

Early Years

Year Group Early Years	
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Understanding the World (ELG)

- 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 some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons

Key Vocabulary

*Will be flexible based on children's interests.

Place names; Willen, Milton Keynes, England, British Isles, United Kingdom, World

Geographical terms and processes: land, ocean, sea, city, town, country, maps, equator, hot, cold, climate, weather

<u>Locational terms</u>; above, across, around, below, by, forward, inside, left, near, next to, opposite, outside, right, far away, close,



Year Group 1 Unit Title Our School Where is our school and what is it like?

Builds on	EYFS; Describe their immediate	Prepares for	<u>Year 2; Our Local Area</u>
	environment using knowledge from		What is our locality like?
	observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction		
	texts and maps.		

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Key Skills Covered Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and its grounds (adding images of features to a map) Use simple maps and plan perspectives to recognise basic features such as buildings, roads and fields Use aerial photographs to find information e.g landmarks and basic 	Main Knowledge Gained Human and physical geography ■ Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key features of the school and its grounds
 human and physical features (of the school) Use locational and directional language (e.g. near, far, left, right) to describe the location of features Know that symbols mean something on a map and begin to realise why maps need a key 	
 Use maps to talk about everyday life Follow a route on a prepared map 	
Key Vocabulary:	
Place names; Milton Keynes, Willen, Willen Primary School	

Geography



<u>Geographical terms and processes</u>; building, classrooms, field, path, playground, road, route, symbol, town, map, plan, location, key <u>Locational terms</u>; above, across, around, below, by, forward, inside, left, near, next to, opposite, outside, right, backwards

Year Group	1	Unit Title	Our Country What are the key differences between the countries of the UK?
Builds on	EYFS; Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons	Prepares for	Year 2; Seas and Coasts What is a coastline?

Key Vocabulary

<u>Place names</u>; Belfast, Ben Nevis, Cardiff, Edinburgh, England, Ireland, London, Northern Ireland, River Thames, Scotland, United Kingdom, UK, Wales <u>Geographical terms and processes</u>; atlas, capital city, castle, **city**, country, countryside, island, map, rain, **season**, snow, sunshine, temperature, **weather** <u>Locational terms</u>; mountains, key,

Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and

what has been read in class.



Year Group	1	Unit Title	Our World
			What are the key features of the continents?
Builds on	EYFS: Recognise and explain some similarities and	Prepares for	Year 2; Chembakolli
	differences between life in this country and life in		How is Chembakolli similar and different to Willen?
	different countries drawing on knowledge from		
	stories, non-fiction texts and maps		

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans Find information on aerial photographs Use maps to talk about everyday life Add simple information, including images, to a map Know how to zoom in and out of a digital map (Digimaps) Know that maps give information about the world and that maps need a title 	Locational knowledge ■ Name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans Human and physical geography ■ Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles

Key Vocabulary

<u>Place names:</u> Antarctica, Antarctic Circle, Arctic Circle, Africa, Arctic, Arctic Ocean, Asia, Atlantic Ocean, Australia, Earth, Equator, Europe, Indian Ocean, North America, North Pole, Pacific Ocean, South Pole, South America, Southern Ocean <u>Geographical terms and processes:</u> atlas, cold, continent, countries, hot, globe, ocean, climate <u>Locational terms;</u> polar, hemisphere





Year Group	1	Unit Title	Weather How does the weather change?
			Ongoing unit- To be visited three times during the year as the seasons change (T2, T4, 6) Some of these skills and knowledge may be taught during the Y1 Science unit of Weather (T3)
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Builds on	EYFS: Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons.	Prepares for	Y5; Rivers How do rivers alter the landscape?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Observe and record seasonal changes (e.g. to flowering plants and deciduous trees) in the school grounds and local area Make simple measurement devices e.g. to record wind direction or measure rainfall Use observational skills to investigate different weather conditions 	 Human and physical geography Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features including season and weather

Links with Y1 Science Unit; Weather

- Observe changes across the four seasons
- Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies

Key Vocabulary

Place names:

<u>Geographical terms and processes</u>; autumn, freezing, frosty, ground, misty, month, rain, **season**, snow, spring, summer, sunshine, symbol, temperature, thunderstorm, **weather**, wind, windy, winter, The months of the year

Locational terms;



YEAR 2

Year Group	2	Unit Title	Seas and Coasts What is a coastline?
Builds on	Y1; Our Country What are the key differences between the countries of the UK?	Prepares for	Y5; Rivers How do rivers alter the landscape?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom's surrounding seas and some key coastal settlements Use maps and atlases to identify countries of the world with coastlines and those which are landlocked Know that maps give information about the world (where and what?) Draw a simple map (real or imaginary place) using symbols (own and class agreed) e.g. a pirate treasure map Know that symbols mean something 	 Locational knowledge Name and locate the United Kingdom's surrounding seas and some key coastal settlements Human and physical geography Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features including: beach, cliff, coast, sea, ocean Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features including: port, harbour

Key Vocabulary

<u>Place names;</u> English Channel, Irish Sea, North Atlantic Ocean, North Sea

Geographical terms and processes; atlases, beach, cliff, coast, harbour, island, landlocked, maps, ocean, port, sea, settlement, symbols, waves



<u>Locational terms;</u> surrounded, next to

Year Group	2	Unit Title	Our Local Area What is our locality like?
Builds on	Y1; Our School	Prepares for	Y3; Willen
	Where is our school and what is it like?		How has Willen changed over time?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the key human and physical features of the surrounding environment of the school (adding simple information to maps to record observations and marking a route) Use and construct basic symbols in a key for a simple map (own and class agreed) Use large scale aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features such as buildings, roads and fields Say which direction N, S, E, W is (e.g. when using a compass in the playground) Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language (e.g. near and far; left and right) to describe routes and the location of features on a map Recognise that maps need a title, a key and know which direction N is on an Ordnance Survey map Follow a route on a prepared map Begin explaining why places are where they are Find a given Ordnance Survey symbol on a map with support Find places using a postcode or simple name search (Digimaps) Know how to zoom in and out of a digital map (Digimaps) 	Human and physical geography Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including: river, vegetation Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including: city, town, factory, house, office, shop





Key Vocabulary

Place names: Milton Keynes, Willen, Willen Primary School,

<u>Geographical terms and processes</u>; <u>city, factory</u>, features, field, <u>house</u>, human, key, local, map, <u>office</u>, pharmacy, physical, <u>town, shop, river</u>, route, street, symbols, <u>vegetation</u>, woods

Locational terms: across, around, by, compass, east, forward, inside, left, near, next to, north, opposite, outside, right, south, west

Builds on	Y1; <u>Our World</u>			
L	What are the key features of the continents?	Prepares for	r	Y4; North America What is special about California?
Key Skills Covered			Main I	Knowledge Gained
continents a India, Europ	naps, atlases and globes to identify the countr and oceans studied at this key stage (United K De, Asia, Indian Ocean) raphs to recognise landmarks and basic huma	ries, ingdom, n and	•	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom (Willen), and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country (Chembakolli, India) n and physical geography Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including: forest, hill, mountain, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, shop
Key Vocabulary				



Geographical terms and processes; city, continent, country, farm, factory, forest, field, hill, house, mountain, office, population, river, season, shop, soil, town, valley, vegetation, village, weather Locational terms;

Year Group	3	Unit Title	Chocolate Where does chocolate come from?
Builds on	Y2; Chembakolli How is Chembakolli similar and different from Willen?	Prepares for	Y4 Mapping the World How can I interpret a world map?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use maps, globes, atlases, digital/computer mapping and oblique and aerial views to locate the top 10 chocolate producing countries including Ghana/Nigeria and their key features Make a map of a small area with features in the correct places and a title Use oblique and aerial views Use the zoom function on a digital map to locate and explore places (Digimaps) Add a range of annotation labels and texts on a digital map to help explain features and places (Digimaps) 	Locational knowledge Locate the top 10 chocolate producing countries on a map including Ghana/Nigeria, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics Human and physical geography Describe and understand key aspects of human geography specifically; economic activity, fair trade links and distribution of natural resources linked to the production of chocolate
Key Vocabulary	

Place names; Ghana, Nigeria

Geographical terms and processes; trade, chocolate, cocoa, business, continents, countries, oceans, seas, production, atlas, aerial view Locational terms; North, east, south, west,



Year Group	3	Unit Title	Willen How has Willen changed over time?
Builds on	Y2; Our Local Area What is our locality like?	Prepares for	Y4; The Lake District What is unique about the Lake District?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use four figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps, maps of more than one scale and plan views) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world Use the points of a compass to give directions using up to 8 cardinal points 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 Make a map of a small area with features in the right place or a simple route map including a key with standard symbols Recognise some patterns on maps and begin to explain what they show 	Name and locate human and physical features in the local area including land use patterns and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time (comparing Willen today with Willen of the 1950s and 1890s)





Key Vocabulary

<u>Place names</u>; Willen, Milton Keynes, Willen lake, Peace Pagoda, Pavilion, temple

Geographical terms and processes; land use, recreation, residential, retail, services,

<u>Locational terms</u>; next to, near, north, north-east, north-west, east, south, south-east, south-west, west,

Year Group	3	Unit Title	The UK What is special about the UK?
Builds on	Y1; Our Country What are the differences between the countries of the UK? Y2; Seas and Coasts What is a coastline?	Prepares for	Y4; The Lake District What is special about the Lake District?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use the eight points of a compass, four-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 	 Locational knowledge Name and locate counties and cities of the UK Name and locate the key geographical regions of the UK and some of their identifying human and physical characteristics, key
Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate and describe features studied	topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) and land use patterns
	Human and physical geography Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including types of settlement and land use
Key Vocabulary	

• Use maps, atlases and digital/computer mapping to

Recognise some patterns on maps and explain what they

Explain what places are like using maps that are local

Know that six figure grid references can help you find a place more accurately than four figure co-ordinates

locate and describe features studied

Use some Ordnance Survey style symbols

show



<u>Place names</u>; UK, Lake District, Buckinghamshire <u>Geographical terms and processes</u>; region, landmarks, counties, cities, settlement, land use Locational terms;

Year Group	4	Unit Title	The Lake District What is so unique about the Lake District?
Builds on Y3; The UK What is special about the UK? Prepares for Y4; North America What is special about California?		'	
Key Skills Covered Main Knowledge Gained		e Gained	
Fieldwork, map ski	Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Locational knowledge		<u>rledge</u>
references, symbols and key (including the use of topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and		nd locate the identifying human and physical characteristics, key phical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and e patterns of the Lake District; and understand how some of these have changed over time	

Place knowledge

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of the human and physical geography of a region of the UK (The Lake District)



- Use the scale bar to estimate distance
- Recognise that contours show height and slope
- Highlight an area on a map and measure it using the Area Measurement Tool (Digimaps)

Key Vocabulary

Place names: Lake District, United Kingdom

Geographical terms and processes; mountains, height, scale, scale bar, zoom, ordnance survey symbols, north, east, south west, grid references (6 and 4 point), comparison, unique, accurate

<u>Locational terms</u>; Lake District, United Kingdom

Year Group	Year 4	Unit Title	North America What is special about California?
Builds on	Y4; The Lake District What is so unique about the Lake District?	Prepares for	Y5; South America What is special about the Amazon basin?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use maps, atlases and globes to locate the countries of North America and describe features studied Use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and key to build knowledge of the 	Locational knowledge Locate the countries of North America concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities with a focus on California
 wider world Locate photos of features on maps Recognise some patterns on maps and begin to explain what they show Explain what places are like using maps 	Place knowledge ■ Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region within North America (California)





Highlight an area on a map and measure it using the Area Measurement Tool (Digimaps)		
Key Vocabulary		
<u>Place names</u> ; California, America, states		
Geographical terms and processes: state, population, temperature, currency, compass, tourism, grid references, countries		
Locational terms;		

Year Group	4	Unit Title	Mapping the World How can I interpret a world map?
Builds on	Y1; Our World What are the key features of the continents?	Prepares for	Year 5; Extreme Earth What causes volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained	
Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge	<u>Locational knowledge</u>	
 Use maps (including large scale maps outside), atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local 	Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, position and significance of the Prime/ Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)	
 area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies (Maps and More Parks Trust Workshop) Use thematic maps 	 Human and physical geography Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including; the distribution of natural resources specifically energy and minerals 	

Geography



• Explain what places are like using maps at a local scale

Key Vocabulary

Place names;

Geographical terms and processes; axis, orbit, polar, sphere, tilt,

<u>Locational terms</u>; International Date Line, latitude, longitude, North Pole, Northern Hemisphere, Prime/Greenwich Meridian, Southern Hemisphere, time zone, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn

Year Group	5	Unit Title	Rivers How do rivers alter the landscape?
Builds on	Y1; Weather How does the weather change?	Prepares for	Year 5; Extreme Earth What causes volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained	
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/compute mapping to locate the key hills, mountains, coasts and rivers of the UK Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features of rivers in the local area Relate maps to each other and to vertical aerial photographs Follow routes on maps saying what is seen Follow a route on a 1:50000 ordnance survey map Know 1:50000 symbols 	 Human and physical geography Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography including the key features of a river system and the water cycle Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including the distribution of natural resources specifically water 	



- Align a map with a route
- Use 4 figure co-ordinates to locate features
- Make sketch maps of an area using symbols and key
- Use agreed, standard and Ordnance Survey symbols
- Use a linear scale to measure rivers
- Describe height and slope using maps, fieldwork and photographs

Key Vocabulary

Place names;

<u>Geographical terms and processes</u>; channel, condensation, confluence, course, dam, drainage, drinking water, embankment, erosion, estuary, evaporation, fertile, flooding, flood management, floodplain, floor prevention, freshwater, groundwater, hydro-electric power, meander, mouth, riverbank, river basin, source, precipitation, tributary, valley, water cycle <u>Locational terms</u>;

Year Group	Year 5	Unit Title	South America What is special about the Amazon basin?
Builds on	Y4; North America What is special about California?	Prepares for	Y6; Earth Matters What is the effect of climate on ecosystems?

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge	Locational knowledge
 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate the countries of South America and describe the features studied Use the eight points of a compass, six-figure grid references, symbols and key to build knowledge of the wider world 	Locate the countries of South America concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities with a focus on the Amazon basin Place knowledge



- Relate maps to each other and to vertical aerial photographs.
- Use the index and contents page of an atlas
- Appreciate maps cannot show everything
- Know atlas symbols
- Use a range of viewpoints up to satellite

 Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region within South America (the Amazon basin)

Key Vocabulary

Place names: South America, Amazon, Amazon basin, Amazon River,

<u>Geographical terms and processes</u>; rainforest, deforestation, settlement, tribe, indigenous, shifting cultivation, agriculture, fallow, fertile, nomad/nomadic <u>Locational terms</u>;

Year Group	Year 5	Unit Title	Extreme Earth What causes volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes?
Builds on	Rivers How do rivers alter the landscape?	Prepares for	KS3

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
Geographical skills and fieldwork	Human and physical geography
 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to name 	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography,
and locate features studied including mountains, volcanoes and	including: mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and tsunamis
earthquakes including the ring of fire	
 Use the index and contents page of an atlas 	

Geography



- Know atlas symbols
- Use maps at different scale to illustrate a story or issue
- Use maps to research factual information about locations and features
- Understand what causes a variety of natural disasters (such as flooding, storms and droughts) and recognise how these are dependent on their location within the world
- Understand how countries adapt to cater for particular natural disasters

Locational knowledge

 Understand how some aspects of world environments have changed over time

Key Vocabulary

Place names;

<u>Geographical terms and processes</u>: aftershock, ash cloud, avalanche, cliff face, core, crater, crust, disaster, dormant, eruption, fault line, geo-thermal, landslide, lava, magma, mantle, massif, mountain range, peak, plate, Richter scale, ridge, scree, summit, tectonic, tremor, tsunami, vent, volcano, <u>Locational terms</u>; altitude, epicentre, height above sea level, plate boundary

Year Group	Year 6	Unit Title	Europe What is unique about Siberia?
Builds on	Y5; South America What is special about the Amazon basin?	Prepares for	KS3

Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
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Geographical skills and fieldwork

- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate
 Russia within Europe and describe features studied
- Use the eight points of a **compass, six-figure grid references, symbols and key** to build knowledge of the wider world
- Relate maps to each other and to vertical aerial photographs.
- Use the index and contents page of an atlas
- Use latitude and longitude in an atlas or on a globe
- Appreciate maps cannot show everything
- Use a range of viewpoints up to satellite
- Use a scale bar on all maps
- Use maps to research factual information about locations and features

Locational knowledge

 Use maps to locate Europe including the location of Russia, its environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics countries and major cities

Place knowledge

 Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region in a European country (Siberia, Russia)

Key Vocabulary

<u>Place names</u>; Siberia, Russia, Asia, Europe, Ural Mountains, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, China <u>Geographical terms and processes</u>; continent, region, environmental region, climate, tundra, taiga, grassland <u>Locational terms</u>; border

Year Group	Year 6	Unit Title	Earth Matters What is the effect of climate on ecosystems?
Builds on	Year 4; Mapping the World How can I interpret a world map? Year 5; Extreme Earth What causes volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes?	Prepares for	KS3



Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied Use maps to research factual information about locations and features 	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: the distribution of natural resources including energy, food and minerals

Place names;

<u>Geographical terms and processes:</u> alpine, arid, biodiversity, biome, canopy, climate, climate change, deforestation, ecosystem, emergent layer, environment, equatorial, forest floor, grassland, Mediterranean, mineral, tropical, understorey, vegetation belt <u>Locational terms</u>; climate zone,

Year Group	Year 6	Unit Title	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork (TBC Link to Residential)
Builds on	Year 2; Seas and Coasts What is a coastline? All fieldwork skills taught in previous units	Prepares for	KS3



Key Skills Covered	Main Knowledge Gained
 Fieldwork, map skills and knowledge Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to describe features studied Use the eight points of a compass, six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build 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 Follow routes on maps saying what is seen Follow a route on a 1:50000 ordnance survey map Use 6 figure co-ordinates to locate features Give directions and instructions to 8 cardinal points Align a map with route Make a plan with a scale e.g. play park (MATHS) Design maps from descriptions (MATHS) 	Walli Knowledge Gallieu
Key Vocabulary Place names:	
Geographical terms and processes;	
Locational terms;	