



## Geography Overview 2023-2024

EYFS



- Understand position through words alone. For example, “The bag is under the table,” – with no pointing.
- Describe a familiar route.
- Discuss routes and locations, using words like ‘in front of’ and ‘behind’.
- Draw information from a simple map.
- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.



- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps
- Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.



- Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- Explore the natural world around them.
- Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.

### National Curriculum KS1

Pupils should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. They should understand basic subject-specific vocabulary relating to human and physical geography and begin to use geographical skills, including first-hand observation, to enhance their locational awareness. (National Curriculum, 2014)

Pupils should be taught to:  
Locational knowledge

- name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas
- name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans

Place knowledge

- understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country Human and physical geography
- identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:
  - key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather
  - key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop Geographical skills and fieldwork
- use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map
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- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

One

**What is it like here?**  
**Fieldwork:** school grounds



- Use basic geographical

**What is the weather like in the UK?**  
**Fieldwork:** school grounds



- Name, locate and identify

**What is it like to live in Shanghai?**  
**Fieldwork:** local area



- Name and locate the world's seven

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<b>Two</b>	<p><b>Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?</b> <b>Fieldwork:</b> school grounds</p>	<p><b>Why is our world wonderful?</b> school  <b>Fieldwork:</b> grounds</p>	<p><b>What is it like to live by the coast?</b> <b>Fieldwork:</b> town or  <b>like to live coastal local village?</b></p>



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<p>Pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world’s most significant human and physical features. They should develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge.</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <p>Locational knowledge</p>			

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#### 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
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### Three

**Are settlements all the same?**  
**Fieldwork:** local area (could be HW)



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**Why do people live near volcanoes?**  
**Fieldwork:** school grounds



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**Who lives in Antarctica?**  
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<p><b>Four</b></p>	<p><b>Where does our food come from?</b>  <b>Data collection:</b> interview kitchen</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Why are rainforests important to us?</b>  <b>Fieldwork:</b> local woodland</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on</li> </ul>	<p><b>What are rivers and how are they used?</b>  <b>Fieldwork:</b> local river?</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

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<b>Six</b>	<b>Why does population change?</b>	<b>Can I carry out an independent fieldwork</b>	<b>Where does our energy come from?</b>

**Fieldwork:** local area traffic study



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