



Year 1		
	Breadth of Study	Skills
Locational and Place knowledge	Name the world's 7 continents (land) understanding the term 'continent' Name, locate and identify the characteristics of the 4 countries of the UK. Use simple compass directions and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.	 Use maps and a globe to identify the continents and understand that both a map and a globe show the same thing. Locate the continents on a paper map. Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) to describe the location of features on a map. Express own views about a place, people and environment. Draw and label pictures to show how places are different. Field and the playground.
Human and Physical Geography	Identify the human and physical features of the local area. Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. (Linked to Science)	 Use basic geographical vocab to refer to key physical features including: beach, coast, forest, hill, park, mountain, sea, river, season: weather. Use basic geographical vocab to refer to key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house and shop. Ask questions about the weather and seasons. Observe and record e.g. draw pictures of the weather at different times of the year or keep a record of how many times it rains in a week in the winter and a week in the summer. Express opinions about the seasons and relate the changes to changes in clothing and activities e.g. winter = coat, summer = t-shirts.
Fieldwork	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 e.g. note taking, videoing, data collection, sketches, observations.	Observe and record information about the local area e.g. how many shops there are near the school, how many bus stops are there close to the school. Children to take photos of interesting things in the local area and explain what the photos show. On a walk in the local area, children to pick things up e.g. a stick, stone, leaf etc and use them to create memory maps to show the journey. Study aerial photographs of the school and label it with key features e.g. school, church, park, shops. Look at a simple map of the local area and identify the things they know and have seen. Make a simple map. Create an aerial map of the school/local area as a class by using different sized blocks.





	Year 2	
	Breadth of Study	Skills
Locational and Place knowledge	 Name, locate and identify the characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas. Name and locate the world's seven continents and name the five oceans. Understand that a world map shows all the countries in the world. Identify the UK and the countries where members of the class come from. Understand the geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK and of a small area in a contrasting non European country (possibly China/ Australia?) 	Use maps and globes to locate the UK. Be able to identify the 4 countries and label the capital cities. Explain the purpose of a capital city and form opinions on how this affects population size. Study pictures/videos of two differing localities, one in the UK and one in a contrasting non European country, and ask geographical questions e.g. What is it like to live in this place? How is this place different to where I live? How is the weather different? How are lifestyles different? Study pictures of the localities in the past and in the present and ask 'How has it changed?' Draw pictures to show how places are different and write comparatively to show the difference. Express own views about a place, people and environment. Give detailed reasons to support own likes, dislikes and preferences.
Human and Physical Geography	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. (Linked to Science) Identify the location of hot and cold areas in the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. Identify the human and physical features of the two localities studied.	Use both maps and globes, identify the coldest places in the world – The North and South pole. Make predictions about where the hottest places in the world are? Children to identify the equator and locate the places on the Equator which are the hottest. Use basic geographical vocab to refer to key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather. Use basic geographical vocab to refer to key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, church mosque, harbour and shop.
Fieldwork	Fieldwork to develop knowledge and understanding of the school and local area 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 – fieldwork in the local area/close proximity to the school e.g. the road, park, shops. Use Ariel photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key	 Study maps and aerial photographs and use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Draw own maps of the local area; use and construct basic symbols in a key. Observe and record the features around the school e.g. the different types of plants, the animals seen by the pond compared to the animals seen on the road, the different amounts of traffic on the Birmingham New Road compared to the school road (Kenilworth Crescent) Children to make suggestions for the cause of the differences. Communicate findings in different ways e.g. reports, graphs, sketches, diagrams, pictures. Children make sketches/notes of their trip to and then create a map to direct others which uses a key and includes the main physical and human features.





	Year 3	
	Breadth of Study	Skills
Locational and Place knowledge	Name and locate the world's seven continents, five oceans and seas Understand the difference between the Northern and Southern hemisphere.	 Identify the different hemispheres on a map. Use the compass points N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW to direct and locate using a compass. Locate and label different countries/continents in the Northern and Southern hemisphere. Raise questions about the different hemispheres and make predictions on how they think life will be different in the two hemispheres. Use and explain the term 'climate zone'.
	Understand the term 'climate zones' and identify some differing ones. Touch upon global warming and its implications.	Identify the different climate zones. Ask questions and find out what affects the climate. Use maps to identify different climate zones. Discuss and compare the climate zones of the UK and relate this knowledge to the weather in the local area. Children to ask questions about global warming. Discover the cause of global warming and research the implications. Reach reasoned and informed solutions and discuss the consequences for the future. Identify changes to be made in own lives in response to this.
	A focus on biomes: A biome is a large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things. The main types are: Tundra, Desert, Grassland, Tropical Rain Forest. Identify where some of these are on the world map. Focus in particular on the biome of the Amazon rainforest. Whilst studying the Amazon make comparisons with the UK.	Understand the term 'biome'. Use knowledge of this term to make suggestions for places in the world which may be biomes. Once the children are aware that the main types are tundra, desert, grassland and rain forest, children to use maps to locate areas they think may be biomes e.g. very green areas could be rainforests, flat pale ones could be deserts etc. Defend reasoning using knowledge of maps. Focus on Amazon rainforest – identify the climate, the habitats, the plant and animal types and how people live in the rainforest. Study life in the Amazon rainforest through primary sources – recounts/photographs, and ask questions, make comparisons to life in the UK and consider how life in the UK may be similar. Discuss how the rainforest may be linked to us e.g. trade. Locate other rainforests using Google earth and maps, identifying patterns in their location.
Human and Physical Geography	Study how human Geography has changed over time (Taught in History topics)	Ask, research and explain the following questions: Why did the stone age civilization, and the iron age settlers settle where they did? What were their settlements like? How did they use the land and how has land use changed today? How did they trade? How is that different today? Relate land use and trade to settlements.





Fieldwork	Understand the 8 compass points and use them to explain/identify points on a map.	Plan a tour of the school, which includes a map/ plan of the school and the main geographical features you would see identified, with a key.
	Fieldwork Study Welcome to Spring Vale School	Take digital photographs of the main features of the school and plot them on to a map to show the route round the school, using coordinates to show where these key features are.
	Tree Survey	Use locational language to describe the location of points on a map of the school/local area. Undertake surveys of the school grounds including environmental surveys – e.g. litter, noise, likes/ dislikes,
		areas for improvement. Choose effective recording and presentation methods e.g. tables to collect data.
		Present data in an appropriate way using keys to make data clear. Draw conclusions from the data.





	Year 4	
	Breadth of Study	Skills
Locational and Place knowledge	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate the countries of Europe Look at the environmental regions of Europe (different areas defined by their environmental conditions, such as climate, landforms, soil etc). Identify the key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities e.g. rivers, mountains, capitals, landmarks.	Build on prior knowledge of UK regions by using maps to locate countries of Europe. Study maps to make assumptions about the different areas of Europe e.g. using map keys to identify mountainous areas, urban areas. Identify hilliest areas and flattest areas as well as decide which rivers they think are the largest. Study some pictures of different parts of Europe (e.g. top of a mountain, on the banks of a river, on a farm. Make reasoned judgments about where the pictures are taken and defend e.g. a mountain top may be in France because there is a large mountain range there. Match key landmarks to the country and make suggestions as to how landmarks affect a country (tourism, economy etc.) e.g. Leaning tower of Pisa generates a lot of revenue through tourism. Relate to UK landmarks. Use the language of 'north', 'south', 'east', 'west' to relate countries to each other.
	Compare a region of the UK with a volcanic region of Italy e.g. Sicily. Identify similarities and differences between this region and a region of the UK.	Look at maps, pictures and other sources to identify similarities and differences between a UK region and Sicily. Compare physical and human features , draw conclusions , pose questions , and use prior knowledge of map reading. Identify main trade and economy in Sicily and compare it to a region of the UK. Look at settlements, particularly in relation to the volcanoes – what conclusions can be drawn? Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations using photos/pictures, temperatures in different locations and population numbers.
Human and Physical Geography	Study of volcanoes – causes, effects etc. Do a short study of the Pacific Ring of Fire and compare to Sicily.	Locate places in the world where volcances occur. Understand and be able to communicate in different ways the cause of volcances and the process that occurs before a volcance erupts. Draw diagrams, produce writing and use the correct vocabulary for each stage of the process of volcanic eruption. Ask and answer questions about the effects of volcances. Discuss how volcances affect human life e.g. settlements and spatial variation.
	Whilst studying history, Why did the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings choose to settle where they did? What were their settlements like? How did they use the land and how has land use changed today? What was Anglo Saxon Wolverhampton like? How did they trade? How is that different today?	Look at pictures and labeled diagrams of different historical settlements over time. Produce own pictures and labeled diagrams. Ask and answer questions through own knowledge and self-conducted research: What resources were used? Why were they used? Why were their settlements so different? What tools were available? What was the purpose of the settlements? Study maps of Anglo Saxon settlements. Draw conclusions about the location of the settlements based on prior knowledge. Compare with current maps and make suggestions about change.





Fieldwork	 Children begin to experiment with and understand 4 figure grid references on maps. Fieldwork study - <u>What Surrounds Us?</u> e.g. Survey the use of land in the immediate locality of the school e.g. walking distance area, using the following classifications: Residential: houses, flats, hotels, hostels Retail: food, clothing, footwear, sports, hairdressers, toys, furniture, etc Professional/ Commercial: solicitors, banks, building societies, company offices etc Industrial and Storage: machine tools, engineering, factories, warehouses Entertainment/ Leisure: theatres and cinemas, public houses, restaurants, cafes Public Authorities: police, libraries, churches, chapels, schools Other: vacant property, car parking, open spaces, development sites Compare the land-use in the area chosen with old maps and photographs of the same area to examine how the land-use has changed. Undertake a survey of buildings and materials. Investigate what jobs people do within and beyond the school, in the local area. Sort them into categories and investigate where and how far people travel to work. 	Study how land in the local area was used during the historical periods studied. Look at land use in the same area today and consider how and why this has changed. Identify main economies in the immediate area. Compare with trade in the past. Why has this changed. Design questions and studies to conduct in the local area. Identify local features on a map and begin to experiment with four figure grid references, using them to locate and describe local features. Undertake surveys. Conduct investigations. Classify buildings. Use recognised symbols to mark out local areas of interest on own maps. Choose effective recording and presentation methods e.g. tables to collect data. Present data in an appropriate way using keys to make data clear. Draw conclusions from the data.
	 Compare shops in the local area with the nearest city Centre. Interview/ question people who use the shops about the services/ types of shop provided/ shopping habits 	





	Year 5	
	Breadth of Study	Skills
Locational and Place knowledge	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate the countries, mountain ranges, capitals, rivers and oceans of North and South America Use 4 figure grid references to read maps. Make connections between the Equator and the tropics and the Americas. Identify the largest urban areas in the Americas. Compare 2 different regions in the Americas, rural/urban.	 Confidently use maps, globes and Google Earth. Use atlases/maps to describe and locate places using 4 figure grid references. Locate the Equator on a map, atlas and globe and draw conclusions about the climates of countries on the Equator and on the tropics. Locate largest urban areas on a map and use geographical symbols e.g. contours to identify flattest and hilliest areas of the continent. Ask questions e.g. what is this landscape like? What is life like there? Study photos/pictures/maps to make comparisons between locations. Identify and explain different views of people including themselves.
		 Use maps, globes and Google Earth to identify the continent of South America. Looking at a map of climate zones, children to use prior knowledge of the world to identify the climate they think may exist in different parts of South America. Identify and mark on a map the different countries of South America. Identify the major cities and consider how they differ to other regions in the country. Looking at photographs, children to compare and contrast two differing regions e.g. rich/poor Brazil, hilly/icy Argentina. Using photographs, children to make connections between South America and the UK. Locate the mountain ranges, rivers and oceans. Consider how the location of these geographical features has shaped life. Refer to UK e.g. London and the Thames/Lake District. Understand how geographical features are marked on a map. Using this knowledge, children to study world maps to identify other major cities, hilly areas, rivers etc. Ask geographical questions e.g. Are there any links? (big cities near rivers, less populated areas near hilly ones etc).
	In Science, when looking at night and day, look at the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones. Understand the significance of Latitude and longitude. Know the position and significance of the Equator, the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.	 Explain the climates of given countries in the world and relate this to knowledge of the hemispheres, the Equator and the Tropics. Use maps to identify longitude and latitude. Using maps, locate the Equator, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Consider the countries and climates that surround these lines and discuss the relationships between these and the countries. Critically study photographs – do they think these were taken close to the Equator or further away.





	Study of the UK: Environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, major cities and national parks. Look at counties, hills, mountains, coasts. Choose 3 key areas of the UK and look at how land use has changed over time.	 Use maps to locate features of the UK e.g. rivers, mountains, large cities. Explain and defend which are physical and which are human features. Label counties, cities, mountains and rivers. Study photographs and maps of 3 different locations in the UK. Ask Geographical questions e.g. How was the land used in the past? How has it changed? What made it change? How may it continue to change?
Human and Physical Geography	Mountains, Rivers and the water cycle including transpiration.	Use the language of rivers e.g. erosion, transportation. Explain and present the process of rivers. Compare how river use has changed over time and research the impact on trade in history. Research and discuss how water affects the environment, settlement, environmental change and sustainability.
	Earthquakes/natural disasters – floods, tsunamis	Describe and explain the processes that cause natural disasters. Draw conclusions about the impact of natural disasters through the study of photographs, population numbers and other primary sources.
	During the Victorian times, how was the land used, what was the main economy in local Area and what were the trade links? How does this compare to today?	 Study maps and pictures of local area. Compare and contrast photos and maps from today with the past. Discuss land use and draw conclusions about the reasons for this based on the human inhabitants and changing needs. Explain and present the differences between Victorian Wolverhampton/Dudley (Black Country) and present-day Wolverhampton/Dudley (Black Country)
Fieldwork	Fieldwork Study Where I live.	Use the school grounds to undertake weather surveys, including wind direction, rainfall and where the sun shines (north, south, west), Record changes and observations using a method of choice e.g. rainfall - is it the same on all sides
	Weather survey in school grounds	of the school. Choose effective recording and presentation methods e.g. tables to collect data. Present data in an appropriate way using keys to make data clear. Draw conclusions from the data.
	Visit Beacon Hill	Design questions and studies to conduct in the local area. Undertake surveys. Conduct investigations.





	Year 6		
	Breadth of Study	Skills	
Locational and Place knowledge	6 figure grid references. Name and locate the key topographical features including coast, features of erosion, hills, mountains, deserts and rivers. Understand how these features have changed over time.	Use 6 figure grid references to identify countries and cities in the world, the main mountain ranges, deserts and the longest rivers. Understand how these features may have changed over time. Select the most appropriate map for different purposes e.g. atlas to find a country, Google Earth to find a village.	
	On a world map locate the main countries in Africa, Asia and Australasia/Oceania. Identify their main environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and major cities. Children to be able to identify main capital cities/oceans etc.	Locate the major cities of the world and draw conclusions as to their similarities and differences. Study maps of the USA to identify environmental regions. Compare and contrast these regions.	
	Study of North America -Environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics. Major cities, mountain ranges, rivers, lakes, landmarks.	Locate the key physical and human characteristics. Relate these features to the locality e.g. population sizes near tourist landmarks/rivers, transport links to mountains. Locate all the man-made features in the USA e.g. Statue of Liberty, Golden Gate Bridge, Grand Canyon, Yosemite National Park, The White House etc. and relate to UK landmarks. Reflect on the importance and value of the tourism industry in these areas.	
Human and Physical Geography	Human geography including trade between UK and Europe and ROW. Fair/unfair distribution of resources (Fairtrade).	Identify trade links around the world based on a few chosen items e.g. coffee, chocolate, bananas. Discover where food comes from. Discuss and debate fair trade. Investigate the facts and join in a reasoned discussion. Generate solutions and promote ethically sound trade.	
	British Trade.	Research and present Britain's export trade. Ask and answer the following geographical questions: What are our main export businesses? Which countries do we trade with most? What may be the reasons for this?	
	Distribution of natural resources.	Why do we need to import from elsewhere? Where does Britain lead industry? Where does it not? What conclusions can be drawn?	
	In History (WW2) study of Local land and settlements pre and post war compared to modern day.	 Study photographs, aerial photographs and maps of local area pre war, post war and present day. Compare maps and aerial photographs. Make comparisons and reflect on the reasons for the differences. Study population numbers throughout the course of WWII and reflect on the reasons for changes. Study pictures of land use during these three periods. Draw conclusions and develop 	





		informed reasons for the changes. Study one key building in the locality during the three periods (e.g. hospital) and reflect on the changes.
Fieldwork	Fieldwork/traffic study	 Undertake a traffic survey of the local main road - tally counting, types of vehicle observed, comparing the traffic flow at different times of the day, parking problems, varying needs of different users - shopkeepers, children, senior citizens, businesses Collate the data collected and record it using data handling software to produce graphs and charts of the results. Ask Geographical questions e.g. how is traffic controlled? What are the main problems? Undertake a street/ noise survey of the local road/ high street. Undertake a general survey of the local road/ high street: Form and develop opinions e.g. Do the pupils like/ dislike the road/ street Compare road with another busier/ quieter street/ road Make suggestions and reflect on own beliefs. Which street/ road do the pupils prefer? What changes/ improvements would they make to either environment? With the children's help, design and carry out a survey of the views of people. Use local maps to find other routes traffic might take. Report on the effects of environmental change on themselves and others. Carry out a role-play where pupils look at the issue of traffic in the street from different viewpoints, making presentations to represent different points of view. This could lead to a class debate for the best way to improve traffic in the high street/ road. Select methods for collecting, presenting and analysing data Analyse evidence and draw conclusions.