

	Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year 2	Expectation
Human & Physical Geography	Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a farm, a garage, or a train track.  Notices detailed features of objects in their environment.  To know, understand and explore different natural environments.  To identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and ask questions about the weather and seasons.  To name different geographical features  Can talk about what is different in two natural environments  To explore their familiar environment e.g. classroom, outside area and school	To know, understand and explore different natural environments and phenomena.  Begin naming features/familiar places within the local environment e.g. school, home, house, road, park.  Make observations of the local environment and begin to understand why some things occur and/or change.  Identify similarities and differences between familiar places using basic vocabulary.  To identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and ask questions about the weather and seasons.  School, playground, home/house, road/street,	Begin to understand the differences between human (e.g. city, town, village, shop) and physical (e.g. hill, sea, river, weather) geographical features.  Identify key human and physical features of familiar places including the school, its grounds and the surrounding environment.  Begin to express opinions on the features of the immediate local environment.  Use some basic geographical vocabulary to identify key human and physical features of places studied  Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and explain how	Explain the main differences between human and physical geographical features.  Understand and use a range of basic geographical vocabulary to identify key human and physical features of the places studied.  Discuss where in the world is hot and cold in relation to the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, Equator, Arctic and Antarctic Circles and North and South Poles.  Landmark, border, poles, Equator, desert, valley, vegetation, island, national park, coast	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



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	To comment and ask	park, shop, field, hill,	the weather changes with		
	questions about aspects	beach, river, sea, hot/cold	each season.		
	of their familiar world.	weather + weather			
		vocab, season	Understand that there		
	To know, understand and		are hot and cold areas of		
	explore my local area.		the world. Locate hot and		
			cold areas of the world.		
			(capital) city, town,		
			village, farm, shop,		
			factory, port/harbour,		
			coast, beach, cliff, forest,		
			mountain, ocean,		
			weather (+ weather		
			vocab), temperature		
			season/seasonal +		
			(names of seasons),		
			journey, abroad		
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Locational and Place	Know that there are	Begin to identify the	Name and locate the four	Describe some	Name and locate the
Knowledge	different countries in the	locations of their home	countries of the UK and	geographical similarities	world's seven continents
	world and talk about the	and school and other	their capital cities.	and differences between the continents of the	and five oceans
	differences they have	familiar places.	Name and largets the same		Name leasts and identify
	experienced or seen in	Pagin to describe	Name and locate the seas	world based on their	Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four
	photos.	Begin to describe	surrounding the UK.	locations.	
		locations using simple locational and directional	Identify geographical	Identify and locate the	countries and capital cities of the United
		language.	characteristics of the four	North and South Poles	Kingdom and its
		language.	countries and capital	and the Northern and	surrounding seas
		Begin to ask and answer	cities of the UK	Southern Hemispheres .	Surrounding seas
		simple geographical	cities of the OK	Southern hemispheres.	
		Simple geographical			



questions linked to	Name and locate the	Identify and locate the	Understand geographical
location e.g. Where is?	seven continents and five	Equator, Arctic Circle and	similarities and
	oceans of the world.	Antarctic Circle as lines of	differences through
Discuss and begin to		latitude.	studying the human and
describe own significant	Begin to understand that		physical geography of a
places such as home and	places can be significant	Identify and locate	small area of the United
school.	for many reasons -	continents that have	Kingdom, and of a small
	location, buildings,	significant hot or cold	area in a contrasting non-
Begin to identify the main	landscape, community,	areas and link to	European country
geographical features of	culture or history.	Poles/Equator	
their immediate	Know that places be can		
environment. Understand	be compared in many	Identify and locate places	
that places can have	ways e.g. size, amenities,	studied on a range of	
similarities and	transport, location or	maps.	
differences.	weather.		
		Identify reasons why the	
Develop a basic, personal	Observe and describe	places studied are	
understanding of the term	some geographical	significant and the people	
'place', linked to own	similarities and	or groups who they are	
homes, own classrooms	differences between	significant for.	
and areas they use	familiar places e.g. their		
regularly, showing an	street, school grounds,	Understand and explain	
awareness of where	Shalford area.	the meaning of the term	
things belong and of the		'non-European country'.	
people within the school	Recognise the difference		
and at home.	between physical and	Observe and describe	
	human features.	some geographical	
Shalford, School, Own		similarities and	
Street name, place,	Begin to understand that	differences between	
feature, same, different	geographical features can	locations studied.	
, ,	change over time.		
		Explain the similarities	
	Make simple comparisons	and differences in the	
	between the key human		
	between the key number		



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and physical features of	lives of children in the
places studied	locations studied.
Shalford, Guildford, The	Explain the difference
Street, River Wey, United	between human and
Kingdom + four countries	physical geographical
of UK and capital cities,	features.
Republic of Ireland,	
British Isles, Great	Alternatives: Australasia,
Britain, North Sea, Irish	Oceania, Eurasia,
Sea, English Channel,	AfroEurasia, North and
Europe, Africa, Asia,	South Atlantic Ocean,
Australia, North America,	North Pole, South Pole,
South America,	Arctic Circle, Antarctic
Antarctica, Pacific Ocean,	Circle, Equator, Northern
Atlantic Ocean, Indian	Hemisphere, Southern
Ocean, Arctic Ocean,	Hemisphere, significant,
Southern Ocean,	global, international,
location, local, national,	locality,
area, point, building,	European/nonEuropean,
landscape, community,	physical (feature),
physical/human	human (feature),
similarity/difference	similarity, difference
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Geographical Skills &	Use all their senses in	Graphicacy skills:	Graphicacy skills:	Graphicacy skills:	Use world maps, atlases
Fieldwork	hands-on exploration				and globes to identify the
	of natural materials.	Draw information from a	Use a globe and world	Use world maps, globes	United Kingdom and its
		simple map	map and locate	and atlases to identify	countries, as well as the
	Explore collections of		continents and oceans	locations studied.	countries, continents and
	materials with similar	Begin to make attempts at	and a UK map to identify		oceans studied at this key
	and/or different	drawing their own map.	countries, capitals and	Use simple compass	stage
	properties.		surrounding seas.	directions (N, S, E, W)	
		Make attempts to draw			Use simple compass
	Talk about what they see,	and label features of	Begin to follow routes on	Devise a simple map of a	directions (North, South,
	using a wide vocabulary.	familiar environments and	prepared maps.	place in the local area.	East and West) and
		imaginary places.			locational and directional
			Use basic symbols in a	Use and construct basic	language [for example,
		Begin to use secondary	key.	symbols in a key.	near and far; left and
		sources (e.g. photographs,			right], to describe the
		sketches or films) to find	Draw own maps and	Begin to recognise and	location of features and
		out about places.	plans by drawing around	identify basic OS symbols.	routes on a map
			shapes/using own		
		Fieldwork enquiry and	symbols.	Use simple grid	Use aerial photographs
		practical skills:		references (e.g. A1, D7)	and plan perspectives to
		Make basic observations	Begin to use	to locate squares on a	recognise landmarks and
		of familiar environments,	aerial/satellite photos	map.	basic human and physical
		including identifying some	and plan perspectives to		features; devise a simple
		similarities and	recognise familiar	Zoom in/out and begin to	map; and use and
		differences between	features.	highlight/annotate digital	construct basic symbols in
		places.		maps.	a key
		Use everyday language to	Fieldwork enquiry and		
		talk about distance and	practical skills:	Use aerial/satellite	Use simple fieldwork and
		relative positions (behind,	Engage in simple, teacher	photos and plan	observational skills to
		next to) in the local	led fieldwork enquiries.	perspectives to locate	study the geography of
		environment.		and identify local	their school and its
			Begin to use first-hand	landmarks and features.	grounds and the key
			observation, including		human and physical
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Map, place, behind/in front of, next to, above, below, inside, outside, along, around, up, down, left, right	using the senses, to identify features/patterns including similarities and differences.  Begin to use simple locational (e.g. near/far) and compass directions/directional language (e.g. NSEW) to describe features and routes.  Globe, world map, atlas, aerial, photo, route, plan, symbol, key (Introduce – will be developed in Year 2), senses, (from Sci NC) direction, near/far/further left/right high/higher, compass, compass direction/point, North/South /East/West (Introduce – will be developed in Year 2)	Fieldwork enquiry and practical skills:  Engage in teacher led/guided enquiries  Use first-hand observation to comment on features/patterns/ similarities and begin to measure using standard units.  Symbol, key, grid, grid reference, digital map, satellite, photo, zoom, in/out, highlight/label, measure, beyond, compass direction/point, North/South /East/West, source, patterns, similarity/difference	features of its surrounding environment.
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