Geography in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.

Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

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.

Locational Knowledge							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
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.	Locate and name the continents on a world map. Locate the main countries of Europe inc. Russia. Identify capital cities of Europe. Locate and name the countries making up the British Isles, with their capital cities.	On a world map, locate areas of similar environmental regions. Locate and name the main counties and cities in our local area.	Locate the main countries in Europe and North or South America. Locate and name principal cities. Compare two different regions in UK-rural/urban. Locate and name the main counties and cities in England.	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. Linking with local history, map how land use has changed in local area over time.		

		Identify longest rivers in the world, largest deserts, highest mountains. Compare with UK. Identify the position and significance of Equator, N. and S. Hemisphere, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.	owledge	Linking with History, compare land use maps of UK from past with the present. Identify the position and significance of latitude/longitude and the Greenwich Meridian. Linking with science, time zones, night and day.	Name and locate the key topographical features including coast, features of erosion, hills, mountains and rivers. Understand how these features have changed over time.	
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
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.	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.	Compare a region of the UK with a region in Europe, eg. local hilly area with a flat one or under sea level. Link with Science- rocks.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America.	Compare a region in UK with a region in N. or S. America with significant differences and similarities. Eg. Link to Fairtrade of bananas in St Lucia	Compare a region in UK with a region in N. or S. America with significant differences and similarities. Eg. Link to Fairtrade of bananas in St Lucia Understand some of the reasons for similarities and differences.	
Human and Physical Geography						
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	

Identify seasonal and	Use basic geographical	Describe and	Describe and	Describe and	Describe and	
daily weather patterns	vocabulary to refer to:	understand key aspects	understand key aspects	understand key aspects	understand key aspects	
in the United Kingdom.	'	of:	of:	of:	of:	
in the officed kingdom.	Key physical features:	Physical geography	Physical geography	Physical geography	Physical geography	
Identify 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: forest, hill, mountain, soil, valley, vegetation Key human features: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office	beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather Key human features: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop	including rivers and the water cycle, Brief introduction to volcanoes and earthquakes linking to science- rock types. Human geography including trade links in the pre-Roman and Roman era. Types of settlements in Early Britain linked to History. Why did early people choose to settle	including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts (link to work on Rainforest) Types of settlements in modern Britain: villages, towns, cities.	including coasts, rivers and the water cycle including transpiration; climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts. Human geography including trade between UK and Europe and ROW Fair/unfair distribution of resources (Fairtrade). Types of settlements in Viking, Saxon Britain	Physical geography including volcanoes and earthquakes, looking at plate tectonics and the ring of fire. Distribution of natural resources focussing on energy.	
		there?		linked to History.		
Geographical Skills and Fieldwork						
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography	Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features: devise a simple map; use and construct basic symbols in a key.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied.	

of the school and its	Use simple compass	Learn the eight points	Learn the eight points	Use the eight points of	Extend to 6 figure grid
grounds and the key	directions (North,	of a compass, 2 figure	of a compass, four-	a compass, four-figure	references with
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human and physical	South, East and West)	grid reference (maths	figure grid references.	grid references,	teaching of latitude and
features of its	and locational and	co-ordinates), some		symbols and key	longitude in depth.
surrounding	directional language	basic symbols and key	Use fieldwork to	(including the use of	
environment.	(for example, near and	(including the use of a	observe, measure and	Ordnance Survey maps)	Expand map skills to
	far; left and right), to	simplified Ordnance	record the human and	to build their	include non-UK
	describe the location of	Survey maps) to build	physical features in the	knowledge of the	countries.
	features and routes on	their knowledge of the	local area using a range	United Kingdom in the	
	a map.	United Kingdom and	of methods, including	past and present.	Use fieldwork to
		the wider world.	sketch maps, plans and		observe, measure and
			graphs, and digital	Use fieldwork to	record the human and
		Use fieldwork to	technologies.	observe, measure and	physical features in the
		observe and record the		record the human and	local area using a range
		human and physical		physical features in the	of methods, including
		features in the local		local area using a range	sketch maps, plans and
		area using a range of		of methods, including	graphs, and digital
		methods, including		sketch maps, plans and	technologies.
		sketch maps, plans and		graphs, and digital	
		graphs, and digital		technologies.	
		technologies.			