonic plates, plate boundary, earthquake, ash, pressure, cone, vent, magma chamber



Food for Thought Food miles

- To be able to use an atlas (contents and indexes) to locate European seas and countries

Predators

Bird's eye view

- Describe a place and what happens there using geographical vocabulary
- Identify Ordnance Survey map symbols

Gods and Mortals Rivers

- Describe parts of a river using the correct geographical vocabulary
- Explain how the physical processes of erosion, transportation and deposition affect the environment

Food for Thought Food miles

- Understand how to use contents and index of an atlas to locate specific information
- Understand where Europe is and know the names of European capital cities

Predators

Bird's eye view

- To know geographical language that can be used to describe a place
- Understand and recognise OS symbols and understand what an ordnance survey map is

Gods and Mortals

Rivers

- To know the different names of parts of a river
- Know how physical features have formed
- To know the terminology of erosion and deposition processes

Food for Thought Food miles

City, Europe, continent, map, atlas, index, contents, coastline, sea, ocean, Mediterranean, North seas, Baltic sea

Predators

Bird's eye view

Industry, landscape, amenities, agriculture, commercial centre, continent, contour, city, symbol, road, height,

City, Europe, continent, map, atlas, OS Symbols

Gods and Mortals

Rivers

Bank, bed, river, flow, current, sediment, upper course, lower course, mouth, source, waterfall, rapids, plunge pool, erosion, oxbow lake, erosion, deposition and transportation

Year 4 Road Trip USA United States

- Locate the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn using an Atlas
- To compare and contrast how areas of the world have capitalised on their physical or human features

Road Trip USA United States

- Understand where the tropic of cancer and Capricorn are and know their significance
- Understand the difference between a physical and human feature in order to compare and

Road Trip USA United States

Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn and the equator, North America, South America, states, landscape, tourism, Sierra Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Appalachians, Andes Mountains, Mountain peak, mountain range



To use an atlas or other source to locate and name mountain regions of North and South America

Potions

Environmental issues

- Use research to explain and give examples of how people manage their environment in order to improve it and keep it safe
- Use research to identify and explain why people may live in a village rather than a city or vice versa (using a case study – possible fieldwork)
- Offer reasons for own views and recognise that other people may hold different views

Potions

means

Environmental issues

 Understand what an environment is and understand it doesn't just refer to the outside environment, environment is all around us wherever we are

contrast, to understand what capitalised

North and South America

To know the name of the mountain regions of

- Understand the term 'sustainable' and 'sustainable development' (development of a place without depleting natural resources and other finite resources)
- Understand ways in which an environment can be improved through things such as recycling, reducing car use, switching lights off
- Differentiate the general differences between villages and cities, know the reasons why people might want to live in a city (public transport, amenities, career opportunities, culture) or a village (quiet, peaceful, tranquil, better quality of air and quality of life, pace of life)

Traders and Raiders United Kingdom

- Use different resources (atlas or internet) to identify the difference between the British Isles, Great Britain and the UK
- Use an atlas to find and name up to six cities in the UK and locate them on a map, to locate main islands surrounding the UK, find and name UK counties and find and name the main cities and towns of local counties

Potions

Environmental issues

Global warming, environment, sustainability, sustainable development, natural resources, depletion, fossil fuels, finite resources, renewable energy, re-use, reduce, recycle, village, city, city centre, cathedral, city districts, suburbs, amenities, air quality, pollution

Traders and Raiders United Kingdom

- Know the difference between the UK, British Isles and Great Britain
- Know what a capital city is and what the symbol for a capital city is in an Atlas
- To know what a county is and know local counties bordering Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire
- To know what the main islands surrounding the UK are

Traders and Raiders United Kingdom

City, town, capital city, county, Great Britain, UK, British Isles, border, island



- To use an atlas and the internet to research and plan a journey to a place in the UK
- To give accurate measurements of distance between two given places

Misty Mountain Sierra Rivers, water cycle, planning and expedition

 To explain (using different resources) how a locality has changed over time with reference to physical features

Burps, Bottoms and Bile Cities and villages

- To use different sources to research features of cities and villages
- To use an atlas and the internet to research and plan a journey to a place in the UK
- To give accurate measurements of distance between two given places
- Use case studies and evidence to explain why people are attracted to living in cities
- Use case studies and evidence to explain why people may choose to live in a village rather than a city

- To understand what a town is
- Mathematical understanding of different map scales and conversion
- Know how to read different scales

Misty Mountain Sierra

Rivers, water cycle, planning and expedition

- To know the names of the different parts of a river and how a river is formed
- To know the uses of a river and how their use has changed over time
- To understand why towns maybe built around rivers
- To compare maps of different periods of time and identify changes that have occurred
- To know how to read different types of map
- Know what a physical feature is and how to identify these
- Know the names of the different parts of the water cycle and their function

Burps, Bottoms and Bile Cities and villages

- Differentiate the general differences between villages and cities, know the reasons why people might want to live in a city (public transport, amenities, career opportunities, culture) or a village (quiet, peaceful, tranquil, better quality of air and quality of life, pace of life)

Misty Mountain Sierra

Rivers, water cycle, planning and expedition

Source, mouth, tributary, sediment, erosion, path, physical feature, condensation, evaporation, precipitation, transpiration, water cycle, water pollution, ground water, surface water, flood plain, transport.

Burps, Bottoms and Bile Cities and villages

village, city, city centre, cathedral, city districts, suburbs, amenities, air quality, pollution



Blue Abyss

Ocean environment

- -To be able to use different resources to identify some of the ways in which humans can have a negative impact on ocean environments
- -To use research to identify and recognise how people are trying to counter negative impacts on oceans.
- -To be able to use an atlas to accurately locate the mountain regions of North and South America

Blue Abyss

Ocean environment

- -To know how humans are having a negative impact on oceans worldwide and to be able to identify what these negative impacts are- for example, plastic, oil pollution, oil spills
- -To know how these effects are being managed
- -To know why it is so important to protect ocean environments
- -To know what mountain regions are
- To know the names of different mountain regions using an atlas to identify Rocky mountains, sierra Nevada, Cascade range, Alaska range, blue ridge mountains, Canadian rockies

Blue Abyss

Ocean environment

Plastic, pollution, damage, negative, impact, protection, oil, ocean clean-up, management, Rocky mountains, sierra Nevada, cascade range, Alaska range, Blue Ridge mountains, Canadian rockies, Andes mountains, coastal management.

Year 5 Scream Machine

Theme park location

- -To be able to use appropriate vocabulary to communicate findings
- -To know what resources to use to investigate the location of different theme parks
- To be able to use economic and geographical knowledge to be able to explain how a location fits into its wider location.
- To recognise how physical and human characteristics can affect the lives and activities of people living there
- -To be able to use an atlas to name and locate counties and cities in the UK
- -To be able to use different types of maps to identify key topographical features and land use patterns

Scream Machine

Theme park locations

- -To know how to explain why a location has been chosen for a theme park, linking to road links, location within the country, accessibility, amount of people who can go to the park, amount of land available for the park to be built on etc.
- -To know where to find suitable information, for instance a theme park's website, tourism websites, historical websites about a company or theme park etc.
- -To know why businesses are located in particular areas and to understand how many people they employ and what kinds of jobs people do within a particular area.
- -To know what topography is and be able to explain how topography can impact how useful a piece of land might be.

Scream Machine

Theme park locations

Locality, workforce, economic features, physical features, transport links, population, accessibility, land use, website, visitors, tourists, jobs, skilled workers, employment type, topography, land use, height, contour lines, county, city, region.



Alchemy Island

Map of Alchemy Island (Cornerstones resource)

- -To be able to use technical geographical language to communicate findings
- -To know how to can use the 8 points of the compass, 4 and 6 grid references, symbols and keys

Allotment

Global spread of Black Death

Human/physical factors influencing spread

I can explain how a location fits into its wider geographical location with reference to human and economical features

I can locate the USA and Canada on a world map and atlas

I can locate and name the main countries in South America on a world map and atlas

I can identify key topographical features and land use patterns

I can begin to recognise the climate for a given country according to its location on the map
I can understand geographical similarities and

differences through the study of human and physical

-To know how to use maps and different resources to identify land use patterns. For example: farming, industrial, parkland

- -To know where to find out the population of a different area in order to discover why that location might be chosen for access to skilled workers etc.
- -To know the difference between a county and a city and be able to identify different counties within the UK linking to physical location of the counties.
- Know the difference between counties and regions eg Derbyshire is the county, East Midlands is the region.

Alchemy Island

Map of Alchemy Island (Cornerstones resource)

- -To know the name of the different parts of the compass and to know how to identify the 8 different parts of the compass
- -To know how to read maps using 4 figure and 6 figure grid references

Allotment

Global spread of Black Death Human/physical factors influencing spread

Peasants, Princes and Pestilence Local allotments Comparison of farming regions. Climate and land use patterns

Off with her head Comparison of Tudor and modern maps **Alchemy Island**

Map of Alchemy Island (Cornerstones resource) Peasants, Princes and Pestilence

Allotment

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Star Gazers
Locating rivers and mountains (discrete topic)



	geography of the region of the UK and a region within	Star Gazers	
	North or South America	Locating rivers and mountains (discrete topic)	
	Peasants, Princes and Pestilence		
	Local allotments		
	Comparison of farming regions. Climate and land use patterns		
	I can communicate my findings using the appropriate vocabulary		
	I can recognise how physical and human characteristics		
	can affect the lives and activities of people living there		
	Off with her head		
	Comparison of Tudor and modern maps		
	I can communicate my findings using the appropriate		
	vocabulary		
	I can explain how a location fits into its wider		
	geographical location; referring to human and		
	economical features		
	I can recognise how physical and human characteristics		
	can affect the lives and activities of people living there		
	Star Gazers		
	Locating rivers and mountains (discrete topic)		
	I can name and locate many of the world's major rivers		
	on maps		
	I can name and locate many of the world's most		
	famous mountain regions on maps	D	121 111 1
Year 6	Blood Heart	Blood Heart	Blood Heart
	No geography taught in this topic A Child's War	No geography taught in this topic A Child's War	No geography taught in this topic A Child's War
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	I can use OS maps to answer questions	Nottingnam Bittzed Sites map work	Nottingnam biitzed Sites map work
	I can recognise all key symbols used on ordnance survey		
	maps		
	Revolution	Revolution	Revolution
	Countries of the British Empire in Victorian era	Countries of the British Empire in Victorian era	Countries of the British Empire in Victorian era
	Revolution	Revolution	Revolution



Lead · Empower · Achieve · Drive						
Location study	Location study	Location study				
I can use OS maps to answer questions						
Darwin's Delights	Darwin's Delights	Darwin's Delights				
Galapagos Islands	Galapagos Islands	Galapagos Islands				
I can give an extended description of the human						
features of different places around the world						
I can understand the term sustainable development						
I can describe how some places are similar and others						
are different in relation to their physical features	Hola Mexico					
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Mexico (comparison with the UK)						
Mexico (comparison with the UK) I can use maps, aerial photos, plans and web resources						
Mexico (comparison with the UK) I can use maps, aerial photos, plans and web resources to describe what a locality might be like, following a						
Mexico (comparison with the UK) I can use maps, aerial photos, plans and web resources to describe what a locality might be like, following a geographical enquiry						
Mexico (comparison with the UK) I can use maps, aerial photos, plans and web resources to describe what a locality might be like, following a geographical enquiry I can plan a journey to another part of the world which						
Mexico (comparison with the UK) I can use maps, aerial photos, plans and web resources to describe what a locality might be like, following a geographical enquiry I can plan a journey to another part of the world which takes account of time zones						
Mexico (comparison with the UK) I can use maps, aerial photos, plans and web resources to describe what a locality might be like, following a geographical enquiry I can plan a journey to another part of the world which						