## **Skills Progression in Geography**



|   | Year 1  | Year 2   | Year 3  | Year 4  | Year 5   | Year 6   |
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| Geographical<br>skills and<br>fieldwork | ask simple<br>geographical questions<br>e.g. What is it like to<br>live in this place?                                | use simple fieldwork<br>and observational skills<br>to study the geography<br>of their school and its<br>grounds and the key<br>human and physical<br>features of its<br>surrounding<br>environment                                    | Ask and respond to<br>geographical questions: e.g<br>why is the landscape like<br>this? How is it changing?<br>What do you think it might<br>be like if continues?<br>Recognise that different<br>people hold different views<br>about an issue and begin to<br>understand some of the<br>reasons why.<br>Understand and use a<br>widening range of<br>geographical terms:<br>meander, volcano, location,<br>the rainforest layers.<br>Use fieldwork instruments<br>e.g camera, rain gauge. | Understand and use a<br>widening range of<br>geographical terms e.g<br>contour, height, valley,<br>erosion, settlements.<br>Plan the steps and<br>strategies for an enquiry:<br>traffic survey and land-use<br>survey in Didsbury.<br>Communicate findings in<br>ways appropriate to the<br>task or audience. | Analyse evidence and draw<br>conclusions e.g comparing<br>temperatures and populations.<br>Understand and use a widening<br>range of geographical terms e.g<br>biomes, vegetation belts,<br>sustainability, rivers, mountains,<br>the water cycle.<br>Begin to use primary and<br>secondary sources of evidence in<br>their investigations.<br>Visit a local river, exploring the<br>formation and features of it.<br>Make more detailed fieldwork<br>sketches/diagrams. | Compare the demographics of<br>countries and draw<br>conclusions from these.<br>Suggest possible reasons for<br>these conclusions.<br>Suggest questions for<br>investigating.<br>Use primary and secondary<br>sources of evidence in their<br>investigations.<br>Collect and record evidence<br>unaided.<br>Understand and use a<br>widening range of<br>geographical terms e.g<br>deposition, types of<br>weathering, features of<br>coastlines, borders and<br>boundaries. |
| Place<br>knowledge                      | name, describe and<br>compare familiar<br>places<br>link their homes with<br>other places in their<br>local community | understand<br>geographical<br>similarities and<br>differences through<br>studying the human<br>and physical geography<br>of a small area of the<br>United Kingdom, and<br>of a small area in a<br>contrasting non-<br>European country | Understand why there are<br>similarities and differences<br>between places.<br>Develop an awareness of<br>how places relate to each<br>other e.g how what happens<br>in rainforests affects us.   | Know about the wider<br>context of places – region,<br>country.<br>Understand why there are<br>similarities and differences<br>between places.  | Compare the physical and human<br>features of a region of the UK and a<br>region of Africa identifying<br>similarities and differences.<br>Reflect on the importance and<br>value of the tourism industry in the<br>areas of study.  | Understand the geographical<br>similarities and differences<br>through the study of human<br>physical geography of a region<br>in the U, a region of a<br>European country and a<br>region within Australia.   |
| Location<br>knowledge                   | understand how some places are linked to  | name and locate the world's seven  | Identify where countries are<br>within the UK and the key<br>topographical features.  | Recognise the different shapes of the continents.   | Identify the physical characteristics<br>and key topographical features of<br>the countries within Africa.   | Identify and describe the<br>significance of the<br>Prime/Greenwich Meridian   |

|                       | other places e.g. roads,<br>trains<br>name, locate and<br>identify characteristics<br>of the four countries<br>and capital cities of the<br>United Kingdom<br>name, locate and<br>identify characteristics<br>of the seas<br>surrounding the United<br>Kingdom  | continents and five<br>oceans   | Name and locate the cities<br>of the UK and compare with<br>Brazil.  | Identify where countries<br>are within Europe.<br>Know how the locality is<br>set within a wider<br>geographical context.   | Recognise that people have<br>differing qualities of life living in<br>different locations and<br>environments.<br>Know about the wider context of<br>places e.g county, regions, country.<br>Know the location of: capital cities<br>of countries in the British Isles and<br>UK, seas around the UK, EU<br>countries with high populations<br>and large areas and the largest<br>cities in each continent. | and time zones including<br>night and day.<br>Identify the position and<br>significance of latitude,<br>longitude, equator, northern<br>and southern hemispheres,<br>the tropics of Cancer and<br>Capricorn.<br>Locate the Commonwealth<br>countries.<br>Locate the key cities, states<br>and landmarks in Australia. |
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| Human and<br>physical | identify seasonal and<br>daily weather patterns<br>in the United Kingdom<br>use basic geographical<br>vocabulary to refer to<br>key physical features,<br>including: beach, cliff,<br>coast, forest, hill,<br>mountain, sea, ocean,<br>river, soil, valley,<br>vegetation, season and<br>weather<br>use basic<br>geographical<br>vocabulary to refer to<br>key human features,<br>including: city, town,<br>village, factory, farm,<br>house, office, port,<br>harbour and shop | use basic geographical<br>vocabulary to refer to<br>key physical features,<br>including: beach, cliff,<br>coast, forest, hill,<br>mountain, sea, ocean,<br>river, soil, valley,<br>vegetation, season and<br>weather<br>use basic<br>geographical<br>vocabulary to refer to<br>key human features,<br>including: city, town,<br>village, factory, farm,<br>house, office, port,<br>harbour and shop | Identify physical and human<br>features of the locality.<br>Explain about weather<br>conditions/patterns around<br>Manchester and Brazil.<br>Describe and understand<br>key aspects of physical<br>geography e.g volcanoes,<br>tsunamis.<br>Understand the risks and<br>benefits of geographical<br>features e.g living near a<br>volcano. | Describe human features<br>of the UK regions cities<br>and/or counties then and<br>now.<br>Understand the effect of<br>landscape features on the<br>development of a locality.<br>Describe how people have<br>been affected by changes<br>in the environment.<br>Explain about natural<br>resources e.g water in the<br>locality. | Understand how humans affect the<br>environment over time.<br>Understand why people seek to<br>manage and sustain their<br>environment.<br>Understand how physical features<br>such as rivers and mountains are<br>formed.<br>Explain the economic activity,<br>including trade links, of the key<br>places I study.   | Know about the physical<br>features of coasts and begin<br>to understand erosion and<br>deposition.<br>Explore weathering patterns<br>around parts of the world.<br>Know about changes to the<br>world environments over<br>time.<br>Suggest how physical factors<br>may impact the landscape in<br>the future.       |

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| Map skills | use simple maps of the<br>local area e.g. large<br>scale print, pictorial<br>etc.<br>use simple compass<br>directions (North,<br>South, East and West)<br>and locational and<br>directional language<br>e.g. near and far; left<br>and right, to describe<br>the location of features<br>and routes on a map<br>use aerial photographs<br>and plan perspectives<br>to recognise landmarks<br>and basic human and<br>physical features;<br>devise a simple map;<br>and use and construct<br>basic symbols in a key<br>use world maps, | use aerial photographs<br>and plan perspectives<br>to recognise landmarks<br>and basic human and<br>physical features;<br>devise a simple map;<br>and use and construct<br>basic symbols in a key<br>use locational language<br>(e.g. near and far, left<br>and right) to describe<br>the location of features<br>and routes<br>make simple maps and<br>plans e.g. pictorial<br>place in a story<br>use simple compass<br>directions (North,<br>South, East and West)<br>and locational and<br>directional language<br>e.g. near and far; left | Use and interpret maps,<br>globes, atlases and<br>digital/computer mapping<br>to locate countries and key<br>features.<br>Use 4 figure grid references.<br>Use the 8 points of a<br>compass.<br>Make plans and maps using<br>symbols and keys. | Measure straight line<br>distances using<br>appropriate scale.<br>Explore features on OS<br>maps using 6 figure grid<br>references.<br>Draw accurate maps with<br>more complex keys.<br>Plan routes and give<br>directions for others to<br>follow. | Explore biomes in Africa.<br>Use contour maps to plot mountain<br>ranges.<br>Use world maps to plot the key<br>mountain ranges and rivers. | Use the 8 points of a compass,<br>4 and 6 figure grid references,<br>symbols and key to build<br>knowledge of the UK and<br>wider world.<br>Use maps of the UK and<br>Europe to show the change in<br>coasts over time.<br>Explore the climate regions on<br>a map of Australia. |
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|            | use world maps,<br>atlases and globes to<br>identify the United<br>Kingdom and its<br>countries, as well as<br>the countries,<br>continents and oceans   |  |  |   |  |  |
|            | studied at this key<br>stage   |  |  |   |  |  |